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APPENDIX.

(Some recent information which has come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press is given hereunder in summarized form. For further or more detailed information, as also the latest available statistics, reference should be made to other publications issued by this Bureau (*see* pages 1063-5), notably the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*.)

CHAPTER II.—PHYSIOGRAPHY.

§ 2. Climate and Meteorology of Australia.

Rainfall : Australian Capital Cities, p. 21.—Rainfall recorded in Australian capital cities during 1954 (1953 in parentheses) was as follows :—Canberra, 18.81 ins. (19.40 ins.) ; Perth, 28.05 ins. (37.14 ins.) ; Adelaide, 16.73 ins. (20.00 ins.) ; Brisbane, 61.36 ins. (43.60 ins.) ; Sydney, 41.29 ins. (40.86 ins.) ; Melbourne, 33.53 ins. (28.38 ins.) ; Hobart, 27.20 ins. (28.06 ins.).

CHAPTER III.—GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

Number and Salary of Members of the Legislatures, p. 46.—From 1st July, 1955 the annual salary of members of the Queensland Legislature was increased to £2,008.

From 28th May, 1955 the number of members of the Victorian Legislative Assembly was increased to 66.

§ 2. Parliaments and Elections.

State Elections, pp. 50-51.—(a) *Upper Houses.* Particulars of voting at the latest contested elections for the Legislative Council in Tasmania in 1954 are as follows :—Number of electors on the roll, 19,355 ; number of votes recorded, 16,405 ; percentage of enrolled voters who voted, 84.75.

(b) *Lower Houses.* The following table shows particulars of the voting at the most recent elections for the Lower Houses in the States of Victoria and Tasmania.

STATE LOWER HOUSE ELECTIONS.

State.	Year of Latest Election.	Electors Enrolled—Whole State.			Contested Electorates.					
					Electors who Voted.			Percentage of Electors who Voted.		
		Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Victoria	1955	691,034	731,554	1,422,588	639,535	679,402	1,318,937	93.93	94.11	94.01
Tasmania	1955	85,491	87,674	173,165	81,279	81,458	162,637	94.96	92.91	93.92

State Parliaments, pp. 51-54.—The dates of dissolutions and openings, respectively, of State Parliaments which have occurred since those recorded on pp. 51-54 are as follows (the number of the Parliament concerned being shown in parentheses):—Victoria, 22nd April, 1955 (thirty-ninth), 15th June, 1955 (fortieth) ; Tasmania, 14th January, 1955 (thirtieth), 13th April, 1955 (thirty-first).

§ 3. Administration and Legislation.

State Ministers, pp. 58-60.—The composition of the Ministry in each State at 30th June, 1955, was as shown on pp. 58-60, with the following exception:—

VICTORIA (from 7th June, 1955).

Premier, Treasurer and Minister for Conservation—

THE HON. H. E. BOLTE.

Chief Secretary and Attorney-General—

THE HON. A. G. RYLAR.

Minister of Transport and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—

THE HON. A. G. WARNER, M.L.C.

Minister of Agriculture and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—

THE HON. G. L. CHANDLER, M.L.C.

Minister of Education and Minister of Immigration—

COL. THE HON. W. W. LEGGATT.

Commissioner of Public Works and a Vice-President of the Board of Land and Works—

THE HON. SIR THOMAS MALTBY.

Minister of Health—

THE HON. E. P. CAMERON, M.L.C.

Minister of Water Supply and Minister of Mines—

THE HON. W. J. MIBUS.

Minister of Forests and Minister of State Development and Decentralization—

THE HON. R. K. WHATELY.

Minister of Labour and Industry and Minister of Electrical Undertakings—

THE HON. J. S. BLOOMFIELD.

Minister of Housing—

THE HON. H. R. PETTY.

Commissioner of Crown Lands and Survey, Minister of Soldier Settlement and President of the Board of Land and Works—

THE HON. K. H. TURNBULL.

Ministers Without Portfolio—

THE HON. G. O. REID.

THE HON. G. S. MCARTHUR, M.L.C.

The foregoing list shows the complete ministry as reconstituted following the Legislative Assembly elections in Victoria on 28th May, 1955. The following particulars refer to changes involving certain Ministers only:—

COMMONWEALTH.

Following the death of Senator the Hon. George McLeay, Senator the Hon. S. D. Paltridge was appointed as Minister for Shipping and Transport.

QUEENSLAND.

Following the death of the Hon. E. J. Riordan the Hon. C. G. McCathie was appointed as Secretary for Mines and Immigration.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Following the death of the Hon. R. J. Rudall, M.L.C., and the resignation of the Hon. Sir George F. Jenkins, K.B.E., the Hon. C. D. Rowe, M.L.C., and the Hon. A. W. Christian were respectively appointed as Attorney-General and Minister for Industry and Employment and as Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Forests.

§ 5. Cost of Parliamentary Government, p. 64.

The cost of Parliamentary Government, Commonwealth and individual States, for the year 1953-54 was as follows:—

Commonwealth, £2,072,757 (4s. 8d. per head); New South Wales, £645,505 (3s. 10d.); Victoria, £419,261 (3s. 6d.); Queensland, £452,527 (7s.); South Australia, £290,110 (7s. 4d.); Western Australia, £298,426 (9s. 6d.); Tasmania, £175,525 (11s. 4d.); and total, £4,354,111 (9s. 9d.).

The amounts expended under the major headings for all Governments during 1953-54 were:—Governor-General or Governor, £392,301; Ministry, £275,865; Parliament, £2,827,600; Electoral, £831,088.

CHAPTER IV.—LAND TENURE AND SETTLEMENT.

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

War Service Land Settlement Scheme, pp. 82-5.—At 30th June, 1954 an area of 15,139,020 acres had been submitted by the several States for land settlement. Of this, 12,826,427 acres had been approved by the Commonwealth as suitable for soldier settlement and 11,202,283 acres had actually been acquired by the States. The acreages and holdings allotted to ex-servicemen by the States at 30th June, 1954 were as follows:—New South Wales, 6,313,096 (2,144); Victoria, 845,541 (2,138); Queensland, 218,696 (471); South Australia, 277,097 (603); Western Australia, 1,082,903 (695); Tasmania, 112,213 (184); total 8,849,546 (6,235).

The total expenditure of the War Service Land Settlement Division to 30th June, 1954, £50,955,299, includes War Service Land Settlement, £39,207,467; agricultural loans, £6,201,644; agricultural allowances, £2,272,090; administrative expenses, £960,026; rural training, £1,414,072. Aggregate expenditure in the States and Territories to 30th June, 1954 was as follows:—New South Wales, £4,872,494; Victoria, £3,585,065; Queensland, £1,534,650; South Australia, £13,037,347; Western Australia, £20,289,510; Tasmania, £6,719,143; Northern Territory, £10,748; New Guinea, £6,342.

After deducting repayments of expenditure to 30th June, 1954, £6,209,654 and miscellaneous receipts, £4,892,420, the net expenditure to 30th June, 1954 was £38,953,225.

§ 11. Alienation and Occupation of Crown Lands.

Summary, p. 94.—The alienation and occupation of Crown lands in Australia at 31st December, 1954, were as follows:—

Private Lands—152,805,000, acres (8.0 per cent.) alienated; 33,233,000 acres (1.8 per cent.) in process of alienation.

Crown Lands—1,016,924,000 acres (53.4 per cent.) leased or licensed; 700,770,000 acres (36.8 per cent.) other Crown lands.

CHAPTER VI.—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

A. SHIPPING.

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

Summary of Movements, pp. 136, 145.—The following table summarizes the entrances of oversea and interstate shipping in the several States during the year 1953-54:—

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: ENTRANCES OF VESSELS, 1953-54.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Total.
Overseas—								
Direct	No. 679	331	301	221	470	38	14	2,054
'000 net tons	2,673	1,495	1,010	901	2,651	127	25	8,832
Via other States	No. 522	629	254	335	32	57	..	1,829
'000 net tons	2,937	3,488	1,364	1,906	171	312	..	10,176
Interstate(a)	No. 1,595	1,586	559	928	491	965	30	6,154
'000 net tons	4,470	4,030	1,409	3,301	2,428	1,068	41	16,747

(a) Includes oversea vessels on interstate voyages.

Total oversea shipping entrances into Australia during 1953-54 numbered 2,054 with an aggregate capacity of 8,881,807 net tons. Of these 1,647 for 7,736,036 net tons were entrances with cargo. Total oversea clearances numbered 2,073 for 8,850,734 net tons, and clearances with cargo 1,507 for 6,179,139 net tons.

§ 6. Shipping Cargo.

Oversea and Interstate Cargo, p. 146.—The table hereunder shows particulars of oversea and interstate cargo discharged at and shipped from each State during the year 1953-54.

CARGO DISCHARGED AND SHIPPED, 1953-54.

('000 Tons.)

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.	
	Tons Weight.	Tons Meas.						
New South Wales..	2,603	1,148	3,991	414	1,631	375	3,685	433
Victoria..	2,871	943	2,216	344	856	493	462	423
Queensland ..	825	212	348	352	1,171	123	436	120
South Australia ..	942	291	1,707	187	1,499	106	3,443	227
Western Australia	1,036	181	290	257	503	134	653	97
Tasmania ..	199	37	477	236	103	124	423	239
Northern Territory	44	..	30	..	2	..	3	..
Total ..	8,520	2,812	9,059	1,790	5,765	1,355	9,105	1,539

B. GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

Summary of Operations, p. 153.—The following table gives a summary of the operations of all Government railways open for general traffic during the year 1953-54 :—

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS : SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1953-54.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	C'wealth.	Aust.
Mileage open (route) at 30th June, 1954 miles	6,101	4,482	6,560	2,564	4,111	614	2,201	26,633
Gross revenue £'000.	74,569	35,707	30,223	12,718	11,111	2,133	3,402	169,863
Working expenses £'000.	68,197	35,951	29,103	14,934	14,298	2,804	2,897	168,184
Net revenue .. £'000.	6,372	244	1,120	2,216	3,187	671	505	1,679
Interest .. £'000.	6,523	2,303	2,211	1,162	1,134	254	404	(a)14,073
Train-miles run .. '000	37,506	18,303	19,241	7,359	7,204	1,898	1,953	93,464
Passenger-journeys '000	278,904	166,106	35,879	17,605	8,678	3,285	224	510,681
Goods, etc., carried '000 tons	(b)20,140	9,200	8,081	4,891	3,206	968	762	47,248

(a) Includes £82,375, Commonwealth share of interest, Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Partly estimated.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

C. TRAMWAYS.

Summary of Operations, p. 164.—The following is a summary of the operations of all electric tramways in Australia during the year 1953-54 :—Route-mileage open for traffic at 30th June was 520 ; gross revenue, £15,780,201 ; working expenses, £18,181,456 ; net deficit, £2,401,255 ; interest, £644,465 ; car-miles run, 63,762,097 ; passenger-journeys, 629,556,933.

D. MOTOR OMNIBUS SERVICES.

Government and Municipal Services, p. 166.—The following is a summary of the operations of government and municipal motor omnibus services in Australia during 1953–54 :—Length of route, 4,619 miles; gross revenue, £8,853,424; working expenses, £11,386,797; omnibus-miles run, 57,318,301; passenger-journeys, 343,510,297 (excluding figures for the Australian Capital Territory, which are not available).

Private Services, p. 167.—The following is a summary of the operations of motor omnibus services under the control of private operators during 1953–54 in the States of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia respectively :—Gross revenue, £2,426,346; £1,884,900 (estimated); £658,126; £1,660,628; omnibus-miles run, 20,194,540; 17,605,900 (estimated); 5,844,989; 12,550,344; passenger-journeys, 88,638,650; 83,771,200 (estimated); 13,372,645; 34,211,163.

F. MOTOR VEHICLES.

Motor Vehicle Registrations, pp. 169–70.—Motor vehicles registered at 30th June, 1954 and new motor vehicles registered during 1953–54 were as follows :—

MOTOR VEHICLES : REGISTRATIONS, 1953–54.

(Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of the Department of the Army and the Department of Air.)

State or Territory.	Number of Motor Vehicles Registered at 30th June, 1954.(a)				Number of New Motor Vehicles Registered, 1953–54.(a)			
	Motor Cars.(b)	Commercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Motor Cars.(b)	Commercial Vehicles.(c)	Motor Cycles.	Total.
New South Wales ..	398,397	213,709	42,451	654,557	43,597	21,426	2,964	67,987
Victoria ..	397,658	130,707	30,881	559,246	36,346	12,076	2,482	50,904
Queensland ..	145,933	115,907	22,367	284,207	16,154	10,665	1,636	28,455
South Australia ..	133,281	62,038	23,093	218,412	13,472	5,708	1,982	21,162
Western Australia ..	78,312	60,381	15,243	153,936	9,939	5,667	1,258	16,864
Tasmania ..	39,974	19,739	5,649	65,362	4,782	1,905	446	7,133
Northern Territory ..	1,164	2,228	431	3,823	123	241	56	420
Aust. Capital Territory ..	5,114	2,190	499	7,803	691	205	36	932
Total ..	1,199,833	606,899	140,614	1,947,346	125,104	57,893	10,860	193,857

(a) Excludes trailers, road tractors, etc., and dealers' plates. (b) Includes taxis and hire cars.
(c) Includes lorries, vans, buses and utilities. (d) Includes vehicles registered as primary producers' vehicles.

Drivers' and riders' licences in force at 30th June, 1954 numbered 2,148,119. This figure excludes licences in Queensland which are no longer issued on an annual basis.

Gross revenue derived during 1953–54 from vehicles' registration and motor tax amounted to £20,450,179, from licences, etc., to £1,634,955, and from miscellaneous receipts to £4,326,359—total, £26,411,493.

G. TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

Total Accidents Reported, p. 171.—The following table is a summary of the total number of accidents (known to the police) which occurred in public thoroughfares during 1953–54, the number involving casualties and the number of persons killed or injured in each State and the Commonwealth excluding the Northern Territory.

ACCIDENTS (KNOWN TO THE POLICE) WHICH OCCURRED IN PUBLIC THOROUGHFARES: ACCIDENTS RECORDED AND CASUALTIES, 1953-54.

State or Territory.	Total Accidents Reported. (a)	Accidents Involving Casualties.	Casualties.	
			Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.(b)
New South Wales	29,514	11,691	728	14,660
Victoria	16,314	10,537	569	13,351
Queensland	17,875	6,349	278	7,933
South Australia	10,320	2,742	153	3,420
Western Australia	8,979	3,079	175	3,935
Tasmania	3,957	982	67	1,156
Australian Capital Territory	265	143	6	174
Total	87,224	35,523	1,976	44,629

(a) Total accidents causing death or injury to persons or damage exceeding £10 to property.

(b) Persons injured to an extent requiring surgical or medical treatment.

H. AVIATION.

Statistical Summaries, pp. 179-80.—The following is a summary of civil aviation for Australia at 30th June, 1954:—Registered aircraft owners, 384; registered aircraft, 845; pilots' licences—private, 2,035, commercial, 552, student, 2,831, 1st class airline transport, 515, 2nd class, 34, 3rd class, 368, flight navigators', 166; during 1953-54:—Accidents—number involving casualties, 26; persons killed, 26; persons injured, 27.

Regular internal services' operations during 1953-54 showed the following results:—Hours flown, 251,019; miles flown, 41,014,000; paying passengers, 1,772,357; paying passenger-miles, 702,139,000. Freight—Short tons, 69,479; ton-miles, 32,650,000. Mail—Short tons, 2,316; ton-miles, 1,225,000.

The operations of overseas services by Australian-owned and partly-owned interests were as follows:—Unduplicated route-miles, 64,250; hours flown, 53,580; miles flown, 11,463,500; paying passengers, 102,965; paying passenger-miles, 290,603,000. Freight—Short tons, 2,295; ton-miles, 8,331,000. Mail—Short tons, 1,379; ton-miles, 7,718,000.

I. POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, TELEPHONES AND WIRELESS.

§ 1. General to § 4. Telephones.

Summary of Operations, pp. 181-90.—The following table gives a summary of the operations of the Postmaster-General's Department during the year 1953-54:—

POSTMASTER-GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT: SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS, 1953-54.

State.	Gross Revenue.	Expenditure.	Total Postal Matter Dealt with. (a)	Money Orders Issued, value.	Postal Notes Issued, value.	Telegrams Dispatched.	Telephones.			
							Lines Connected. (b)	Instruments Connected. (b)	Local Calls.	Trunk Line Calls.
	£'000.	£'000.	mill.	£'000.	£'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.	mill.	mill.
New South Wales(c)	26,485	35,863	637.8	27,174	4,393	8,459	393	563	435	27
Victoria	20,177	24,391	460.6	13,314	4,368	5,044	332	471	315	24
Queensland	9,231	13,077	201.2	6,926	942	4,099	141	189	122	14
South Australia(d)	5,838	8,396	125.9	3,750	1,005	2,063	93	128	79	8
Western Australia	4,181	5,873	110.0	3,108	534	2,209	60	83	58	5
Tasmania	1,855	3,104	68.1	1,903	223	662	31	42	23	4
Australia	67,797	99,478	1,603.6	56,175	11,465	22,536	1,050	1,476	1,032	82

(a) Comprises (In millions) :—Letters, Cards, etc. 1,309.1; Newspapers and Packets 261.2; Parcels, 16.6; Registered Articles other than Parcels, 16.7. (b) At 30th June. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(d) Includes Northern Territory. (e) Includes £8,774,000, Central Office expenditure. (f) Excludes international telegrams—dispatched, 1,283,000, received, 1,308,000.

§ 5. Cable and Radio Communication.

Radio-communication Stations Authorized, p. 192.—The following radio-communication stations were authorized in Australia and Papua-New Guinea at 30th June, 1954 :—
Transmitting and receiving stations— aeronautical, 91 (12); coast, 49 (11); land, 2,359 (265); mobile (general), 6,633 (52) (including ship, 808; aircraft, 232; other mobile stations, 266); and miscellaneous, 83. In addition, there were 382 land and 73 mobile (general) stations for the purpose of receiving only. The figures in parentheses refer to Papua-New Guinea and are included in the totals preceding them.

§ 6. Broadcasting and Television.

Broadcast Licences Issued, pp. 192, 193, 198.—The following table shows the number of broadcast licences issued at 30th June, 1954.

BROADCAST LICENCES ISSUED, 30th JUNE, 1954.

State or Territory in which Issued.	Broadcasting.		Broadcast Listeners'.			Amateur.
	National Stations. (a)	Commercial Stations.	Metro- politan.	Country.	Total.	
New South Wales ..	13	36	401,624	361,963	763,587	1,010
Victoria	7	20	315,798	229,350	545,148	956
Queensland	14	20	119,762	167,921	287,683	318
South Australia ..	5	8	140,169	78,576	218,745	343
Western Australia ..	7	13	92,273	55,919	148,192	183
Tasmania	3	8	25,109	45,938	71,047	109
Northern Territory ..	2	..	..	1,320	1,320	6
Australian Capital Territory	2	1	..	5,891	5,891	16
Total	(b) 55	106	1,094,735	946,878	2,041,613	(c) 2,980

(a) Includes short-wave stations: New South Wales, 1; Victoria, 3; Queensland, 2; Western Australia, 2. (b) Includes 1 medium-wave and 1 short-wave station in Papua. (c) Includes 39 stations in Papua-New Guinea.

CHAPTER VII.—TRADE.

NOTE.—Values are expressed in £A. f.o.b., port of shipment.

§ 6. Total Oversea Trade.

Summary of Movements, pp. 214-5.—The following is a summary of the total overseas trade movements of Australia during the year 1954-55 :—Merchandise—Exports, £758,041,000, Imports, £840,972,000, Commodity balance, —£82,931,000; Bullion and Specie—Exports, £16,123,000, Imports, £2,770,000, Balance, +£13,353,000; Total balance, —£69,578,000.

§ 7. Direction of Oversea Trade.

Imports according to Country of Origin and Exports according to Country of Destination, pp. 215-6.—The following table shows particulars of the values of total imports and total exports of Australia, including bullion and specie, according to countries of origin or of destination, for the year 1954-55.

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA: COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN OR OF
DESTINATION, 1954-55.

(£'000.)

Country of Origin or of Destination.	Imports.	Exports.
Australia (Re-imported)	2,901	..
United Kingdom	378,669	285,506
Australian Territories—		
New Guinea	4,941	7,227
Papua	774	4,995
Borneo (British)	15,373	927
Canada	23,840	10,503
Ceylon	19,516	8,723
Hong Kong	2,369	17,315
India	26,057	19,428
Ireland, Republic of	262	3,292
Malaya, Federation of	12,797	8,410
New Zealand	8,042	37,794
Pacific Is. (British)—Fiji	1,220	3,917
Pakistan	2,253	2,947
Singapore	2,492	11,600
South Africa, Union of	4,349	2,869
South Rhodesia	4,470	1,289
West Africa—Gold Coast	3,838	216
Other British Countries	11,919	11,822
Total British Countries	526,082	438,780
Arabian States—		
Saudi Arabia	7,045	957
Bahrein Is.	15,319	439
Other	5,487	615
Austria	4,121	926
Belgian Congo	38	13
Belgium	10,669	31,252
Brazil	2,132	22
China	1,732	2,705
Czechoslovakia	2,331	5,078
Denmark	1,158	1,042
Egypt	311	1,878
Finland	3,459	161
France	14,689	64,056
Germany, Federal Republic of	30,838	31,823
Indonesia	22,529	3,702
Italy	11,740	35,915
Japan	18,422	58,572
Mexico	28	4,164
Netherlands	13,081	6,857
Norway	6,510	573
Poland	123	6,243
Spain	1,278	857
Sweden	13,516	3,241
Switzerland	10,582	2,203
Turkey	130	1,185
United States of America	102,157	52,440
Other Foreign Countries	18,235	18,465
Total Foreign Countries	317,660	335,384
Total All Countries	843,742	774,164

§ 11. Classified Summary of Australian Oversea Trade.

Imports and Exports in Statistical Classes, pp. 221-2.—The following table shows the values of total imports and total exports in statistical classes for the year 1954-55 :—

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : CLASSES, 1954-55.

(£'000.)

Class.	Imports.	Exports.
I. Foodstuffs of Animal Origin	7,304	112,546
II. Foodstuffs of Vegetable Origin, Non-alcoholic Beverages	35,925	152,600
III. Spirituous and Alcoholic Liquors	2,028	1,716
IV. Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	17,316	348
V. Live Animals	693	1,031
VI. Animal Substances (mainly unmanufactured), not Foodstuffs	4,108	374,601
VII. Vegetable Substances and Fibres; Cork and Manufactures; Plastic Moulding Materials and Synthetic Fibres	19,416	1,831
VIII. Yarns and Manufactured Fibres, Textiles and Apparel—		
(a) Yarns and Manufactured Fibres	27,160	512
(b) Textiles	86,009	1,807
(c) Apparel	13,583	439
IX. Oils, Fats and Waxes	96,918	6,588
X. Pigments, Paints and Varnishes	5,900	922
XI. Rocks, Minerals and Hydrocarbons	8,408	17,055
XII. Metals, Metal Manufactures and Machinery—		
(a) Metals and Metal Manufactures	187,243	45,759
(b) Dynamo Electrical Machinery, Electrical Appliances and Equipment	28,719	2,327
(c) Machines and Machinery	108,057	11,019
XIII. Rubber and Leather and Manufactures thereof—		
(a) Rubber and Rubber Manufactures	17,032	795
(b) Leather and Leather Manufactures	793	2,401
XIV. Wood and Wicker	17,459	2,316
XV. Earthenware, Cement, China, Glass and Stoneware	15,517	1,161
XVI. Paper and Stationery—		
(a) Pulp, Paper and Board	35,894	413
(b) Paper Manufactures and Stationery	10,516	2,147
XVII. Sporting Material, Toys, Fancy Goods, Jewellery and Timepieces	10,442	570
XVIII. Optical, Surgical and Scientific Instruments and Appliances and Photographic Goods, n.e.i.	10,841	1,342
XIX. Chemicals, Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Products, Essential Oils and Fertilizers	27,889	4,505
XX. Miscellaneous	45,757	11,290
XXI. Gold and Silver; Bronze Specie	2,770	16,123
Total	843,742	774,164

The following table shows the total quantities of some of the principal commodities exported from Australia during 1954-55 :—

TOTAL OVERSEA TRADE, AUSTRALIA : PRINCIPAL EXPORTS, 1954-55.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.	Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Quantity.
Butter	'000 lb.	140,017	Fruits preserved in Liquid	'000 lb.	215,843
Cheese	"	49,544	Wheat.. ..	'000 tons(a)	1,691
Milk and Cream ..	"	107,975	Barley, Unprepared	"	421
Eggs—			Oats,	"	51
In shell	'000 doz.	20,266	Flour (Wheaten) ..	"	585
Not in shell ..	'000 lb.	22,468	Sugar (Cane)	"	737
Meats preserved by Cold Process—			Sheep and Lamb Skins	'000	16,988
Beef and Veal ..	"	276,398	Wool—		
Lamb	"	94,982	Greasy	'000 lb.	959,040
Mutton	"	33,811	Scoured, etc. ..	"	101,555
Pork	"	6,515	Silver, Silver lead, Lead and Zinc—		
Meats preserved in Tins, etc.	"	1,260	Ores and Concentrates	'000 tons(a)	206
Currants	"	18,755	Pig Lead	"	140
Raisins	"	134,252			
Apples, Fresh ..	'000 bus.	4,265			
Citrus Fruit	"	525			

(a) Ton = 2,240 lb.

§ 15. Australian Index of Export Prices.

Monthly Index (Fixed Weights), p. 230.—The following are the export price index numbers for the year 1954-55.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES : AUSTRALIA.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX : FIXED WEIGHTS.

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

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

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold. (e)	All Groups.	
											Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1954-1955—												
July	(f)622	g 359	313	475	340	448	g 278	354	264	178	g 490	g 468
August	566	g 358	313	475	340	448	g 262	350	254	178	g 461	g 442
September ..	566	g 353	313	498	340	448	g 261	350	224	178	g 462	g 442
October	536	g 356	313	524	340	g 468	g 260	g 350	216	178	g 450	g 431
November ..	513	g 358	313	518	340	g 468	g 261	g 350	204	179	g 439	g 421
December ..	532	g 359	313	512	385	g 468	g 263	g 350	197	178	g 451	g 432
January	520	g 360	313	516	g 371	g 430	g 266	g 350	200	178	g 444	g 426
February ..	528	g 356	313	522	g 349	g 430	g 267	g 350	200	178	g 446	g 427
March	528	g 356	313	523	g 329	g 430	g 270	g 350	212	178	g 445	g 426
April	520	g 354	313	525	g 326	g 434	g 271	g 350	g 223	178	g 441	g 422
May	520	g 354	313	520	g 334	g 434	g 268	g 345	g 216	178	g 441	g 422
June	g 505	g 355	313	528	g 345	g 434	g 279	g 342	g 212	178	g 435	g 417
Year 1954-55..	g 538	g 357	313	511	g 345	g 445	g 267	g 349	g 218	178	g 450	g 431

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

§ 19. The Australian Balance of Payments.

NOTE.—Further details of the summarized estimates presented here will be found in *The Australian Balance of Payments, 1928-29 to 1951-52* and in the mimeographed publication *The Australian Balance of Payments 1952-53, 1953-54 and first half 1954-55*, obtainable from the Commonwealth Statistician.

Australia's Balance of Payments on Current and Capital Account, pp. 235-7.—The following table shows in summary form revised estimates for 1952-53 and 1953-54 and preliminary estimates for the first half of 1954-55:—

AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS, SUMMARY. (£A. million.)

	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55— First Half (Pre- liminary).
CURRENT ACCOUNT.			
(Credit items +, Debit items -)			
Exports f.o.b.	+ 846.2	+ 811.7	+ 361.6
Imports f.o.b.	- 511.1	- 683.0	- 392.2
Trade Balance	+ 335.1	+ 128.7	- 30.6
Invisible Credits	+ 116.5	+ 121.9	+ 63.3
Invisible Debits	- 260.6	- 268.5	- 129.0
Invisible Balance	- 144.1	- 146.6	- 65.7
Balance on Current Account	+ 191.0	- 17.9	- 96.3
CAPITAL ACCOUNT.			
(Plus sign (+) indicates net increases in assets or net decreases in liabilities and minus sign (-) indicates net decreases in assets or net increases in liabilities)			
International Reserves	+ 188.7	+ 9.5	- 64.8
Public Authority Debt Domiciled Overseas	+ 2.2	+ 10.0	+ 7.9
International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	- 31.3	- 10.8	- 6.6
Net Investment in Joint Organization (Wool)	+ 1.2	..	..
Miscellaneous, Identified Transactions	- 7.4	+ 4.2	- 6.0
Undistributed Income Accruing between Australian and Foreign Companies (Net)	- 15.7	- 27.2	- 9.0
Foreign Banks Holdings of Australian Currency	+ 7.4	+ 0.5	- 0.6
Private Capital Movements and Balancing Items	+ 45.9	- 4.1	- 17.2
Balance on Capital Account	+ 191.0	- 17.9	- 96.3

Australia's Balance of Payments on Current Account—Various Countries, p. 238.—Summarized estimates of Australia's regional balance of payments in 1952-53, 1953-54 and the first half of 1954-55 (preliminary estimate) are given in the following table.

AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ON CURRENT ACCOUNT, VARIOUS COUNTRIES AND MONETARY AREAS.

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

(£A. million.)

	Gold Production.	Sterling Area.		Dollar Area.			Other Non-Sterling.		Total.
		United Kingdom.	Other.	United States of America.	Canada.	Other.	O.E.E.C.	Other. (a)	
1952-53—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	347.2	130.5	57.9	8.7	2.2	191.6	108.1	846.2
Imports f.o.b.	..	-215.1	-87.9	-85.5	-19.5	-2.2	-59.2	-41.7	-511.1
Invisibles (net)	16.4	-69.3	-30.5	-32.3	-5.6	-0.2	-7.4	-15.2	-144.1
Balance on Current Account ..	16.4	62.8	12.1	-59.9	-16.4	-0.2	125.0	51.2	191.0
		74.9		-76.5			176.2		
1953-54—									
Exports f.o.b.	..	295.8	125.7	55.7	11.0	4.6	208.3	110.6	811.7
Imports f.o.b.	..	-332.7	-110.3	-76.7	-18.7	-1.1	-90.8	-52.7	-683.0
Invisibles (net)	16.8	-71.9	-18.2	-41.0	-8.3	0.1	-11.7	-12.5	-146.6
Balance on Current Account ..	16.8	-108.8	-2.8	-62.0	-16.0	3.6	106.8	45.4	-17.9
		-111.6		-74.3			151.2		
1954-55— First Half (Preliminary)									
Exports f.o.b.	..	143.2	60.3	23.5	6.4	2.5	92.4	33.3	361.6
Imports f.o.b.	..	-175.4	-70.0	-46.4	-11.2	-0.4	-58.1	-30.7	-392.2
Invisibles (net)	8.6	-27.4	-11.5	-17.9	-2.9	0.3	-6.2	-8.7	-65.7
Balance on Current Account ..	8.6	-59.6	-21.2	-40.8	-7.7	2.4	28.1	-6.1	-96.3
		-88.5		-45.0			22.0		

(a) Includes international bodies.

Australia's Balance of Payments with the Dollar Area, p. 241.—The following table presents revised estimates, for 1952-53 and 1953-54, and preliminary estimates for the first half of 1954-55, of Australia's dollar balance of payments :—

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

(Credit Items +, Debit Items -.)

(U.S. \$ million.)

	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55— First Half (Preliminary).
CURRENT ACCOUNT.			
Merchandise Trade.			
1. Merchandise exports f.o.b. to United States of America and Canada ..	+ 149	+ 150	+ 67
2. Merchandise imports f.o.b. from United States of America and Canada ..	- 235	- 214	- 129
3. Trade balance with United States of America and Canada ..	- 86	- 64	- 62
4. Trade balance with other American account countries ..	..	+ 8	+ 5
5. Trade balance with the Dollar Area ..	- 86	- 56	- 57

AUSTRALIA : BALANCE OF PAYMENTS WITH THE DOLLAR AREA
(UNITED STATES DOLLARS)—continued.
(U.S. \$ million.)

	1952-53.	1953-54.	1954-55— First Half (Preliminary).
Other Current Transactions.			
6. Freight on imports	- 34.0	- 22.8	- 13.9
7. Other transportation	- 2.0	- 2.2	- 0.7
8. Expenditure by Australian travellers	- 3.0	- 2.8	- 1.3
9. Expenses of Australian companies in North America	- 2.2	- 3.4	- 1.8
10. Film remittances	- 4.5	- 5.4	- 2.5
11. Profits and dividends remitted	- 7.2	- 30.6	- 10.9
12. Undistributed income accruing to companies incorporated in dollar area	- 28.2	- 38.3	(a) - 11.2
13. Public authority interest payments	- 8.0	- 7.6	- 3.2
14. Other miscellaneous debits	- 10.5	- 12.9	- 7.1
15. Miscellaneous credits	+ 14.3	+ 16.1	+ 6.8
16. Other items (net)	+ 46.3	+ 2.4	+ 4.4
17. Invisible balance with the Dollar Area	- 39	- 108	- 41
18. Balance on current account (5 + 17)	- 125	- 164	- 98
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.			
19. Increase in debt of public authorities	- 3	- 32	- 15
20. Undistributed income (see item 12)	+ 28	+ 36	(a) + 11
21. Identified private capital inflow	- 24	+ 3	} + 10
22. Balancing Item	+ 61	+ 3	
23. Balance on Investment Account	+ 62	+ 15	+ 6
24. Dollar Surplus or Deficit (18 + 23)	- 63	- 149	- 92
DOLLAR FINANCING.			
25. Dollar purchases from I.M.F. (net)	+ 30	- 24	- 12
26. Dollar loans from I.B.R.D.	+ 40	+ 48	+ 27
27. Estimated dollar drawings from (+) or contributions to (-) Sterling Area Dollar Pool	+ 12	+ 97	+ 69
28. Movement in Australian dollar balances (increase -)	- 19	+ 28	+ 5
29. Total	+ 63	+ 149	(a) + 92

(a) Provisional estimate only.

CHAPTER VIII.—LABOUR, WAGES AND PRICES.

A. RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

§ 4. Tabular Statements of Retail Price Index Numbers.

The Interim Retail Price Index, p. 244.—The following table shows the interim retail price index numbers for the March and June quarters, 1955 for each capital city and for the six capital cities combined, showing separate series for each of the four main groups of items:—

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS : CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each Index : Year 1952-53 = 100.)

Period.	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals. (a)
GROUP I.—FOOD.							
Mar. Qtr. 1955 ..	104.6	104.8	105.2	106.5	109.0	107.3	105.3
June " " ..	105.1	106.2	106.0	108.2	111.2	108.7	106.4

For footnotes see next page.

INTERIM RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: CAPITAL CITIES—*continued.*

Period.	Sydney.	Mel- bourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capital (a)
GROUP II.—CLOTHING AND DRAPERY.							
Mar. Qtr. 1955 ..	102.2	102.2	102.8	103.0	101.6	103.2	102.3
June " " ..	102.7	103.5	103.7	103.8	102.3	103.6	103.2
GROUP III.—RENT(b) (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES).							
Mar. Qtr., 1955 ..	109.6	102.3	105.5	105.0	149.5	109.5	109.7
June " " ..	109.7	102.3	105.7	109.3	153.1	109.5	110.5
GROUP IV.—OTHER ITEMS.(c)							
Mar. Qtr., 1955 ..	100.6	101.3	104.8	99.4	101.6	105.0	101.2
June " " ..	100.9	101.8	104.9	101.7	103.3	105.5	101.9
ALL GROUPS.							
Mar. Qtr., 1955 ..	103.3	102.9	104.4	103.5	109.3	105.8	103.8
June " " ..	103.7	103.9	105.1	105.4	111.1	106.6	104.7

(a) Weighted average. (b) The rent index numbers measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout. See footnote (b) on page 253. (c) A group of items under the following headings—Electricity, Gas, and Firewood; Household Sundries; Services; Cinema Admission, Radio Licences, and Newspapers; Fares; and Tobacco and Cigarettes.

§ 5. The "C" Series Retail Price Index.

"C" Series Retail Price Index, Six Capital Cities, p. 253.—The following table shows "C" Series index numbers for the March and June quarters, 1955, for the six capital cities combined:—

"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

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

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses).(a)	Clothing.	Miscel- laneous.	Total "C" Series Index.
1955—March Quarter ..	2,730	1,213	3,218	2,046	2,349
June " " ..	2,770	1,222	3,240	2,070	2,375

(a) See footnote (b), page 253.

B. WHOLESALE PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

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

Index Numbers, p. 255.—Index numbers for each group of commodities and for all groups combined for the index of wholesale prices of basic materials and foodstuffs are shown below for the year 1954-55.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX NUMBERS.

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

Period.	Basic Materials.							Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	Total All Groups
1954-55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
August ..	384	216	529	313	205	358	325	308	267	336	316
September ..	385	216	527	313	232	365	327	308	271	336	317
October ..	385	211	505	313	240	365	325	303	269	332	313
November ..	393	211	491	314	240	365	327	303	277	331	315
December ..	393	212	507	315	225	365	328	307	277	333	317
January ..	396	215	501	315	237	365	330	a 305	a 279	a 332	a 316
February ..	399	215	505	315	257	373	333	a 313	a 281	a 340	a 322
March ..	400	214	507	315	264	381	336	a 319	a 282	a 345	a 326
April ..	401	214	496	315	271	387	337	a 314	a 283	a 342	a 324
May ..	403	214	497	315	294	389	339	a 318	a 283	a 346	a 328
June ..	402	214	a 485	315	306	398	a 340	a 324	a 287	a 350	a 331
Year 1954-55 ..	394	214	a 510	314	246	372	a 331	a 311	a 277	a 338	a 320

(a) Subject to revision.

D. WAGES.

§ 2. Rates of Wage and Hours of Labour.

Weekly Rates of Wage, pp. 260-1.—The following table shows for each State and Australia the weighted average nominal weekly rates of wage payable, and the index numbers based thereon, for adult males and for adult females, at the end of each quarter during the period 31st March, 1954 to 30th June, 1955 :—

WEEKLY WAGE RATES OF ADULT MALES AND FEMALES.

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

Date.	N.S.W.		Vic.		Q'land.		S. Aust.		W. Aust.		Tas.		Aust. (a)	
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.														
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st March, 1954 ..	296	8	283	1	276	3	278	9	292	5	296	11	288	1
30th June, 1954 ..	296	9	282	7	276	10	278	9	292	5	296	11	288	3
30th September, 1954 ..	296	9	282	2	278	3	278	9	292	5	296	11	288	2
31st December, 1954 ..	298	4	284	3	278	7	282	2	293	3	299	2	290	0
31st March, 1955 ..	302	2	288	0	280	7	283	10	295	1	301	11	293	2
30th June, 1955 ..	302	7	290	6	280	8	284	3	299	0	302	2	294	4

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES OF ADULT MALES AND FEMALES—*continued.*

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

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
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ADULT MALES—INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base: Weighted Average Wage for Australia (51s. 3d.), 1911 = 1,000.)

31st March, 1954 ..	5,788	5,524	5,391	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,622
30th June, 1954 ..	5,790	5,514	5,421	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,624
30th September, 1954	5,790	5,505	5,430	5,439	5,705	5,794	5,623
31st December, 1954	5,820	5,547	5,435	5,506	5,722	5,837	5,658
31st March, 1955 ..	5,896	5,619	5,476	5,538	5,758	5,891	5,720
30th June, 1955 ..	5,904	5,668	5,476	5,546	5,835	5,896	5,734

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st March, 1954 ..	198	5	201	2	189	8	199	6	190	5	196	4
30th June, 1954 ..	198	6	200	10	189	8	199	6	190	5	196	4
30th September, 1954	198	8	200	9	189	8	199	6	190	5	196	7
31st December, 1955	198	8	200	2	190	0	199	4	190	5	196	7
31st March, 1955 ..	201	0	200	10	190	5	199	10	191	6	196	11
30th June, 1955 ..	201	0	203	3	191	0	199	11	191	6	197	0

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX NUMBERS.

(Base: Weighted Average for Australia (27s. 2d.), 30th April, 1914 = 1,000.)

31st March, 1954 ..	7,302	7,404	6,979	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,294
30th June, 1954 ..	7,305	7,392	6,979	7,342	7,007	7,226	7,290
30th September, 1954	7,311	7,388	6,979	7,342	7,007	7,236	7,290
31st December, 1954	7,311	7,366	6,993	7,335	7,007	7,236	7,320
31st March, 1955 ..	7,398	7,392	7,007	7,354	7,049	7,248	7,329
30th June, 1955 ..	7,398	7,480	7,028	7,359	7,049	7,250	7,367

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

§ 3. Average Weekly Wage Earnings.

Average Weekly Total Wages Paid and Average Earnings, p. 266.—Particulars of the average weekly total wages paid and the average earnings per employed male unit for the year 1954-55 are shown in the following table:—

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS, 1954-55.

Particulars.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
Average Weekly Total Wages Paid .. £'000.	17,357	12,221	5,398	3,839	2,731	1,365	42,911
Average Weekly Earnings per Employed Male Unit £	16.96	17.06	14.51	16.09	15.55	15.60	16.42

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

§ 4. Basic Wages in Australia.

Metal Trades Margins Case, 1953-54.—On 25th February, 1954, the Full Court of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration (Kelly, *C.J.*, Kirby, Dunphy and Morgan, *J.J.*) gave judgment on claims by metal trades unions for increased margins for workers covered by the Metal Trades Award. The Court decided not to determine the matter but to adjourn further hearing of the case till 9th November, 1954. The employers had counter-claimed for reduced margins for partly-skilled and unskilled workers, at the same time, accepting that margins for tradesmen should remain unaltered.

The hearing before the Court was an outcome of references of claims of the metal trades unions by Conciliation Commissioner J. M. Galvin to the Full Court of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration. The employees' claims were in the nature of a test case in order to determine the attitude of the Court to applications for increased margins.

The actual claims of the trade unions were for an increase in the marginal rate payable to a skilled tradesman in the metal trades from the existing rate of 52s. to 80s. per week (86s. for certain electrical trades), with proportionate increases for other occupations. The margins then current, with few exceptions, had been in existence since 1947.

The Court rejected the main submission of the unions that margins should be reviewed because the relative marginal rate payable for skilled work above that for unskilled work had diminished owing to the decreased purchasing power of money since 1947. Other principles put forward by the unions, but rejected, were that the margins should bear a definite relationship to the basic wage, and that margins should be adjusted in accordance with variations in the purchasing power of money.

The judgment stated that the reason skilled workers had lost ground since the war in comparison with unskilled workers was due to the fact that all wage earners, irrespective of their skill and contribution to the economy, had obtained certain benefits. These include:—the increase in the real value of the basic wage; the extension of paid annual leave; the reduction of the standard working week to 40 hours; the increases obtained in "penalty" rates for week-end work; the increases in marginal rates; and the flat-rate over-award payments made to all workers at the instigation of the unions.

The Court stated that there was considerable unbalance in the economy with a drift of population to secondary industries from the more remunerative primary industries. Any increase in the wage rates payable in the metal trades industry would make correction of this unbalance more difficult.

The Court expressed concern at the level of costs in secondary industry especially in comparison with those in other countries and indicated that any increase in marginal rates would aggravate the competitive position of Australian industry.

The skilled worker had a *prima facie* case for a review of margins payable under the metal trades award, but the Court thought that the position of the economy was so uncertain that it had decided to adjourn further hearing of the matter till 9th November, 1954.

The Court pointed out that the judgment was not to be taken as being determinative of other claims for marginal increases which may be made, except in so far that these claims are based alone on the variation in the purchasing power of money. It was important to note also that claims of higher paid workers for increased salaries or wage rates may be justified on the principle that these workers had not received benefits which other workers had obtained since the war.

Upon the request of the applicant organizations the Court decided that the further hearing of these claims should be brought forward and the hearing commenced on 5th October, 1954.

In a judgment delivered on 5th November, 1954 the Court granted marginal increases to skilled tradesmen under the Metal Trades Award. The increases were based on a formula of two and one-half times the margin prescribed for the same occupation in the 1937 Metal Trades Award. If the application of this formula resulted in a decrease in the margin presently being paid, no alteration was to be made.

State Basic Wage Rates, p. 284.—The table below shows the "basic" weekly wage rates of State industrial tribunals, operative in February, 1955 and May, 1955.

STATE BASIC WAGE—WEEKLY RATES.

State.	February, 1955.			May, 1955.		
	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.	Date of Operation. (a)	Males.	Females.
		s. d.	s. d.		s. d.	s. d.
New South Wales—(b)						
Metropolitan and Country excluding Broken Hill ..	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0	Aug., 1953	243 0	182 0
Broken Hill	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0	Aug., 1953	247 0	185 0
Victoria(c)	Feb., 1955	235 0	176 0	May, 1955	237 0	177 6
Queensland—						
Southern Division (Eastern District)—including Brisbane(d)	1.2.54	225 0	151 0	1.2.54	225 0	151 0
South Australia(e)	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0	Aug., 1953	231 0	173 0
Western Australia—(f)						
Metropolitan Area	27.7.53	246 6	160 3	27.7.53	246 6	160 3
South-West Land Division ..	27.7.53	246 0	159 11	27.7.53	246 0	159 11
Goldfields and other areas ..	27.7.53	249 4	162 1	27.7.53	249 4	162 1
Tasmania(g)	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6	Aug., 1953	242 0	181 6

(a) Where dates are not quoted wage rates operate from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown. (b) Automatic adjustment discontinued from 23rd October, 1953, following decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 12th September, 1953 (*see* page 276). (c) No basic wage declared but rates shown (Melbourne) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Victorian Factories and Shops (Wages Boards) Act, 1953 (proclaimed 25th November, 1953), requires Wages Boards to provide for the automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers. (d) Between February, 1954 and May, 1955 the Queensland Industrial Court declined to make any adjustment to the basic wage rates consequent upon quarterly movement in the "C" Series of retail price index numbers. (e) The "living wage" declared for the metropolitan area is also adopted in country areas except at Whyalla where a loading of 5s. is generally payable. The "living wage" is subject to quarterly variation according to the amount of the general automatic quarterly adjustment in the Commonwealth basic wage (discontinued on 12th September, 1953) for Adelaide. (f) The Western Australian Arbitration Court from July, 1953 to May, 1955 declined to adjust the basic wage rates in accordance with movements in the cost of living statements supplied by the Government Statistician. (g) None declared but rates shown (Hobart) are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards.

E. EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

§ 1. Employment.

Total Occupied Persons, p. 285.—Figures for the 1954 Census corresponding to those on page 286 are not yet available. However, particulars of the occupational status of the population in each State will be found on page 1130.

Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment, pp. 288-9.—The following are particulars of wage and salary earners in civilian employment, excluding rural wage earners, females in domestic work in private homes, persons on the paid strength of the Defence Forces and National Service trainees in camp, for the month of June, 1955.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT, JUNE, 1955.

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

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Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.(a)
Males	779.2	556.7	272.0	178.7	136.4	64.0	2,000.5
Females	292.5	227.0	89.3	60.2	43.9	21.7	738.5
Persons	1,071.7	783.7	361.3	238.9	180.3	85.7	2,739.0

Particulars.	Governmental. (b)	Private Employers.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.
Males	599.1	1,401.4	58.3	714.5	308.7	129.2	207.1
Females	122.8	615.7	1.1	225.3	38.4	121.6	83.1
Persons	721.9	2,017.1	59.4	939.8	347.1	250.8	290.2

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

Government Employees, p. 290.—The number of Government employees in Australia in June, 1955 was as follows:—

Commonwealth Government—males, 160,800; females, 44,300; persons, 205,100; State Government and Semi-Government Bodies—males, 373,300; females, 72,700; persons, 446,000; Local Government Authorities—males, 65,000; females, 5,800; persons, 70,800; Total—males, 599,100; females, 122,800; persons, 721,900.

§ 4. Industrial Disputes.

Summary of Disputes (involving Stoppage of Work), p. 294.—The following table shows particulars of industrial disputes in each State and Territory during 1954:—

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : SUMMARY, 1954.

State or Territory.	Number.	Workers Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
New South Wales(b)	1,063	217,081	5,205	222,286	501,573	£ 1,654,814
Victoria	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,611	460,213
Queensland	278	77,006	6,675	83,681	183,855	611,331
South Australia	23	7,291	45	7,336	31,207	108,100
Western Australia	15	5,398	96	5,494	21,651	75,387
Tasmania (b)	31	5,951	136	6,087	25,915	105,042
Northern Territory	2	239	..	239	1,452	5,682
Australian Capital Territory	2	138	..	138	375	1,242
Australia(b)	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	3,021,211

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute. (b) Includes disputes not settled at the end of 1953.

CHAPTER IX.—POPULATION.

§ 3. Growth and Distribution of Population.

Growth of Population, pp. 305-6.—The following table shows the estimated population of each State and Territory at 31st December, 1954 and 30th June, 1955 :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION, (EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)									
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
31ST DECEMBER, 1954.									
Males	1,738,475	1,246,461	679,211	409,933	334,867	162,795	9,967	16,502	4,598,211
Females	1,724,027	1,234,412	643,675	398,375	314,493	156,747	6,156	14,642	4,492,527
Persons	3,462,502	2,480,873	1,322,886	808,308	649,360	319,542	16,123	31,144	9,090,738
30TH JUNE, 1955.									
Males	1,753,132	1,269,736	690,371	415,661	339,152	161,139	10,888	17,176	4,657,255
Females	1,737,388	1,253,278	654,335	403,953	319,331	153,571	6,675	15,248	4,543,779
Persons	3,490,520	2,523,014	1,344,706	819,614	658,483	314,710	17,563	32,424	9,201,034

§ 4. Mean Population.

Mean Population, p. 311.—Mean populations for the calendar year ended 31st December, 1954 and for the financial year ended 30th June, 1955 are as follows :—

MEAN POPULATION. (EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)									
Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Year ended—									
31st Dec., 1954	3,428,710	2,453,461	1,313,187	796,426	640,086	311,159	16,197	30,340	8,989,566
30th June, 1955	3,459,712	2,488,101	1,325,466	807,562	648,873	313,017	16,519	31,249	9,090,499

§ 5. Elements of Increase.

Natural Increase, p. 312, Increase by Net Migration, p. 314 and Total Increase, p. 320.—The following table shows particulars of natural increase, increase by net migration and total increase during the year 1954 :—

POPULATION : NATURAL INCREASE, INCREASE BY NET MIGRATION AND TOTAL INCREASE, 1954.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)									
Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
NATURAL INCREASE (EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS).									
Persons	40,681	32,106	19,832	11,048	10,564	5,074	407	739	120,451
Rate(%)	11.87	13.09	15.10	13.88	16.50	16.31	25.13	24.36	13.40

POPULATION : NATURAL INCREASE, INCREASE BY NET MIGRATION AND TOTAL INCREASE, 1954—*continued.*

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
INCREASE BY NET MIGRATION.									
Persons ..	15,977	31,764	3,544	9,968	7,228	- 1,448	201	973	68,207
TOTAL INCREASE. (b)									
Persons ..	53,168	64,819	24,343	22,580	17,668	3,047	504	1,601	187,730

(a) Excess of births over deaths per 1,000 of mean population. (b) Total increase means natural increase plus net migration together with adjustments for differences disclosed by the preliminary results of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

NOTE.—Minus sign (-) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

§ 7. General Characteristics.

Age Distribution, page 325.—The following table shows the population of the several States and Territories of Australia at the Census of 30th June, 1954 according to broad age groups. The figures therein are subject to slight revision. At a later date information on five-year groups and single ages will be available.

POPULATION : AGE DISTRIBUTION, STATES, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

(Subject to Revision.)

Age Group (Years).	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
0-4—									
Males	180,933	132,206	75,369	45,068	38,092	18,883	1,093	2,076	493,720
Females	173,355	126,150	72,216	43,161	36,856	18,138	981	1,969	472,856
Persons	354,288	258,356	147,585	88,229	74,978	37,021	2,074	4,045	966,576
5-15—									
Males	330,289	230,946	136,049	78,196	66,286	33,194	1,299	3,026	879,285
Females	317,332	221,186	130,033	74,440	63,195	31,956	1,299	2,814	842,255
Persons	647,621	452,132	266,082	152,636	129,481	65,150	2,598	5,840	1,721,540
16-20—									
Males	114,276	77,514	45,749	23,679	22,227	10,812	511	1,052	295,820
Females	109,242	73,509	43,935	22,371	21,312	10,389	380	816	281,954
Persons	223,518	151,023	89,684	46,050	43,539	21,201	891	1,868	577,774
21-65—									
Males	978,665	709,626	374,580	228,376	185,271	84,390	7,122	9,679	2,577,709
Females	957,656	690,770	347,899	217,079	165,059	79,794	3,417	8,068	2,469,742
Persons	1,936,321	1,400,396	722,479	445,455	350,330	164,184	10,539	17,747	5,047,451
66 and over—									
Males	116,607	80,805	44,502	28,584	18,482	9,850	263	396	299,579
Females	145,084	109,630	47,924	36,140	22,961	11,346	104	419	373,668
Persons	261,781	190,435	92,426	64,724	41,443	21,196	367	815	673,247
Total—									
Males	1,720,860	1,231,097	676,249	403,903	330,358	157,129	10,288	16,229	4,546,113
Females	1,702,669	1,221,245	642,007	393,191	309,413	151,623	6,181	14,086	4,440,415
Persons	3,423,529	2,452,342	1,318,256	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,528

Occupational Status, page 328.—Particulars of the occupational status of the population of each State and Territory at the Census of 30th June, 1954 are shown below. The figures are subject to slight revision.

POPULATION : OCCUPATIONAL STATUS, STATES, CENSUS, 30TH JUNE, 1954.

(EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINALS.)

(Subject to Revision.)

Occupational Status.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
In Work Force—									
At Work—									
Employer—									
Males	80,698	59,367	36,683	18,921	16,861	6,882	515	447	220,374
Females	10,588	8,980	4,985	2,441	2,243	788	60	53	30,144
Persons	91,286	68,347	41,668	21,362	19,104	7,670	581	500	250,518
Self-Employed—									
Males	121,600	103,090	59,068	35,241	26,146	12,604	595	428	358,772
Females	18,386	16,321	7,405	4,521	3,367	1,320	64	50	51,443
Persons	139,986	119,411	66,473	39,762	29,513	13,933	659	478	410,215
Employee (on wage or salary)									
Males	848,760	608,220	311,785	195,480	158,181	72,321	6,400	9,659	2,210,806
Females	286,434	224,312	91,950	59,040	45,787	21,340	1,281	2,926	733,061
Persons	1,135,194	832,532	403,735	254,520	203,968	93,661	7,681	12,579	2,943,870
Other and Not Stated—									
Males	9,160	6,565	5,251	1,905	1,775	956	50	13	25,675
Females	6,111	4,895	2,836	1,415	1,221	496	41	32	17,047
Persons	15,271	11,460	8,087	3,320	2,996	1,452	91	45	42,722
Not at Work (a)—									
Males	18,228	9,562	7,385	2,020	2,077	1,214	120	62	40,668
Females	6,536	2,068	2,578	765	741	279	31	13	13,911
Persons	24,764	12,530	9,963	2,785	2,818	1,493	151	75	54,579
Not in Work Force—									
Males	642,414	444,293	256,077	150,336	125,318	63,152	2,608	5,620	1,689,818
Females	1,374,614	963,769	532,253	325,009	256,054	127,391	4,698	11,018	3,594,806
Persons	2,017,028	1,408,062	788,330	475,345	381,372	190,543	7,306	16,638	5,284,624
Total Population—									
Males	1,720,860	1,231,097	676,249	403,903	330,358	157,129	10,288	16,229	4,546,113
Females	1,702,669	1,221,245	642,067	393,191	309,413	151,623	6,181	14,086	4,440,415
Persons	3,423,529	2,452,342	1,318,256	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,528

(a) Includes those who stated that they were usually engaged in work but were not actively seeking a job at the time of the Census by reason of sickness, accident, etc., or because they were on strike, changing jobs or temporarily laid off, etc. It includes also persons able and willing to work but unable to secure employment, as well as casual and seasonal workers not actually in a job at the time of the Census. The numbers shown as "Not at Work", therefore, do not represent the number of unemployed available for work and unable to obtain it. Particulars of unemployment in this sense will be available when full analysis is made of reasons stated by persons "Not at Work."

§ 9. Oversea Migration.

Classes of Arrivals and Departures, p. 335.—Arrivals and departures during 1954 were:—Permanent new arrivals, 104,014; Australian residents returning from abroad, 44,944; temporary visitors arriving, 49,067; total arrivals, 198,025; Australian residents departing permanently, 35,449; Australian residents departing temporarily, 45,701; temporary visitors departing, 48,668; total departures, 129,818.

CHAPTER X.—VITAL STATISTICS.

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

Numbers and Rates, pp. 350, 355, 359, 360, 370-1 and 375.—The following table shows totals and rates for marriages, live births, deaths and infant deaths for 1954 :—

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT DEATHS, 1954.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Marriages	27,503	19,404	10,027	6,190	5,204	2,512	143	246	71,229
Rate(a)	8.02	7.91	7.64	7.77	8.13	8.07	8.83	8.11	7.92
Live Births	73,125	54,666	31,176	18,227	15,928	7,776	513	857	202,256
Rate(a)	21.33	22.28	23.74	22.89	24.88	24.97	31.67	28.25	22.50
Deaths	32,444	22,554	11,344	7,179	5,364	2,696	106	118	81,805
Rate(a)	9.46	9.19	8.64	9.01	8.38	8.66	6.54	3.89	9.10
Infant Deaths	1,850	1,055	695	388	359	186	9	4	4,546
Rate(b)	25.30	19.30	22.29	21.29	22.54	23.94	17.54	4.67	22.48

(a) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (b) Number of deaths of children aged under one year per 1,000 live births registered.

§ 1. Marriages.

Age and Conjugal Condition at Marriage, p. 356.—A summary of the previous conjugal condition of bridegrooms and brides in 1954 in relation to age at marriage is as follows :—

AGE AND CONJUGAL CONDITION OF BRIDEGROOMS AND BRIDES : AUSTRALIA, 1954.

Age at Marriage (Years).	Bridegrooms.				Brides.			
	Bachelors.	Widowers.	Divorced.	Total.	Spinsters.	Widows.	Divorced.	Total.
Under 20	2,327	..	..	2,327	15,585	3	7	15,595
20-24..	29,489	15	63	29,567	31,574	85	262	31,921
25-29..	19,742	82	519	20,343	9,302	242	1,103	10,647
30-34..	6,431	184	892	7,507	3,126	359	1,148	4,603
35-39..	2,457	224	907	3,588	1,393	453	971	2,817
40-44..	1,334	310	837	2,481	821	474	707	2,002
45-49..	766	380	587	1,733	463	510	418	1,391
50-54..	403	517	366	1,286	253	448	214	915
55-59..	199	448	171	818	158	326	76	560
60-64..	113	462	119	694	76	286	32	394
65 and over	95	722	68	885	54	300	30	384
Total	63,356	3,344	4,529	71,229	62,805	3,456	4,968	71,229

In 1954 the proportional distribution (per cent.) of bridegrooms and brides according to previous conjugal condition was :—

Bridegrooms : Bachelors, 88.95; Widowers, 4.69; Divorced, 6.36.

Brides : Spinsters, 88.17; Widows, 4.85; Divorced, 6.98.

The average age in 1954 of bridegrooms was 28.82 years and of brides 25.59 years.

Celebration of Marriages, pp. 357-8.—The number of marriages in 1954 celebrated by ministers of religion in the various denominations or by civil officers was as follows.

MARRIAGES IN EACH DENOMINATION, 1954.

Denomination.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.	
									No.	Proportion of Total.
Church of England	9,870	5,256	2,561	1,329	1,532	918	31	99	21,596	30.32
Roman Catholic ..	6,484	4,595	2,583	1,087	1,097	457	36	73	16,412	23.04
Methodist ..	2,670	2,397	1,586	1,058	713	385	29	9	9,647	13.54
Presbyterian ..	3,264	3,541	1,955	318	440	153	10	21	9,702	13.62
Congregational ..	328	271	94	241	113	53	..	1	1,101	1.54
Baptist ..	355	312	204	165	64	76	..	..	1,176	1.65
Lutheran ..	111	209	245	367	28	4	..	7	971	1.36
Church of Christ ..	60	337	64	133	68	15	..	..	677	0.95
Salvation Army ..	111	97	93	47	21	12	8	1	390	0.55
Greek Orthodox ..	200	140	52	43	58	3	..	..	496	0.70
Seventh-Day Adventist ..	68	28	27	3	11	10	..	..	147	0.21
Other Christian ..	161	171	181	65	98	25	2	..	703	0.99
Hebrew ..	148	165	6	..	17	..	..	..	336	0.47
Total ..	23,830	17,719	9,651	5,456	4,260	2,111	116	211	63,354	88.94
Civil Officers ..	3,673	1,685	376	734	944	401	27	35	7,875	11.06
Grand Total	27,503	19,404	10,027	6,190	5,204	2,512	143	246	71,229	100.00

PROPORTION OF TOTAL.
(Per Cent.)

Denominational ..	86.65	91.32	96.25	88.14	81.86	84.04	81.12	85.77	88.94
Civil ..	13.35	8.68	3.75	11.86	18.14	15.96	18.88	14.23	11.06

Summarized tables of Australian marriage statistics for 1954 will be found in the *Monthly Australian Demographic Review*, No. 54: Part 2, July, 1955.

§ 2. Fertility and Reproduction.

Gross and Net Reproduction Rates for Females, pp. 362-3.—In 1954 the gross reproduction rate was 1.558 and the net reproduction rate (based on 1946-48 mortality experience) was 1.478.

Fertility of Marriages, p. 363.—For the year 1954 the number of nuptial confinements per marriage on the basis explained on p. 363 was 2.66. This figure must be read in conjunction with the text on that page.

Age, Duration of Marriage and Issue of Mothers, p. 367.—The average number of children born to mothers in the various age groups in 1954 was:—Under 20 years, 1.22; 20-24 years, 1.70; 25-29 years, 2.36; 30-34 years, 3.05; 35-39 years, 3.78; 40-44 years, 4.56; and 45-49 years, 5.60. The average for mothers of all ages was 2.48.

A classification of mothers by age group and previous issue is given for 1954 in the following table:—

NUPTIAL CONFINEMENTS: AGE OF MOTHER AND PREVIOUS ISSUE, AUSTRALIA, 1954.

Previous Issue.	Age of Mother (Years).							Total Married Mothers.
	Under 20.	20-24.	25-29.	30-34.	35-39.	40-44.	45 and over.	
0	7,730	27,978	16,799	6,435	2,422	629	36	62,029
1	1,622	17,767	22,083	10,330	3,382	745	49	55,978
2	181	6,180	14,246	10,606	4,290	939	32	36,474
3	12	1,745	6,016	6,779	3,575	986	47	19,160
4 .. ..	..	363	2,239	3,160	2,250	805	34	8,851
5 .. ..	..	70	793	1,492	1,421	548	31	4,355
6 .. ..	..	13	289	757	844	357	32	2,292
7 .. ..	..	2	89	392	514	252	29	1,278
8 .. ..	..	1	26	171	270	171	27	666
9 .. ..	..	..	5	82	167	139	11	404
10 and over ..	..	..	3	57	216	219	36	531
Total Married Mothers ..	9,545	54,119	62,588	40,261	19,351	5,790	364	192,018

Nuptial First Births, pp. 368-9.—The number and proportion of first births in 1954 according to duration of marriage of the mother was:—

FIRST BIRTHS : DURATION OF MARRIAGE, AUSTRALIA, 1954.

Duration of Marriage.				Number of First Births.	Proportion of Total First Births.
					%
Under 8 months	..	..	..	10,689	17.23
8 months	..	..	..	1,974	3.18
9 "	..	..	..	4,366	7.04
10 "	..	..	..	3,761	6.06
11 "	..	..	..	3,144	5.07
Total under 1 year				23,934	38.58
1-2 years	..	..	..	17,755	28.62
2-3 "	..	..	..	8,031	12.95
3-4 "	..	..	..	4,436	7.15
4-5 "	..	..	..	2,708	4.37
5-10 "	..	..	..	4,324	6.97
10-15 "	..	..	..	707	1.14
15 years and over	..	..	..	134	0.22
Total				62,029	100.00

A comprehensive summary of the Australian birth statistics for 1954 will be found in the *Monthly Australian Demographic Review*, No. 58, October, 1955.

§ 3. Mortality.

Age Distribution, p. 379.—A summary of the ages at death for Australia for the year 1954 is given in the following table:—

AGE AT DEATH : AUSTRALIA, 1954.

Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.	Age at Death.	Males.	Fe- males.	Per- sons.
Under 1 week	1,667	1,217	2,884	Total 5-9 years	300	216	516
1 week and under 2 weeks	116	88	204	" 10-14 "	218	135	353
2 weeks " " 3 " "	63	30	93	" 15-19 "	437	162	599
3 " " " 28 days	67	27	94	" 20-24 "	572	173	745
Total under 28 days	1,913	1,362	3,275	" 25-29 "	628	305	933
28 days and under 3 months	202	168	370	" 30-34 "	659	395	1,054
3 months and under 6 "	219	185	404	" 35-39 "	757	591	1,348
6 " " " 12 "	274	223	497	" 40-44 "	1,200	813	2,013
Total under 1 year	2,608	1,922	4,546	" 45-49 "	1,695	1,080	2,775
1 year	292	241	533	" 50-54 "	2,509	1,509	4,018
2 years	182	117	299	" 55-59 "	3,385	1,949	5,334
3 " "	134	71	205	" 60-64 "	4,740	2,933	7,673
4 " "	91	59	150	" 65-69 "	5,863	3,859	9,722
Total under 5 years	3,307	2,426	5,733	" 70-74 "	6,233	4,780	11,013
				" 75-79 "	5,593	5,119	10,712
				" 80-84 "	4,125	4,774	8,899
				" 85-89 "	2,551	3,190	5,741
				" 90-94 "	843	1,326	2,169
				" 95-99 "	138	260	398
				" 100 and over "	11	15	26
				Age not stated	18	8	26
				Total, All Ages	45,787	36,018	81,805

CHAPTER XI.—EDUCATION.

§ 8. Universities.

Commonwealth Grants, pp. 418-9.—The States Grants (Universities) Act No. 28 of 1955 (assented to 15th June, 1955) repealed the 1953 Act. Notwithstanding the repeal, a condition subject to which an amount of financial assistance was paid to a State under the 1953 Act continues to have effect in relation to that payment. The main provisions are summarized below :—

Section 4 (1).—If the sum of the fees and State grants received by a University during the year 1955 exceeds the amount specified in column 2 of the table below, the grant to the State for that year is—

- (a) an amount equal to one-third of the excess, and
- (b) the amount shown in column 3 of the table.

Section 4 (2).—The maximum amount payable under Section 4 (1.) (a) above is shown in column 4.

Section 5.—The State will, in the year in which payment is received, pay to the University concerned an amount equal to the grants received and will ensure that—

- (a) the grant under Section 4 (1.) (a) is applied for expenditure, not being capital expenditure, on university purposes ;
- (b) of the grant under Section 4 (1.) (b), the amount shown in column 5 is applied towards the teaching and administrative costs of the residential colleges of the University and the remainder for expenditure, not being capital expenditure, on university purposes.

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(£.)

University.	Amount of Fees and State Grants.	Amount of Financial Assistance under Section 4 (1.) (b).	Maximum Amount Payable under Section 4 (1.) (a).	Amount for Teaching and Administrative Costs of Residential Colleges.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
New South Wales—				
University of Sydney	783,369	271,623	222,000	10,500
New South Wales University of Technology	605,805	83,204	92,500	3,675
University of New England	64,164	13,229	14,800	350
Victoria—				
University of Melbourne	655,159	222,249	192,400	9,100
Queensland—				
University of Queensland	309,269	94,528	101,750	4,375
South Australia—				
University of Adelaide	272,394	95,173	101,750	4,375
Western Australia—				
University of Western Australia	183,531	63,714	70,300	2,537
Tasmania—				
University of Tasmania	106,319	33,410	33,300	788
	2,980,010	877,130	828,800	35,700

CHAPTER XII.—PUBLIC JUSTICE.

2. Lower (Magistrates') Courts, § 3. Higher Courts (Judges' Courts), § 4. Civil Courts, § 5. Police and Prisons.

Convictions, Bankruptcies, Police, Prisons, pp. 442, 443, 445, 450, 452-3.—The following table is a summary of the more important statistics of this chapter for the latest year for which the information is available.

PUBLIC JUSTICE : SUMMARY, 1953.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd. (a)	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T. (a)	A.C.T.	Aust.
Convictions for Serious Crime, Magistrates' Courts .. No.	17,612	6,905	3,226 (a)	1,744	3,632	1,185	195	53	34,552
Convictions for Drunkenness .. No.	72,647	19,226	21,199 (a)	5,509	6,210	763	699	378	126,631
Convictions at Higher Courts—									
Offences against the Person .. No.	(a) 467	185	186	99	80	58	24	5	1,104
Offences against Property .. No.	(a) 935	670	293	199	144	127	20	5	2,393
Other Offences ..	(a) 47	63	23	32	17	18	7	..	207
Total ..	(a) 1449	918	502	330	241	203	51	10	3,704
Bankruptcies (a) .. No.	330	175	145	82	74	39	..	(b)	845
Liabilities £	1,221,353	597,090	437,119	229,984	330,051	96,869	..	(ii)	2,912,466
Assets £	968,456	285,854	341,806	117,622	352,093	52,820	..	(b)	2,148,651
Police .. No.	4,661	3,047	2,403 (a)	1,107 (a)	936 (a)	438	56	57	12,705
Prisons ..	(a) 15	10	7	16 (a)	19 (a)	2	2	..	71
Prisoners in Gaol ..	(a) 2,155	1,173	617	401 (a)	366 (a)	152	47	..	4,905

(a) Year 1953-54.

(b) Included in New South Wales.

CHAPTER XIII.—PUBLIC HEALTH AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS.

A. PUBLIC HEALTH.

§ 4. Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases, page 468.

DISEASES NOTIFIABLE IN EACH STATE AND TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA AND NUMBER OF CASES REPORTED DURING YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1954.

Disease.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Acute rheumatism ..	208	128	128	..	60	*	2	..	526
Amoebiasis ..	..	2	1	3	14	1	2	..	23
Ankylostomiasis ..	295	1	16	1	8	1	63	..	378
Bruceellosis ..	9	25	5	1	..	..	..	..	49
Chorea ..	20	28	..	..	6	..	..	..	54
Dengue ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	2
Diarrhoea, infantile ..	252	625	461	4	29	3	13	14	1,401
Diphtheria ..	366	107	82	5	119	4	4	17	704
Dysentery, bacillary ..	..	62	125	17	42	33	5	..	284
Encephalitis ..	33	29	5	26	..	..	2	4	99
Filaria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Homologous serum jaundice ..	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Hydatid ..	..	19	..	..	..	9	..	..	38
Infective hepatitis ..	1,610	1,235	..	..	165	2	15	46	3,073
Lead poisoning ..	..	36	27	..	2	..	..	..	65
Leprosy ..	..	1	6	..	47	..	23	..	77
Leptospirosis ..	8	1	79	..	..	..	..	..	88
Malaria ..	..	25	25	..	20	1	3	..	83
Meningococcal infection ..	198	119	52	22	48	21	4	3	497
Ophthalmia ..	..	..	..	..	52	..	..	..	52
Ornithosis ..	3	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	7
Paratyphoid fever ..	7	2	..	1	1	..	..	1	14
Pollionvelitis ..	555	569	131	176	436	10	..	26	1,906
Puerperal fever ..	17	3	26	2	2	..	..	1	51
Rubella ..	..	657	6	..	627	..	2	7	1,299
Salmonella infection ..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	32
Scarlet fever ..	703	1,340	274	224	91	28	..	3	2,663
Tetanus ..	..	12	27	..	4	..	3	..	46
Trachoma ..	..	..	..	..	3,686	..	61	..	3,747
Tuberculosis ..	2,159	1,143	717	308	378	185	58	4	4,952
Typhoid fever ..	24	13	8	7	12	3	..	..	67
Typhus—flea, mite or tick borne ..	3	..	34	7	10	..	..	..	63

* Not notifiable.

NOTE.—No cases of cholera, plague, smallpox, epidemic typhus or yellow fever were notified.

B. INSTITUTIONS.

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

Number, Staff, etc., pp. 477-8.—The following table gives a summary of details relating to public hospitals in each State for the year 1952-53:—

PUBLIC HOSPITALS : SUMMARY, 1952-53.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W.Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Hospitals .. No.	261	110	138	62	96	22	4	1	694
Medical staff .. "	3,768	1,706	684	518	313	216	13	28	7,246
Nursing staff .. "	10,061	6,088	4,721	1,913	2,082	890	95	90	25,940
Beds and cots .. "	19,105	10,894	9,852	3,527	4,220	1,940	313	225	50,076
In-patients treated during year (Cases) .. No.	394,509	187,930	184,189	61,681	70,646	31,688	4,910	4,303	939,856
Inmates at end of year ..	14,382	7,610	7,084	2,410	1,890	1,124	185	140	34,825
Average daily No. resident ..	14,020	7,622	6,555	2,360	2,474	1,167	215	139	34,552
Out-patients treated '000	1,085	432	767	112 (b)	109	84	46	8	2,643

£'000.

Revenue—									
Government aid ..									
Commonwealth hospital benefits, etc. ..	(c) 14879	8,664	6,915	2,336	3,011	1,161	..	211	} 41,076
Public subscriptions ..	132	1,065	1,824	544	369	180	32	21	
Fees ..	3,877	1,976	486	426	93	1	..	..	1,416
Total ..	19,168	12,905	9,289	3,721	4,270	1,499	32	260	7,713
Expenditure—									
Salaries and wages ..	11,972	5,615	4,343	1,973	1,966	953	228	101	27,151
Buildings, upkeep, etc. ..	559	357	149	212	135	24	82	16	1,534
Capital ..	..	3,246	1,542	439	882	..	19	70	6,198
Total ..	18,159	13,413	9,044	3,679	4,140	1,470	376	260	50,541

(a) Year ended 31st March, 1953.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Excludes loan receipts and expenditure.

§ 4. Mental Hospitals.

Number, Staff, etc., pp. 479-82.—The following table gives a summary of details relating to mental hospitals in each State for the year 1952-53.

MENTAL HOSPITALS : SUMMARY, 1952-53.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic. (a)	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (a)	Tas.	Total.
Hospitals .. No.	13	9	4	2	4	1	33
Medical staff ..	(c) 66	53	11	10	6	3	149
Nursing staff ..	1,923	1,571	790	388	270	190	5,132
Beds and cots ..	12,471	6,716	4,558	2,536	1,495	770	28,546
In-patients treated ..	15,124	8,883	5,530	2,923	1,828	1,028	35,316
Inmates at end of year ..	12,979	7,707	4,554	2,534	1,666	750	30,190
.. , average daily number ..	11,497	6,791	4,263	2,429	1,541	738	27,259

£'000.

Revenue—							
Fees ..	209	..	12	31	28	13	293
Mental institution benefits ..	209	151	..	35	18	4	417
Other ..	(d) 91	16	4	36	8	1	156
Total ..	509	167	16	102	54	18	866
Expenditure—							
Salaries and wages ..	1,830	1,400	715	406	313	180	4,844
Upkeep, etc., buildings ..	130	250	6	70	12	6	474
Other ..	1,473	1,212	568	276	191	96	3,816
Capital Expenditure ..	518	776	76	130	80	..	1,580
Total ..	3,951	3,638	1,365	882	596	282	10,714

(a) Year 1952 except for revenue and expenditure, which relate to the year 1952-53. (b) Includes the Epileptic Home. (c) In addition there are 41 visiting specialists who are paid for their services. (d) Includes £33,000 Commonwealth Hospital Benefits.

CHAPTER XIV.—WELFARE SERVICES.

A. COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

§ 2. Commonwealth Expenditure on Social and Health Services.

States, 1953-54, p. 483.—The following table shows particulars of payments of social and health services in each State during 1953-54:—

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, 1953-54.
(£'000.)

Social and Health Services.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Age and Invalid Pensions	34,942	19,978	12,017	7,075	5,375	2,794	(c) 81,293
Funeral Benefits	114	83	39	24	19	9	288
Maternity Allowances	1,173	874	497	301	254	125	(d) 3,226
Child Endowment	19,138	13,165	8,003	4,577	3,883	1,989	(e) 50,761
Widows' Pensions	2,767	1,567	1,119	506	435	231	(f) 6,626
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits—							
Unemployment	1,247	508	582	50	76	42	2,505
Sickness	698	405	258	153	107	55	1,676
Special (g)	133	127	54	20	17	11	362
Commonwealth Rehabilitation Service	89	156	46	75	53	10	429
National Health Services—							
Hospital Benefits	3,464	1,974	1,284	680	657	271	8,330
Medical Benefits	645	291	147	162	158	31	1,434
Medical Benefits for Pensioners ..	992	490	259	200	136	38	2,115
Pharmaceutical Benefits	3,152	2,499	934	715	635	206	(h) 8,219
Pharmaceutical Benefits for Pensioners ..	504	200	136	88	63	20	1,011
Nutrition for Children	886	428	204	156	106	219	1,999
Miscellaneous	38	27	58	14	18	15	(i) 216
Mental Institution Benefits	210	157	63	37	18	10	495
Tuberculosis Campaign (j)	2,003	1,611	656	425	607	278	5,580
Total	71,295	44,540	26,356	15,258	12,617	6,354	176,595

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes payments overseas £12,000. (d) Includes payments overseas £2,000. (e) Includes payments overseas £6,000. (f) Includes payments overseas £1,000. (g) Includes payments to migrants. (h) Includes Head Office administration £78,000. (i) Includes Head Office administration £46,000. (j) Includes allowances and reimbursements to the States.

§ 3. Age and Invalid Pensions, § 4. Maternity Allowances, § 5. Child Endowment, § 6. Widows' Pensions, § 7. Unemployment and Sickness Benefits.

General, pp. 484-96.—The following table gives a summary of age and invalid and widows' pensions, maternity allowances, child endowment and unemployment and sickness benefits for the year 1953-54:—

SOCIAL SERVICES : SUMMARY, 1953-54.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Age Pensioners—							
Males	62,230	29,799	20,471	11,180	9,950	4,425	138,055
Females	102,476	68,411	37,890	25,173	17,298	8,481	259,729
Persons	164,706	98,210	58,361	36,353	27,248	12,906	397,784
Invalid Pensioners—							
Males	21,215	8,977	6,031	2,256	2,192	1,325	41,996
Females	14,396	6,905	4,991	2,255	1,909	1,280	31,736
Persons	35,611	15,882	11,022	4,511	4,101	2,605	73,732
Maternity Allowances—							
Claims paid	72,380	54,219	30,889	18,749	15,803	7,726	(c) 199,814
Child Endowment—							
Family claims in force	501,272	339,022	183,726	117,644	93,117	45,246	d 1,280,439
Endowed children	1,031,898	699,220	407,970	245,973	202,098	101,540	d 2,689,577
Widows' Pensions—							
Pensions in force	16,675	9,827	6,943	3,157	2,753	1,371	40,726
Children for whom pensions paid	7,844	3,853	3,242	1,339	1,106	716	18,100

NOTE.—See next page for footnotes.

SOCIAL SERVICES: SUMMARY, 1953-54—continued.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Unemployment and Sick- ness Benefits—							
Persons on benefit at end of year—							
Unemployment—							
Males	1,876	964	1,204	44	176	96	4,360
Females	934	239	453	35	49	13	1,723
Persons	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	6,083
Sickness—							
Males	2,374	1,521	883	504	333	176	5,791
Females	946	514	292	140	84	35	2,011
Persons	3,320	2,035	1,175	644	417	211	7,802
Special—(e)							
Males	274	109	83	42	25	10	543
Females	493	393	231	62	54	76	1,309
Persons	767	502	314	104	79	86	1,852
Total—(e)							
Males	4,524	2,594	2,170	590	534	282	10,694
Females	2,373	1,146	976	237	187	124	5,043
Persons	6,897	3,740	3,146	827	721	406	15,737
Admissions to benefits—							
Unemployment—							
Males	18,854	8,326	20,078	1,228	2,739	1,199	52,418
Females	4,599	1,270	3,136	297	282	131	9,715
Persons	23,453	9,596	23,214	1,525	3,021	1,330	62,133
Sickness—(e)							
Males	16,972	9,699	8,010	4,143	3,514	1,606	43,944
Females	5,671	3,144	1,939	868	696	274	12,592
Persons	22,643	12,843	9,949	5,011	4,210	1,880	56,536
Special—(e)							
Males	880	319	675	228	159	28	2,298
Females	481	503	186	72	43	48	1,333
Persons	1,370	822	861	300	202	76	3,631
Total—(e)							
Males	36,715	18,338	28,763	5,599	6,412	2,833	98,660
Females	10,751	4,917	5,261	1,237	1,021	453	23,640
Persons	47,466	23,255	34,024	6,836	7,433	3,286	122,300
Benefits Paid—							
Unemployment	£ 1,247,216	507,676	581,865	50,213	75,904	42,589	2,505,463
Sickness	£ 697,949	405,414	257,633	153,042	106,836	54,719	1,675,593
Special (f)	£ 132,797	127,041	54,458	19,659	16,939	11,504	362,398
Total (f)	2,077,962	1,040,131	893,956	222,914	199,679	108,812	4,543,454

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory. (c) Includes 48 claims paid overseas. (d) Includes 412 claims and 878 children overseas. (e) Excludes migrants. (f) Includes payments to migrants.

B. OTHER SERVICES.

§ 1. Benevolent Homes, page 497.

BENEVOLENT HOMES: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE, 1952-53.

(£.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.(a)	Vic.(b)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Revenue—							
Government Aid	746,065	539,521	334,883	110,919	147,580	96,613	1,975,581
Municipal Aid ..	..	998	..	..	..	..	998
Public Subscrip- tions, Legacies	..	61,540	12,079	..	594	..	74,213
Fees(c) .. .. .	..	302,097	156,826	29,635	86,713	52,798	588,069
Other	232,867	13,595	35,194	4,038	..	845	286,539
Total	978,932	917,751	538,982	144,592	234,887	150,256	2,965,400
Expenditure—							
Salaries and Wages	382,664	476,552	245,304	77,088	136,349	89,055	1,407,012
Upkeep and Re- pair of Build- ings	48,380	43,529	9,753	10,440	17,122	1,822	131,046
All Other	317,865	260,322	274,348	24,221	66,680	59,379	1,002,815
Capital(d)	230,023	250,196	7,961	32,843	14,736	..	535,759
Total	978,932	1,030,599	537,366	144,592	234,887	150,256	3,076,632

(a) These figures relate to the three State hospitals and homes only. (b) Year ended 31st March, 1953. (c) Includes Commonwealth Hospital Benefits and Age and Invalid Pension receipts. (d) Includes such items as purchase of land, cost of new buildings and additions to buildings.

The *Aged Persons Homes Act No. 81, 1954* operated from 16th December, 1954. The purpose of the Act is to encourage and assist the provision of suitable homes for aged persons, ("Aged Person" means a man who has reached the age of 65 years or a woman who has reached 60 years and includes the wife or husband of an aged person residing or desiring to reside with the aged person) and in particular homes at which aged persons may reside in conditions approaching as nearly as possible normal domestic life, and, in the case of married people, with proper regard to the companionship of husband and wife.

Subject to this section, a society, association or other organization is eligible for assistance under this Act if—

- (a) it is carried on otherwise than for purposes of profit or gain to the individual members; and
- (b) it is a religious organization; an organization, the principal objects or purposes of which are charitable or benevolent; an organization of former members of the Defence Forces established in every State or a State branch of such an organization; or an organization approved by the Governor-General for the purpose of this Act.

A trustee or trustees under a trust established for charitable or benevolent purpose shall, if the Governor-General so approves, be deemed to be an organization referred to in the last preceding sub-section.

An organization conducted or controlled by, or by persons appointed by, the Government of the Commonwealth or of a State or a local governing body established under the law of a State, is not eligible for assistance under this Act.

Where the Director-General is satisfied that a building or buildings erected or to be erected, or purchased or to be purchased, by an organization is or are intended to be used permanently by or on behalf of the organization as a home or homes for the accommodation of aged persons, he may, in his discretion, approve that building or proposed building or those buildings or proposed buildings as a home for the purposes of this Act.

A building or proposed building shall not be approved under this section unless—

- (a) it was in course of erection by the organization on the 4th May, 1954;
- (b) its erection by the organization was commenced after the date specified in the last preceding paragraph or is to be commenced after the date of the approval; or
- (c) it was purchased by the organization after the date specified in paragraph (a) of this sub-section or is to be so purchased after the date of the approval.

The Director-General may, in his discretion, on behalf of the Commonwealth, make a grant of moneys in accordance with this Act to an organization as assistance towards meeting the capital cost of an approved home.

A grant under this section shall be made at such time, or by such instalments and at such times, as are determined by agreement between the Director-General and the organization or, in the absence of agreement, by the Director-General.

A payment under this Act shall not be made except to a corporation in which, or to trustees in whom, the approved home is or is to be vested.

Subject to this section the amount of a grant under the Act in respect of an approved home shall be an amount not exceeding—

- (a) one half of the capital cost of the home, as determined by the Director-General; or
- (b) the sum of the moneys expended, and the moneys presently available for expenditure, by the organization towards the capital cost of the home, being moneys which the Director-General is satisfied did not become available as a result of the borrowing of those moneys or any other moneys by the organization and were not received by the organization from the Government of the Commonwealth or of a State or from a local governing body or other authority established by a State Act, whichever is the less.

The Director-General shall not make, or agree to make, a grant under this Act to an organization in respect of an approved home unless he is satisfied that the sum of the moneys expended, and the moneys presently available for expenditure, by the organization towards the capital cost of the home together with the amount of the grant, will be not less than the capital cost of the home.

CHAPTER XVI.—PRIVATE FINANCE.

A. CURRENCY.

§ 2. Coinage.

Issues of Australian Coins, p. 548.—The net issues of Australian coins to 30th June, 1955, were :—silver, £34,249,000; bronze, £2,709,000; total, £36,958,000.

§ 3. Notes.

The Australian Note Issue, p. 550.—The average value of notes in circulation for the year 1954–55 was £358,556,000. This amount was distributed in denominations as follows :—10s., £10,175,000; £1, £69,646,000; £5, £176,383,000; £10, £101,443,000; £20, £6,000; £50, £49,000; £100, £55,000; and £1,000, £799,000. The amount held by the banks was £40,888,000 and by the public, £317,676,000.

B. BANKING.

§ 1. Cheque-Paying Banks.

Commonwealth Bank, pp. 559–61.—Particulars of the average liabilities and assets of the Central Banking Business and General Banking Division, etc., of the Commonwealth Bank for the year 1954–55 appear below :—

The average liabilities of the Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department) of the Commonwealth Bank for the year ended June, 1955 amounted to £956,851,000. Capital and Reserve Funds amounted to £13,279,000; Notes on Issue to £357,023,000; Special Accounts of Trading Banks to £306,286,000; Other Deposits of Trading Banks to £36,795,000; Other Liabilities to £243,468,000.

Particulars of the average assets were as follows :—Gold and Balances held abroad, £415,896,000; Australian Coin, £2,380,000; Cheques and Bills of other Banks, £7,009,000; Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills), £459,839,000; Bills Receivable and Remittances in Transit, £3,488,000; and Other Assets, £68,239,000.

The average liabilities in Australia of the General Banking Division only, for the year ended June, 1955, were £190,915,000. Of this amount Deposits not bearing interest amounted to £130,909,000; Deposits bearing interest to £43,549,000; Balances due to other Banks to £309,000; Other Liabilities to £16,148,000.

The average assets in Australia, £194,231,000, included Cash and Cash Balances £10,456,000; Special Deposit Account with Central Bank, £36,061,000; Balances with other Banks, £270,000; Treasury Bills, £12,260,000; Other Australian Public Securities, £38,165,000; Other Securities, £1,606,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £89,138,000; Other Assets, £5,675,000.

Private Trading Banks, pp. 561–3.—Average liabilities in Australia of the Private Trading Banks for the year ended June, 1955, were £1,330,544,000. Interminable Deposits or Deposit Stock amounted to £9,000; Deposits not bearing interest to £1,047,677,000; Deposits bearing interest to £262,986,000; Notes in Circulation to £158,000; Balances due to other Banks to £3,282,000; Other Liabilities to £16,432,000.

Average assets in Australia amounted to £1,357,102,000. These comprised Cash and Cash Balances, £66,908,000; Special Accounts with Commonwealth Bank, £269,117,000; Balances with other Banks, £18,436,000; Treasury Bills, £51,602,000; Other Australian Public Securities, £121,927,000; Other Securities, £3,425,000; Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted, £776,762,000; All Other Assets, £48,925,000.

Classification of Advances within Australia—Commonwealth Bank and Private Trading Banks, p. 564.—Advances within Australia at the end of December, 1954 dissected by industries were:—Business advances—Agriculture, Dairying and Grazing, £210,567,000; Manufacturing, £160,576,000; Transport, Storage and Communication, £16,561,000; Finance and Property, £90,106,000; Commerce, £146,658,000; Miscellaneous, £56,567,000; Not elsewhere specified, £11,384,000; Total Business advances, £692,419,000; Advances to Public Authorities, £12,648,000; Personal advances, £158,968,000; Total, £864,035,000.

Clearing House Returns, p. 566.—The average weekly bank clearings in each capital city for the year ended June, 1955 were as follows:—Sydney, £102,891,000; Melbourne, £94,520,000; Brisbane, £21,840,000; Adelaide, £19,534,000; Perth, £13,547,000; Hobart, £3,639,000; Total, £255,971,000.

Debits to Customers' Accounts—All Cheque-paying Banks, p. 566.—The average weekly debits to customers' accounts in each State for the year 1954–55 for all cheque-paying banks (excluding debits to accounts of Australian Governments in capital cities) were as follows:—New South Wales, £187,471,000; Victoria, £176,165,000; Queensland, £55,873,000; South Australia, £36,287,000; Western Australia, £26,247,000; Tasmania, £10,716,000; Australian Capital Territory, £821,000; Total, £491,580,000.

§ 2. Savings Banks.

All Savings Banks, p. 569.—The amounts on deposit in the several States at 30th June, 1955 were:—New South Wales, £358,645,000; Victoria, £364,748,000; Queensland, £124,814,000; South Australia, £131,692,000; Western Australia, £53,629,000; Tasmania, £35,809,000; Northern Territory, £1,482,000; Australian Capital Territory, £2,575,000; Total, £1,073,394,000. Total excess of deposits over withdrawals during 1954–55 was £43,324,000, and interest added was £19,941,000.

The number of operative accounts in the several States at 30th June, 1955 was:—New South Wales, 2,336,000; Victoria, 2,154,000; Queensland, 869,000; South Australia, 767,000; Western Australia, 427,000; Tasmania, 279,000; Northern Territory, 10,000; Australian Capital Territory, 19,000; Total, 6,861,000.

D. INSURANCE.

§ 2. Life Assurance.

Life Assurance, pp. 581–6.—The following is a summary of the life assurance business transacted in Australia during 1954 (figures for 1953 in parentheses) compiled from monthly returns collected from the 22 companies registered under the Life Assurance Act 1945–1950, and excluding the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only within their respective States. Particulars shown are therefore not entirely comparable with those in Chapter XVI., which are derived from annual returns and include business of the State Government Offices.

Ordinary Department and Industrial Department, respectively:—New Policies issued in Australia—Number, 283,945 (288,026), 234,504 (259,704); Sum Assured, £271,148,000 (£244,860,000), £33,395,000 (£34,282,000); Policies Matured or Otherwise Discontinued in Australia—Number, 146,320 (133,141), 270,239 (257,805); Sum Assured, £86,828,000 (£74,380,000), £21,707,000 (£19,819,000). Particulars of annuities are excluded.

Premium receipts of Ordinary and Industrial Departments in Australia in 1954 amounted, respectively, to £58,696,000 (£53,004,000) and £14,417,000 (£14,006,000.) Claims, etc., paid amounted to £22,627,000 (£19,988,000) and £8,445,000 (£7,727,000), respectively. Particulars of annuities are included.

F. PROBATES AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

States, p. 593.—Amended particulars of the number and value of estates of deceased persons in South Australia for the year 1952 are as follows:—Probates—Estates, 2,712, gross value, £14,392,983, net value, £13,326,293; Letters of Administration—Estates, 977, gross value, £1,692,603, net value, £1,516,899; Total—Estates, 3,689, gross value, £16,085,586, net value, £14,843,192.

CHAPTER XVII.—PUBLIC FINANCE.

A. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

Consolidated Revenue Fund, pp. 598 and 606.—The table below shows details of revenue and expenditure for the years 1953-54 and 1954-55:—

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND: REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE. (£'000.)

Revenue.			Expenditure.		
Item.	Amount.		Item.	Amount.	
	1953-54.	1954-55.		1953-54.	1954-55.
Taxation—			Defence Services ..	162,148	153,790
Customs	94,757	101,254	War and Repatriation Services ..	120,262	120,325
Excise	125,460	143,149	Subsidies and Bounties ..	21,320	21,539
Sales Tax	95,689	100,449	Departmental	71,682	78,675
Land Tax	221	13	National Welfare Fund—		
Income Taxes (a) ..	528,181	532,916	Expenditure on Social		
Pay-roll Tax	40,384	41,455	Services	176,565	189,319
Estate Duty	1,977	9,614			
Entertainments Tax ..	—	2	Business Undertakings—		
Other Taxes	3,956	8,768	Postmaster - General's		
			Department	72,244	76,246
Total	900,450	937,613	Broadcasting Services ..	4,684	4,871
			Railways	3,529	3,622
Business Undertakings—			Total	80,457	84,739
Postmaster - General's			Territories	11,133	12,971
Department	67,798	72,825			
Broadcasting Services ..	3,867	3,875	Capital Works and Services—		
Railways	3,461	3,510	Defence Services	28,513	33,004
Total	75,126	80,210	Business Undertakings ..	29,649	29,213
			Other	63,052	64,754
Territories	2,195	2,419	Total	121,214	126,971
Other Revenue	45,019	47,199			
			Payments to or for States ..	195,647	200,729
			Other Expenditure	6,091	8,232
Grand Total	1,022,790	1,067,441	Grand Total	966,519	997,290

(a) Includes Wool Deduction.

NOTE.— Minus sign (—) denotes an excess of refunds.

C. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

Revenue and Expenditure, p. 637.—The following table shows particulars of Commonwealth and State revenue and expenditure during the year 1953-54 and estimated revenue and expenditure for the year 1954-55.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.(a)

(£'000.)

Government of—	Consolidated Revenue Fund.			Loan Fund— Net Expenditure on Works and Services.
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	
1953-54.				
New South Wales(b)	186,642	186,514	+ 128	56,727
Victoria	106,748	106,037	+ 711	42,510
Queensland	69,696	69,353	+ 343	18,451
South Australia	48,376	46,566	+ 1,810	22,061
Western Australia	43,596	43,699	— 103	14,194
Tasmania	13,285	13,270	+ 15	13,437
Six States	468,343	465,439	+ 2,904	167,380
Commonwealth	1,022,790	966,519	+ 56,271	41,386
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,491,133	1,431,958	+ 59,175	208,766
Adjusted	1,320,299	1,261,124	+ 59,175	208,766

1954-55: ESTIMATED.

New South Wales(b)	190,982	191,221	— 239	} (c)
Victoria	112,356	112,321	+ 35	
Queensland	72,900	72,796	+ 104	
South Australia	47,849	49,782	— 1,933	
Western Australia	45,257	45,398	— 141	
Tasmania	14,480	14,804	— 324	
Six States	483,824	486,322	— 2,498	(c)
Commonwealth (d)	1,067,441	997,290	+ 70,151	33,182
Grand Total—Unadjusted	1,551,265	1,483,612	+ 67,653	} (c)
Adjusted	1,375,815	1,308,162	+ 67,653	

(a) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States for compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts, special grants and special financial assistance, also pay-roll tax payments by States to the Commonwealth. The totals of revenue and expenditure of the States have also been adjusted. (b) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups of interest, etc., from undertakings outside the Budget. (c) Not available. (d) Actual receipts and expenditure.

D. COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

§ 3. Commonwealth and State Public Debt Outstanding.

Public Debt and Annual Interest Payable, pp. 641-2.—The following table shows details of the public debt of the Commonwealth and States and the annual interest payable thereon at 31st December, 1954.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1954.**

Particulars.	Maturing In—				Total. £'000.
	Australia.	London.	New York.	Switzerland.	
	£A'000.	£Stg.'000.	£'000.(a)	£'000.(b)	

DEBT.

Commonwealth—					
War (1914-18) ..	135,138	7,534	..	..	142,672
War (1939-45) ..	1,460,095	5,775	..	..	1,465,870
Works and other purposes	218,195	49,061	45,456	6,126	318,838
Total ..	1,813,428	62,370	45,456	6,126	1,927,380
States ..	1,459,573	287,887	20,479	..	1,767,939
Grand Total ..	3,273,001	350,257	65,935	6,126	3,695,319

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth ..	49,407	2,094	1,948	245	53,694
States ..	47,678	9,228	699	..	57,605
Grand Total ..	97,085	11,322	2,647	245	111,299

(a) £ payable in dollars which have been arbitrarily converted to £ at the rate of \$4.8665 to £1.
 (b) Loan raised in Switzerland has been converted to £ at the rate of 1,000 Swiss francs to £102 18. 10d. as provided in Loan Agreement.

§ 4. Commonwealth Loan Raisings.

Loans Raised, pp. 649-52.—Particulars of loans raised by the Commonwealth between 1st July, 1953 and 30th June, 1955 are given in the following table.

COMMONWEALTH LOANS RAISED, 1953-55.(a)

Month of Raising.	Where Raised.	Amount Invited.	Amount Sub-scribed.	Rate of Interest.	Year of Maturity.	Purpose.
		£'000.	£'000.	(b)		
1953-54—				%		
September, 1953 ..	Australia	50,000	{ 11,312 55,005	{ 3 4½	{ 1955 1966	Advances to States for Housing, £6,849,000; State purposes, £59,468,000.
“ “ ..	Australia	32,926	{ 12,235 16,739	{ 3 4½	{ 1955 1966	
November, 1953 ..	London	(c) 10,796	(c) 10,796	4	1966-68	Conversion and redemption. £10,796,000.
March, 1954 ..	Australia	35,000	{ 8,603 43,467	{ 3 4½	{ 1957 1961	Advances to States for Housing, £70,000; State purposes, £52,000,000.
“ “ ..	Australia	15,188	{ 6,563 7,634	{ 3 4½	{ 1957 1961	
June, 1954 ..	Australia	80,000	{ 16,000 64,000	{ 3 4½	{ 1957 1967	Conversion. £14,197,000. War (1939-45) and Repatriation Services, £5,407,000; Advances to States for Housing, £30,475,000; State purposes, £44,118,000.

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COMMONWEALTH LOANS RAISED, 1953-55(a)—continued.

Month of Raising.	Where Raised.	Amount Invited.	Amount Subscribed.	Rate of Interest.		Year of Maturity.	Purpose.
				In-	(b)		
		£'000.	£'000.	%			
1954-55—							
August, 1954	Australia	50,000	{ 7,853 43,502	3 4½	1957 1967	} State purposes, £46,505,000; Conversion, £4,959,000.	
November, 1954	Australia	125,000	{ 17,356 79,765	3 4½	1957 1968		} State purposes, £37,159,000; Conversion, £59,962,000.
December, 1954	New York	5,137	5,137	3½	1969	Conversion.	
March, 1955	Australia	40,000	{ 12,526 31,569	3 4½	1957 1968	} State purposes, £44,095,000. Conversion.	
" "	Australia	198,942	{ 64,652 124,222	3 4½	1957 1968		} £188,894,000. Conversion.
April, 1955	London	(c) 3,200	(c) 3,200	3½	1955	Conversion.	
June, 1955	Australia	48,000	{ 10,000 38,000	3 4½	1957 1968	} War (1939-45) and Repatriation Services, £3,458,000; Advances for housing, £29,201,000; State purposes, £15,347,000.	

(a) During 1953-54 and 1954-55 \$48,144,000 and \$52,604,000 respectively were drawn against loans made available by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development. In each year a loan of 60,000,000 Swiss francs was raised in Switzerland. (b) Australian loans bearing interest at 4½ per cent. were issued at par and those at 3 per cent. with the exception of loans raised in September, 1953, were issued at prices ranging from £99 5s. to £98 10s. London loans raised in 1953-54 and 1954-55 were issued at £99 10s. and par respectively. The New York loan was issued at £99. (c) Sterling.

CHAPTER XVIII.—MINERAL INDUSTRY.

§ 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.

Quantity and Value of Production, pp. 666-7.—In the table hereunder particulars are given of the quantity and value of production in Australia of the principal minerals during the years 1953 and 1954:—

MINERAL PRODUCTION: QUANTITIES AND VALUES, AUSTRALIA.

METALLIC MINERALS.

Year.	Principal Contents of Metallic Minerals Produced.								Total Value of Output of Metal Mining.
	Copper.	Gold.	Iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.	Sulphur. (d)	
	Tons.	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	£'000.
1953	36,585	1,075,181	12,131,865	269,344	12,539	1,553	239,324	225,197	62,819
1954 (c)	40,857	1,117,742	12,274,330	284,862	13,827	2,075	252,659	254,403	(d)

NON-METALLIC AND FUEL MINERALS.

Year.	Quantities Produced.						Total Value of Output of Non-metal and Fuel Mining.
	Coal.		Gypsum.	Limestone. (e)	Mica.	Salt.	
	Black.	Brown.					
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	lb.	Tons.	£'000.
1953	18,451	8,257	329,992	3,077,560	72,226	310,000	61,572
1954 (c)	11,751	9,751	452,716	3,452,364	112,112	272,000	(d)

(a) Includes sulphur content of spent oxide roasted. (b) Estimated. (c) Subject to revision. (d) Not yet available. (e) Excludes limestone used as a construction material.

The total value of output of all mining and quarrying in 1953 was £134,542,000.

CHAPTER XIX.—PASTORAL PRODUCTION.

Livestock, Meat and Wool Produced.—The following table shows, for each State, the numbers of live stock at 31st March, 1954, and 1955, and the amounts of meat and wool produced during 1953-54 and 1954-55 :—

LIVESTOCK, MEAT AND WOOL PRODUCED.									
Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
HORSES ('000.), p. 711.									
1954 ..	280	141	273	52	49	17	(a) 37	1	850
1955 (b)	258	132	267	49	47	16	(a) 33	1	803
CATTLE ('000.), p. 712.									
1954 ..	3,554	2,370	7,086	491	830	295	(a) 966	10	15,602
1955 (b)	3,461	2,456	7,238	524	861	319	(a) 969	8	15,830
SHEEP ('000.), p. 719.									
1954 ..	59,639	21,438	18,194	11,838	13,087	2,465	(a) 31	252	126,944
1955 (b)	59,200	22,330	20,222	12,817	13,411	2,595	(a) 29	245	130,849
PIGS ('000), p. 819.									
1954 ..	372	232	385	61	101	46	(a) 1	..	1,198
1955 (b)	375	264	407	85	107	58	(a) 1	..	1,297
BEEF, INCLUDING VEAL ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 716.									
1953-54 ..	221	140	258	34	35	11	3	2	704
1954-55 (b)	219	137	269	33	38	13	3	2	714
MUTTON AND LAMB ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 720.									
1953-54 ..	125	136	20	45	27	11	..	1	365
1954-55 (b)	122	151	17	50	27	12	..	1	380
TOTAL MEAT (INCLUDING PIG-MEATS) IN TERMS OF FRESH ('000 TONS BONE-IN WEIGHT)									
1953-54 ..	375	293	299	86	69	25	3	3	1,153
1954-55 (b)	374	310	309	90	74	29	3	3	1,192
WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED ('000 lb.), p. 723.									
Season—1953-54	544,934	223,481	174,414	145,509	134,442	20,116	290	2,276	1,245,462

(a) For year ended previous December.

(b) Preliminary, subject to revision.

CHAPTER XX.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

§ 3. Distribution, Production and Value of Crops.

Principal Crops, pp. 740-3.—The following table shows the area, production and average yield per acre of wheat in each State for 1953-54 and 1954-55.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN : AREA, PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
AREA ('000 ACRES).								
1953-54 ..	3,357	2,389	580	1,528	2,885	10	2	10,751
1954-55 (a) ..	2,919	2,390	688	1,689	2,979	7	1	10,673

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION AND AVERAGE YIELD—*continued.*

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
PRODUCTION ('000 BUSHEL).)								
1953-54	63 681	53,695	10,140	30,409	39,700	263	29	197,960
1954-55	37 718	40,484	16,478	31,463	34,300	158	5	168,606
AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE (BUSHEL).)								
1953-54	19.0	22.5	17.6	19.7	13.8	27.2	18.5	18.4
1954-55	12.9	20.3	24.0	18.6	11.5	21.7	6.5	15.8

The area, production and average yield per acre of other principal crops in Australia during 1953-54 are set out hereunder:—

Area (acres): Oats, 2,137,000; Maize, 179,000; Hay, 1,935,000; Sugar-cane, 354,000; Total Crops, 21,013,000.

Production: Oats, 32,961,000 bushels; Maize, 5,079,000 bushels; Hay, 3,049,000 tons; Sugar-cane crushed, 9,014,000 tons; Cane sugar, 1,254,000 tons.

Average Yield per Acre: Oats, 15.4 bushels; Maize, 28.4 bushels; Hay, 1.6 tons; Sugar-cane, 26.5 tons; Cane sugar, 3.7 tons. (Sugar-cane and cane sugar yields are per acre of productive crop.)

CHAPTER XXI.—FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Principal Farmyard, Dairy and Bee Products.—Particulars of the total production of these products in each State during 1953-54 and 1954-55 are shown below:—

PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
TOTAL WHOLE MILK PRODUCED ('000 GALS.), p. 812.								
1953-54	257,127	474,358	240,712	85,014	19,006	47,642	713	1,180,652
1954-55(a)	313,015	533,240	271,625	91,538	54,720	52,784	754	1,317,676
BUTTER(b) (TONS), p. 812.								
1953-54	31,354	61,306	12,154	7,862	6,281	7,533	5	159,585
1954-55(a)	40,289	80,269	46,215	8,752	7,313	8,624	5	191,467
CHEESE(b) (TONS), p. 814.								
1953-54	3,710	25,987	6,746	11,612	1,208	294	..	49,057
1954-55(a)	2,509	20,224	7,924	13,103	1,069	277	..	45,106
PORK (TONS, BONE-IN WEIGHT), p. 820.								
1953-54	12,049	7,332	7,216	2,253	2,032	1,399	146	(c) 33,396
1954-55(a)	17,096	10,558	8,370	3,356	3,947	1,036	144	(d) 45,462
BACON AND HAM (TONS, CURED WEIGHT), p. 821.								
1953-54	11,875	7,044	10,655	3,024	3,443	949	..	36,990
1954-55(a)	11,539	8,253	10,805	3,318	3,310	1,019	..	38,244

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PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS—
continued.

Season.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
SHELL EGGS : PRODUCTION(e) RECORDED BY EGG BOARDS ('000 DOZ.), p. 822.								
1953-54	51,884	25,306	8,555	12,040	9,283	934	..	108,002
1954-55	55,057	26,377	8,312	12,359	8,909	889	..	111,903

HONEY ('000 lb.), p. 825.

1953-54	10,381	9,382	2,888	6,378	6,325	365	18	35,737
1954-55(a)	16,411	8,834	1,732	3,671	2,721	215	20	33,604

(a) Preliminary, subject to revision. (b) Includes an estimate of farm production.
(c) Includes Northern Territory, 69 tons. (d) Includes Northern Territory, 65 tons. (e) Receipts from consignors and sales by producer agents.

CHAPTER XXIV.—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

Summary, p. 857.—The tables following give a summary of operations in manufacturing industries during 1952-53 and 1953-54.

FACTORIES : 1952-53, SUMMARY.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1. Factories No.	19,251	15,154	5,068	3,339	3,424	1,504	47,740
2. Persons employed(a) .. "	380,213	310,759	93,123	80,483	45,188	23,495	933,261
3. Salaries and wages paid(b) £'000	265,910	210,878	57,591	56,546	28,344	15,976	635,245
4. Value of power, fuel light, etc., used .. £'000	53,630	25,626	9,624	11,806	6,175	2,476	109,337
5. " materials used .. £'000	627,954	476,489	187,572	133,818	63,943	38,029	1,527,805
6. " production(c) .. £'000	457,742	358,032	98,209	89,189	49,192	30,498	1,082,862
7. " output of factories £'000	1,139,326	860,147	295,405	234,813	119,310	71,003	2,720,004
8. " land and buildings £'000	176,576	135,324	34,720	31,904	20,960	14,962	474,446
9. " plant and machinery .. £'000	207,733	147,365	51,670	40,111	24,035	22,620	493,534

FACTORIES : 1953-54, SUMMARY.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1. Factories No.	20,199	15,533	5,199	3,577	3,523	1,545	49,576
2. Persons employed(a) .. "	402,595	331,277	98,119	85,503	47,459	24,589	989,542
3. Salaries and wages paid(b) £'000	293,586	236,037	63,432	63,110	31,591	17,381	705,137
4. Value of power, fuel, light, etc., used .. £'000	58,447	29,080	10,655	12,500	6,972	2,804	120,458
5. " materials used .. £'000	721,311	448,111	207,383	152,590	72,468	42,042	1,743,905
6. " production(c) .. £'000	520,043	408,314	114,323	100,221	55,147	33,065	1,231,113
7. " output of factories £'000	1,299,801	985,505	332,361	265,311	134,587	77,911	3,095,476
8. " land and buildings £'000	196,724	158,389	40,003	36,579	24,739	26,997	483,431
9. " plant and machinery .. £'000	233,022	181,058	64,160	46,788	28,195	27,492	580,715

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

Value of Production in Classes of Industry, p. 878.—The following table shows, for the years 1952-53 and 1953-54 the value of production in Australia for the various classes of factories.

FACTORIES : VALUE OF PRODUCTION, AUSTRALIA, 1952-53 and 1953-54.
(£.)

Class of Industry.	Value of Production, 1952-53.	Value of Production, 1953-54.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	23,286,986	26,566,622
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	22,169,594	26,229,841
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease	67,835,182	82,317,393
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances	421,274,398	472,365,771
V. Precious, Metals, Jewellery and Plate	5,239,518	6,406,499
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods	64,832,793	78,557,890
VII. Skins and Leather	15,838,003	16,613,246
VIII. Clothing	82,786,579	93,562,630
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco	164,332,656	177,880,375
X. Woodworking and Basketware	58,245,324	65,730,950
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	19,314,637	21,367,281
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	68,293,350	79,311,831
XIII. Rubber	16,627,325	21,101,414
XIV. Musical Instruments	1,378,091	1,845,432
XV. Miscellaneous Products	18,352,216	23,037,258
XVI. Heat, Light and Power	33,055,046	38,218,901
Total	1,082,861,698	1,231,113,334

Principal Factory Products, pp. 885-8.—The following table shows the production during 1953-54 and 1954-55 of a selection of the principal commodities manufactured in Australia :—

QUANTITY OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES PRODUCED IN FACTORIES : AUSTRALIA.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1953-54.(a)	1954-55.(a)	Item.	Unit of Quantity.	1953-54.(a)	1954-55.(a)
Acid, Sulphuric (100%)	'000 tons	732	827	Lacquers	'000 gals.	1,307	1,479
Asbestos Cement Building Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	25.0	27.7	Malt	'000 bus.	7,253	7,730
Beer	Mill. gals.	208.6	228.8	Margarine .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Biscuits	Mill. lb.	150.5	149.7	Table	Mill. lb.	21.9	21.8
Blankets	'000 prs.	601	771	Other .. .. .	.. .. .	49.9	49.7
Boots, Shoes and Sandals	Mill. prs.	19.9	19.1	Meat, Tinned .. .. .	.. .. .	160.3	172.4
Bricks, Clay	Mill.	793	831	Motors, Electric	'000	971.5	1185.1
Cement, Portland	'000 tons	1,700	1,922	Newsprint	'000 tons	60.4	73.1
Cloth, Woollen	Mill. sq. yds.	32.6	28.4	Paints, Oil	'000 gals.	5,180	6,252
Confectionery—				Refrigerators, Domestic	'000	274.5	279.3
Chocolate	Mill. lb.	62.6	56.7	Soap	'000 cwt.	1,233	1,270
Other .. .. .	.. .. .	76.9	80.8	Socks and Stockings—	'000	.. .. .	.. .. .
Electricity	Mill. kWh	13,587	15,298	Men's and Boys'	doz. prs.	1,845	1,679
Enamels	'000 gals.	2,699	3,624	Women's and Girls' .. .. .	.. .. .	2,793	3,053
Engines, Internal Combustion—				Children's .. .. .	.. .. .	570	421
Petrol, Marine(c)	'000	1.4	1.3	Stoves, Cooking—			
Other(d) .. .. .	.. .. .	27.5	21.6	Electric—Domestic	'000	37.2	47.2
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	Mill. sq. yds.	16.2	17.3	Cookers, Stovettes etc. .. .. .	.. .. .	34.3	38.0
Flour, Wheat	'000 short tons	1,609	1,538	Gas .. .. .	.. .. .	43.0	58.8
Fruit, Preserved(e)	Mill. lb.	338.6	318.2	Solid Fuel .. .. .	.. .. .	50.4	50.5
Gas(f)	mill. cub. ft.	42,100	43,322	Sugar, Refined	'000 tons	449	479
Ice Cream .. .. .	.. .. .	13.7	14.8	Sulphate of Ammonia .. .. .	.. .. .	70.8	77.8
Iron and Steel—				Superphosphate .. .. .	.. .. .	1,771	1,961
Pig Iron	'000 tons	1,827	1,865	Tiles, Roofing—			
Ingot Steel .. .. .	.. .. .	2,117	2,209	Cement	Mill.	41.6	52.2
Jam	Mill. lb.	85.7	78.7	Terracotta .. .. .	.. .. .	63.6	63.4
				Timber, Sawn Native	Mill. sup. ft.	1,395	1,423
				Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes	Mill. lb.	41.8	44.8
				Vegetables, preserved(g) .. .. .	.. .. .	40.3	46.9
				Wool, Scoured .. .. .	.. .. .	139	136
				Yarn, Woollen and Worsted .. .. .	.. .. .	45.2	43.6

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes waste beer. (c) Other than diesel type. (d) Excludes motor car, motor cycle, truck, tractor and aero engines. (e) Includes all types of preserved apples. (f) Made in gas-works only. (g) Includes preserved tomatoes.

CHAPTER XXVII.—DEFENCE.

Australian Participation in Korea, Malaya and the Middle East, p. 988—(i) *Korea.*
 (a) *Casualties.* The number of casualties sustained by the Australian forces in the Korean campaign is shown in the following table:—

Particulars.	Royal Australian Navy.	Australian Military Forces.	Royal Australian Air Force.	All Services.
Battle Casualties—				
Killed (including died of wounds) ..	1	252	25	278
Missing (all categories) ..	3	21	4	28
Prisoners-of-war ..	..	16	6	(a) 22
Wounded in action (including shell-shock) ..	6	1,062	..	1,068
Total Battle Casualties ..	10	1,351	35	1,396
Other Casualties—				
Accidental and other deaths ..	..	14	11	25
Accidental wounds and injuries ..	..	172	..	172
Total Casualties ..	10	1,537	46	1,593

(a) Includes 21 prisoners-of-war repatriated since the armistice and one who died while a prisoner-of-war.

(b) *Prisoner-of-War Exchange Agreement.* As a result of talks between United Nations and Chinese delegates at Panmunjom during April, 1953, the Chinese agreed to release 600 United Nations sick and wounded prisoners-of-war in exchange for 5,100 North Korean and 700 Chinese prisoners. The exchange programme commenced on 23rd April, 1953, and 100 United Nations personnel were exchanged daily. The only Australians released were four captured on 25th January, 1953, and one captured on 14th January, 1953. All were released at Panmunjom on 23rd April, 1953. Under the terms of the Armistice Agreement signed at Panmunjom at 1000 hours on 27th July, 1953, all prisoners-of-war who insisted on repatriation were to be handed over within 60 days to the side to which they belonged at the time of capture. Fifteen Australian Army personnel and six R.A.A.F. personnel were released as a result of the agreement.

(c) *Awards.* The following table shows the number of operational awards granted for services in the Korean campaign:—

Award.	Royal Australian Navy.	Australian Military Forces.	Royal Australian Air Force.	All Services.
British—				
Commander Order of British Empire (C.B.E.) ..	1	2	..	3
Distinguished Service Order (D.S.O.) ..	2	6	3	11
Officer Order of British Empire (O.B.E.) ..	..	13	1	14
Member Order of British Empire (M.B.E.) ..	2	18	3	23
Distinguished Service Cross (D.S.C.) ..	11	..	..	11
Distinguished Service Cross, Bar ..	3	..	..	3
Military Cross (M.C.) ..	..	26	..	26
Military Cross, Bar ..	..	1	..	1
Distinguished Flying Cross (D.F.C.) ..	..	..	45	45
Distinguished Flying Cross, Bar ..	..	..	6	6
Air Force Cross (A.F.C.) ..	..	..	12	12
Air Force Cross, Bar ..	..	..	1	1

NUMBER OF OPERATIONAL AWARDS IN KOREAN CAMPAIGN—*continued.*

Award.	Royal Australian Navy.	Australian Military Forces.	Royal Australian Air Force.	All Service.
British—				
Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field (D.C.M.) .. .. .	..	4	..	4
Medal for Distinguished Conduct in the Field, Bar .. .. .	..	1	..	1
George Medal (G.M.) .. .. .	..	1	..	1
Distinguished Service Medal	3	..	..	3
Military Medal .. .. .	..	44	..	44
Military Medal, Bar .. .. .	..	1	..	1
Distinguished Flying Medal (D.F.M.) .. .. .	..	..	18	18
British Empire Medal (B.E.M.)	4	4	..	8
Mention in Despatches	36	102	154	292
Commendation for Meritorious Service in the Air .. .. .	..	..	15	15
Total British	62	223	258	543
Foreign—				
United States—				
Silver Star .. .. .	..	5	..	5
Bronze Star	1	6	1	8
Legion of Merit	1	4	1	6
Distinguished Flying Cross .. .. .	..	2	17	19
Air Medal .. .. .	..	2	107	109
Korean Order of Military Merit .. .. .	..	1	..	1
Total Foreign	2	20	126	148
Grand Total	64	243	384	691

In addition the following unit citations were awarded:—

Army. For its part in the Battle of Kapyong on 23rd–24th April, 1951, the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, was awarded the Distinguished Unit Citation by the President of the United States of America.

Air Force. The Government of the Republic of Korea awarded a Presidential Unit Citation to No. 77 (Interceptor/Fighter) Squadron.

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