

§ 8. Ferries.

1. **New South Wales.**—The ferry services in Port Jackson are under the control of three companies, which during the year 1931 had 57 vessels in commission, 55 of which were double-ended screw steamers, the remaining two being motor driven. It is claimed for the steamers that they are superior in size and equipment to boats employed on similar service in any other part of the world.

2. **Victoria.**—The Williamstown City Council owned one steamer which was engaged in the transport of passengers between Port Melbourne and Williamstown until 27th December, 1930, from which date the service was discontinued. There are several other steamers which are engaged during the summer season in the carriage of passengers and goods to the several seaside resorts. Particulars of these services, however, are not included in the table in sub-par. 6 following.

3. **Queensland.**—The Brisbane City Council and the Balmoral Shire Council control the ferry services in the Metropolitan area, but such ferries are really substitutes for bridges and have therefore not been included in the table hereunder.

4. **Western Australia.**—The ferries plying on the Swan River during 1931 were operated by a private company, and consisted of 8 petrol-driven vessels. At South Perth the Western Australian Government employed 3 vessels, 1 of which was a steamer.

5. **Tasmania.**—In and around Hobart there were in 1931, 4 ferry services, 2 being controlled by private companies which had 2 steamers in commission, 1 by the Public Works Department with 2 motor-propelled vessels, and 1 by the Railway Department with 1 steamer.

6. **Particulars of Working.**—The subjoined table shows for the year 1931, so far as returns are available, the most important items in connexion with the operation of the ferry services in the several States :—

FERRIES.—PARTICULARS OF WORKING, 1931.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria. (d)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Total.
Boats in Service—					
Steam .. No.	55	1	1	3	60
Other .. No.	2	..	10	2	14
Total .. No.	57	1	11	5	74
Number of passengers which boats are licensed to carry .. No.	44,066	342	1,622	1,629	47,659
Revenue .. £	697,388	393	13,609	22,413	733,803
Working Expenses .. £	556,701	1,488	15,082	24,521	597,792
Passengers carried (b) No.	46,215,111	16,644	1,216,455	1,136,880	48,585,090
Mileage of Boats miles	(a)	2,808	77,701	(b)96,500	(c)177,009
Accidents—					
Killed .. No.	1	1
Injured .. No.	72	12	84
Employees—					
Salaried Staff No.	78	..	2	8	88
Wages Staff No.	926	6	30	29	991

(a) Not available. (b) Approximate. (c) Incomplete. (d) Service discontinued as from 27th December, 1930.

7. **Other Services.**—In addition to the foregoing there are throughout the several States a number of row-boat ferry services, and on many of the principal inland rivers punts are in operation.

§ 9. Miscellaneous.

1. **Lighthouses.**—Transport and Communication Bulletin No. 14, published by this Bureau, contains a list of the principal lighthouses on the coast of Australia, giving details of the location, number, colour, character, period, candle-power, and visibility of each light so far as particulars were available.