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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics. AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th June, 1944.			Population—Capital Cities. 31st Dec., 1943.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,437,380	1,433,576	2,870,956	1,308,000
Victoria	87,884	903,241	917,017	1,820,258	987,347	1,010,457	1,997,804	1,170,000
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	519,882	515,732	1,035,614	370,500
S. Aust.	380,070	290,982	280,387	580,369	308,309	313,580	621,889	362,500
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,916	438,852	252,508	232,899	485,407	263,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	123,892	121,542	245,434	70,800
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	4,050	1,129	5,179	(b)
A.C.T.	930	4,805	4,142	8,947	7,145	7,300	14,445	12,200
Australia	2,974,681	3,307,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,070,213	3,636,424	7,306,637	3,647,000 (c)

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Not available. (c) Excludes Darwin, N.T.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

31st Dec.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
								(b)	
1909	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	496,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,000	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,272	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,064	8,719	6,599,761
1939	2,762,789	1,886,256	1,019,133	598,910	468,833	242,524	6,212	12,666	6,997,326
1940	2,782,091	1,918,367	1,031,525	599,398	472,660	243,363	6,299	14,686	7,068,689
1941	2,802,014	1,951,415	1,039,987	607,847	474,317	241,681	5,570	14,391	7,137,222
1942	2,833,133	1,968,226	1,040,536	613,069	479,882	242,151	4,562	14,773	7,196,632
1943a	2,845,930	1,995,769	1,058,094	620,698	482,454	244,056	5,155	14,285	7,266,441

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
								(b)	
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,785	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,999	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,065	3,403	..	4,370,186
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,339,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1940	2,772,185	1,903,753	1,026,124	599,119	470,922	240,447	6,255	13,599	7,032,361
1941	2,791,169	1,936,725	1,037,416	602,119	473,811	239,824	6,276	14,704	7,102,053
1942	2,818,269	1,964,838	1,037,972	610,813	478,722	240,782	4,890	14,977	7,170,863
1943c	2,841,227	1,980,289	1,051,636	615,484	479,624	242,345	5,144	14,115	7,229,864
1944c	2,870,956	1,997,841	1,065,414	621,993	483,907	245,434	5,179	14,456	7,306,637

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales. (c) Subject to revision.

Note.—The populations shown for 1930 and subsequent years have been revised in the light of data obtained from the Civilian Register of June, 1943, and include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State from which they were enlisted and irrespective of whether they are within Australia or overseas.

Owing to war conditions records of interstate migration are unsatisfactory and estimates of State populations subsequent to June, 1943, are still subject to adjustment for interstate migration. It is anticipated that estimates for these quarters will be revised in the light of data obtained from the Occupation Survey of June, 1945.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Year ended 31st December, 1944.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	
New South Wales	30,300	29,253	59,613	14,494	12,158	26,652	26,426
Victoria ..	20,142	19,216	39,358	10,644	9,858	20,502	17,857
Queensland ..	12,558	11,963	24,521	5,445	3,940	9,385	11,325
South Australia ..	6,798	6,513	13,311	3,168	2,816	5,984	6,019
Western Australia ..	5,644	5,326	10,870	2,064	1,814	4,478	4,506
Tasmania ..	2,697	2,503	5,200	1,335	1,159	2,494	1,935
Northern Territory	44	45	89	25	6	31	31
Australian Capital Territory ..	199	185	384	45	25	70	102
Australia ..	78,342	75,004	153,346	37,820	31,776	69,596	68,201

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
BIRTHS—NUMBER.					
New South Wales ..	49,382	51,729	52,647	57,265	59,613
Victoria ..	31,962	34,406	35,927	39,117	39,358
Queensland ..	20,412	21,519	21,166	23,234	24,521
South Australia ..	10,017	10,965	11,278	13,145	13,311
Western Australia ..	9,121	10,118	9,901	10,481	10,870
Tasmania ..	4,904	5,206	5,305	5,597	5,200
Northern Territory	173	216	92	80	89
Australian Capital Territory	286	366	392	376	384
Australia ..	126,347	134,525	136,708	149,295	153,346

BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

			(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	17.81	18.53	18.68	20.16
Victoria ..	16.79	17.77	18.28	19.75
Queensland ..	19.89	20.74	20.39	22.09
South Australia ..	16.72	18.21	18.46	21.36
Western Australia ..	19.37	21.35	20.68	21.85
Tasmania ..	20.77	21.71	22.04	23.10
Northern Territory	27.66	34.42	18.81	15.55
Australian Capital Territory	21.10	24.89	26.80	26.58
Australia ..	17.97	18.94	19.06	20.65

(a) Preliminary rates.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.					
New South Wales ..	26,142	27,300	29,219	28,870	26,652
Victoria ..	20,293	20,522	21,073	21,327	20,502
Queensland ..	9,203	9,530	9,622	10,576	9,385
South Australia ..	5,768	6,288	6,712	6,482	5,984
Western Australia ..	4,486	4,769	5,076	4,587	4,478
Tasmania ..	2,387	2,575	2,430	2,527	2,494
Northern Territory	86	122	83	49	31
Australian Capital Territory ..	78	70	76	68	70
Australia ..	68,384	71,176	75,191	74,486	69,596

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

			(a)	(a)
New South Wales ..	9.43	9.78	10.37	10.16
Victoria ..	10.66	10.60	11.18	10.77
Queensland ..	8.97	9.19	9.27	10.06
South Australia ..	9.53	10.44	10.99	10.53
Western Australia ..	9.53	10.07	10.99	9.56
Tasmania ..	9.93	10.74	10.69	10.43
Northern Territory	13.75	17.44	16.97	9.53
Australian Capital Territory	5.75	4.76	5.20	4.82
Australia ..	9.72	10.02	10.49	10.30

(a) Preliminary rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	30,364	29,983	34,533	26,302
Victoria ..	22,290	20,898	23,636	18,356
Queensland ..	10,287	9,885	11,722	9,979
South Australia ..	6,950	6,855	8,129	6,263
Western Australia ..	5,234	5,077	5,441	4,528
Tasmania ..	2,476	2,150	2,431	2,102
Northern Territory	154	179	53	46
Australian Capital Territory	125	121	115	97
Australia ..	77,889	75,148	86,060	67,673

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.					
			(a)	(a)	(a)
New South Wales	10.95	10.74	12.25	9.26	9.20
Victoria	11.71	10.79	12.03	9.27	8.94
Queensland	10.01	9.53	11.29	9.40	10.63
South Australia	11.60	11.38	13.31	10.18	9.68
Western Australia	11.11	10.72	11.37	9.44	9.28
Tasmania	10.30	8.96	10.10	8.67	7.88
Northern Territory	24.62	28.52	10.84	8.94	5.99
Australian Capital Territory	9.22	8.23	7.86	6.87	7.06
Australia	11.08	10.58	12.00	9.36	9.33

(a) Preliminary rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,927	2,264	2,116	2,672	1,829
Victoria	1,261	1,246	1,497	1,399	1,259
Queensland	721	842	736	878	767
South Australia	356	356	448	482	384
Western Australia	403	357	365	342	355
Tasmania	176	255	225	227	199
Northern Territory	8	18	4	6	2
Australian Capital Territory	3	6	9	7	9
Australia	4,855	5,344	5,400	5,413	4,804

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales	39.02	43.77	40.19	36.18	30.68
Victoria	39.45	36.21	41.67	35.76	32.99
Queensland	35.32	39.13	34.73	37.79	31.28
South Australia	35.64	32.47	39.72	36.67	28.85
Western Australia	44.18	35.28	36.80	32.63	32.66
Tasmania	35.24	48.98	42.41	40.56	38.27
Northern Territory	46.24	85.33	43.48	75.00	22.47
Australian Capital Territory	10.49	16.39	22.96	18.62	23.44
Australia	38.43	39.72	39.60	36.20	31.33

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(a) 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943 ..	3,893	2,232	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,319	4,291	9,610	(a) 2,183

(a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41	12,644,646	1,722,902	302,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,300	2,758,128	352,118	20,450,345
1942-43	9,280,345	1,406,913	284,592	2,359,115	329,051	17,419,717
1943-44(a)	7,860,470	1,413,682	282,685	2,041,369	336,440	15,882,285

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

TOTAL PRODUCTION						
Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38 ..	187,255,673	17,105,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,610	810,319
1938-39 ..	155,308,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457
1941-42 ..	106,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	3,574,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884,053	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899
1943-44(a) ..	109,558,721	17,694,047	7,432,619	2,716,936	3,687,981	525,000

(a) Subject to revision.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38 ..	13.63	12.10	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.96
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.67	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.32	19.47	2.70
1943-44(b) ..	13.94	12.62	26.29	1.33	16.09	2.29

(a) Per acre of productive crop. (b) Subject to revision.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1939-40 ..	4,380,505	2,827,417	362,044	2,734,505	2,970,411	7,405	2,448	13,285,005
1940-41 ..	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941-42 ..	3,908,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,453,419	6,414	1,294	12,003,483
1942-43 ..	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44 ..	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,308	1,533,816	1,552,358	4,840	1,418	7,860,470
1944-45(a) ..	3,044,000	2,651,400	500,000	1,755,000	1,486,000	5,000	2,000	8,846,000

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1939-40 ..	76,552,060	45,654,562	6,794,060	41,071,600	40,801,000	107,719	45,393	210,487,306
1940-41 ..	23,883,100	13,521,422	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,000,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941-42 ..	48,500,000	46,953,840	3,079,898	30,511,112	37,500,000	145,101	22,824	166,712,865
1942-43 ..	51,603,045	41,808,107	5,106,065	36,525,450	20,000,000	73,320	27,087	155,727,983
1943-44 ..	47,500,000	19,733,922	5,088,492	20,000,471	10,354,044	122,141	39,551	109,558,721
1944-45(a) ..	18,000,000	4,000,000	7,000,000	9,000,000	15,500,000	100,000	12,000	53,612,000

(a) Estimated.

PRODUCTION.

Principal Crops—Australia—continued.
AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1939-40	17.48	15.03	14.77	15.02	13.70	14.37	18.54	15.84
1940-41	5.37	5.06	17.46	6.97	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.50
1941-42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.12	14.13	22.04	17.64	13.89
1942-43	17.04	19.49	14.05	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943-44	17.64	11.00	18.09	13.49	10.43	27.75	13.04	13.04
1944-45a	5.90	1.91	14.00	5.13	10.43	20.00	6.00	6.06

(a) Estimated.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
SHEEP.									
1938	51,563,181	18,863,467	22,407,970	8,904,402	8,732,076	2,520,950	26,856	263,616	113,372,514
1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,025,090	29,301	245,540	111,057,832
1940	54,372,472	18,251,870	24,100,631	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,077,120	38,587	359,408	119,305,391
1941	56,508,000	20,412,362	25,806,090	10,203,423	9,510,272	2,682,375	33,703	291,791	122,694,025
1942	56,737,000	20,508,201	25,196,245	10,245,804	9,722,780	2,308,201	28,245	262,563	125,189,120
1943a	56,043,508	19,614,040	25,606,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,220,006	34,603	250,344	124,614,672
1944a	56,837,300	19,220,457	25,255,584	10,359,609	11,012,936	2,187,799	25,575	274,642	123,173,962
CATTLE.									
1938	3,019,581	1,880,429	5,959,105	324,163	740,241	254,812	891,640	8,325	13,078,356
1939	2,811,884	1,667,295	5,007,089	318,807	767,689	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1940	2,762,653	1,787,507	5,198,798	351,013	799,173	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1941	2,769,061	1,822,366	5,210,816	376,654	788,928	259,104	922,304	6,006	13,080,180
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	5,303,467	390,143	839,731	262,531	892,881	7,432	13,600,754
1943a	3,030,546	2,022,602	5,406,310	424,253	831,231	244,681	978,434	6,907	14,005,320
1944a	3,143,378	2,013,033	5,524,550	414,007	870,939	230,127	978,569	8,093	14,183,676

HORSES.

1938	528,625	359,106	445,910	197,334	151,007	31,578	31,062	1,225	1,746,513
1939	531,355	343,828	444,621	196,884	143,074	30,458	33,191	1,106	1,724,056
1940	534,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,065	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,601	431,363	171,092	124,402	28,612	28,209	1,283	1,611,059
1943a	483,277	292,534	392,339	164,655	112,782	27,077	24,663	1,148	1,517,970
1944a	476,602	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	23,534	1,151	1,449,190

Pigs.

1938	356,765	285,259	282,041	66,847	64,598	43,007	388	417	1,100,082
1939	377,344	252,462	335,320	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	576	1,155,501
1940	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,660	140,604	44,041	483	601	1,455,841
1941	507,788	397,945	435,966	190,008	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942a	454,102	285,227	424,458	110,703	147,000	44,519	418	854	1,477,303
1943a	486,900	307,929	406,348	196,242	151,368	49,251	539	779	1,568,000
1944a	461,204	337,878	450,301	186,007	163,876	46,427	491	657	1,746,721

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at March.

(c) As at 31st March.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1937-38	496,824,150	178,890,311	617,471,280	86,006,388	70,684,855	15,598,500	35,000	1,023,990,304
1938-39	430,049,939	165,829,182	617,958,589	102,888,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	993,681,974
1939-40	548,505,098	179,125,520	616,770,277	105,265,869	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,694,037
1940-41	539,035,440	187,831,364	621,474,450	100,446,992	76,170,000	17,078,157	308,128	1,141,774,495
1941-42	549,203,170	212,919,041	604,110,026	105,124,013	78,560,000	16,985,404	308,000	1,167,168,654
1942-43	499,443,158	212,325,138	613,866,182	108,637,004	99,230,000	17,256,000	308,000	1,151,166,507
1943-44	539,300,000	199,800,000	594,000,000	115,400,000	97,000,000	17,900,000	308,000	1,164,308,000

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) For year ended previous 31st December.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38	53,966	63,090	52,788	10,013	6,863	5,350	8	192,082
1938-39	53,045	58,201	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	208,500
1939-40	52,149	63,583	63,771	10,340	6,942	5,305	7	211,987
1940-41	48,466	60,787	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,898
1941-42	30,831	62,864	45,882	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,631
1942-43	43,873	56,105	50,541	9,180	7,027	4,505	6	171,237
1943-44(a)	41,234	49,549	45,976	8,241	6,573	3,797	6	156,376

BUTTER.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38	3,574	7,551	5,341	6,027	395	1,683	..	25,271
1938-39	3,343	8,729	7,030	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1939-40	3,038	10,935	6,182	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940-41	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941-42	2,348	10,054	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,143
1942-43	2,350	11,280	12,737	8,069	731	1,032	..	30,130
1943-44(a)	2,406	11,438	11,275	8,806	807	1,003	..	35,795

BACON AND HAM.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38	2,542	7,454	(b) 8,753	2,766	(b) 1,786	1,090	1	31,402
1938-39	11,704	7,370	8,482	2,073	1,584	1,015	..	33,338
1939-40	11,627	7,985	8,947	3,146	2,080	1,292	..	35,083
1940-41	14,001	8,940	10,399	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,590
1941-42	15,293	8,802	10,923	3,942	2,706	937	1	42,464
1942-43	13,082	8,855	13,057	4,428	4,142	1,238	..	40,802
1943-44(a)	14,116	9,327	12,555	5,118	4,372	1,382	..	40,870

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Excludes bacon and ham made from green bacon.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938	1,592,084	11,680,156	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939	1,645,607	13,536,142	(b)	1,104,805	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940	1,643,909	11,725,683	(b)	1,212,006	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941	1,496,608	14,212,451	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1942	1,153,787	14,903,480	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1943	751,277	14,163,996	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1944(a)	657,028	13,737,075	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June.

(b) Not available.

(c) Subject to revision.

VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939	848,985	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,595	163,414	16,002,472
1940	1,008,692	1,924,304	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,619,950
1941	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,908	11,852,462	212,710	201,599	15,990,650
1942	807,436	1,060,810	904,214	13,930	9,865,806	191,835	128,035	12,000,166
1943	606,491	690,641	656,657	5,423	5,710,693	190,209	40,880	7,850,864
1944(b)	655,728	566,730	511,894	5,237	4,885,850	174,458	57,571	6,857,468

SILVER AND LEAD.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938	3,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,046
1939	3,540,440	859	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,862,953
1940	4,454,085	949	1,342,550	391	35,107	500,218	..	6,333,324
1941	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,349	837	37,648	483,643	..	6,255,800
1942	4,168,421	2,227	1,034,550	35,585	23,916	358,966	..	5,623,665

(a) Except for Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency. (b) Subject to revision.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	87,005	203,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	4,362	893,080	
1939 ..	105,407	289,927	6,012	1,373	698,561	2,248	1,074,128	
1940 ..	103,701	428,203	21,083	873	717,464	1,072	1,272,456	
1941 ..	117,400	413,906	41,390	154	721,085	3,165	1,505,390	
1942 ..	277,376	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879	
TIN.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	286,768	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	3,205	711,628	
1939 ..	360,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,709	4,487	905,179
1940 ..	373,455	32,553	223,626	..	5,174	367,127	4,533	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,282	..	1,874	328,340	4,041	1,001,179
1942 ..	417,210	19,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,827	896,017
COAL (Black and Brown).								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	5,805,842	539,822	958,884	..	375,083	61,991	7,539,622	
1939 ..	6,708,059	645,766	1,167,841	..	362,811	74,400	9,019,540	
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,688	8,327,341	
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,754	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	10,871,870	
1942 ..	9,472,363	880,806	1,695,211	1,650	461,495	108,291	12,622,728	

ALL MINERALS.

1938 ..	10,731,301	1,884,015	3,066,119	2,932,478	10,844,460	1,889,804	214,724	32,462,095
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,160	4,556,062	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1940 ..	12,791,408	2,506,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,617	311,024	40,062,784
1941 ..	15,673,823	2,711,508	5,300,900	3,187,038	12,309,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,256,586
1942 ..	16,258,604	1,980,972	5,023,195	3,012,973	9,487,562	2,494,119	204,366	38,462,181

ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,199	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	69,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	461,993
1939-40 ..	95,784	104,972	62,070	15,347	36,839	212,488	527,500
1940-41 ..	70,406	110,959	62,620	17,170	40,063	248,751	549,927
1941-42 ..	94,451	120,000	64,857	18,671	41,257	306,426	645,662
1942-13(b) ..	111,230	133,246	71,681	19,330	38,462	311,106	715,118

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the tables following, owing to the inclusion in these tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.
(b) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1936-37 ..	25,668	523,408	90,123,132	246,203,232	260,578,003	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38 ..	26,395	550,160	102,078,550	257,098,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,770,141
1938-39 ..	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,146	203,416,610	500,119,077
1939-40 ..	27,111	587,663	114,517,033	285,209,357	315,076,697	221,205,153	553,253,317
1940-41 ..	27,300	650,073	137,919,038	305,149,890	337,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941-42 ..	26,971	725,342	180,052,312	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,430,028	773,058,971
1942-43 ..	26,414	779,055	204,896,811	344,559,731	477,720,073	352,092,568	848,485,656

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1941-42.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,166	8,918	2,788	2,167	1,038	994	26,971
2. Hands employed (a) ..	298,245	258,400	61,909	85,252	23,980	17,550	725,342
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	75,757,858	64,363,277	14,470,768	16,234,161	5,409,568	3,720,779	180,085,212
4. Value of fuel used .. £	11,228,813	6,144,579	1,915,087	2,060,010	1,399,228	705,746	23,459,463
5. " materials used .. £	189,469,148	149,198,587	49,384,624	33,204,628	12,452,275	8,309,018	433,160,480
6. " production .. £	133,700,351	110,937,814	24,830,339	24,565,855	10,100,531	7,214,338	316,439,028
7. " output of fact's. £	339,488,312	257,281,080	76,130,050	59,896,493	23,562,034	10,311,002	773,058,971
8. " land & buildings .. £	65,015,509	50,091,563	13,082,394	16,005,829	7,093,250	4,384,553	156,333,100
9. " plant & machinery .. £	70,611,613	48,065,805	18,771,893	16,808,122	7,309,560	7,612,799	189,179,792
1942-43.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,110	8,736	2,641	2,134	1,790	992	26,414
2. Hands employed (a) ..	315,524	262,358	64,292	72,748	25,613	18,310	750,404
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	88,900,826	73,035,253	16,737,545	19,243,290	6,477,113	4,472,816	208,866,843
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,307,663	6,514,447	2,105,774	2,409,301	1,437,624	791,713	25,026,522
5. " materials used .. £	207,500,130	149,630,126	55,063,141	36,745,047	13,848,686	9,836,766	472,720,078
6. " production .. £	153,682,262	121,391,367	29,044,566	28,354,359	11,454,057	8,075,461	352,002,056
7. " output of fact's. £	373,480,055	277,655,540	86,213,475	67,568,707	26,737,549	18,700,990	850,348,656
8. " land & buildings .. £	72,622,982	52,642,052	15,590,140	17,473,537	6,770,121	4,926,165	167,593,947
9. " plant & machinery .. £	73,121,771	51,063,258	18,791,878	17,848,070	7,105,019	8,133,330	176,965,928
1943-44 (d)							
1. Factories .. No.	10,755	8,736	2,641	2,134	1,790	992	26,414
2. Hands employed (a) ..	323,032	261,331	64,292	72,748	25,613	18,310	750,404
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	93,518,326	73,961,309	16,737,545	19,243,290	6,477,113	4,472,816	208,866,843
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,808,040	6,829,742	2,105,774	2,409,301	1,437,624	791,713	25,026,522
5. " materials used .. £	223,003,610	151,494,654	55,063,141	36,745,047	13,848,686	9,836,766	472,720,078
6. " production .. £	162,720,010	136,326,818	29,044,566	28,354,359	11,454,057	8,075,461	352,002,056
7. " output of fact's. £	391,437,090	284,048,214	86,213,475	67,568,707	26,737,549	18,700,990	850,348,656
8. " land & buildings .. £	78,078,013	55,062,982	15,590,140	17,473,537	6,770,121	4,926,165	167,593,947
9. " plant & machinery .. £	73,803,554	55,457,710	18,791,878	17,848,070	7,105,019	8,133,330	176,965,928

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Not yet available. (d) Subject to revision.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metallic Mineral and Quarry Products ..	5,167,351	5,733,723	5,846,962	5,943,188
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,544,215	6,154,014	6,191,079	4,841,965
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	14,154,787	18,395,727	24,828,031	29,111,775
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	67,121,371	85,949,318	119,872,922	148,220,089
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	1,034,742	1,271,021	1,315,016	931,516
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	14,070,938	17,936,299	20,953,750	21,812,445
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,807,146	4,465,390	5,156,272	5,173,293
VIII. Clothing ..	17,458,782	19,638,286	23,634,441	23,181,403
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	45,436,266	48,516,665	53,154,567	56,842,302
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	10,080,889	11,371,496	12,971,411	13,427,479
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,183,018	4,648,226	4,803,463	4,061,059
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	15,358,198	16,237,985	17,080,271	17,238,875
XIII. Rubber ..	3,089,764	3,055,014	3,861,465	3,647,766
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	141,324	169,337	190,238	158,484
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,432,407	2,788,046	4,000,285	4,665,317
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	12,214,334	11,580,892	12,509,781	13,344,520
Total ..	221,295,153	257,914,349	316,430,028	352,002,056

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1942-43.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	23.80	26.31	19.41	28.48	24.22	23.91	24.56
Fuel and Light ..	3.01	2.35	2.44	3.65	5.38	4.23	3.01
Materials used ..	55.58	53.89	63.87	54.38	51.78	52.59	55.60
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	17.61	17.45	14.28	13.49	18.62	19.27	16.83
Total output ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	57.85	60.17	57.63	67.87	56.55	55.30	59.34

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939-40—Males ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	216.82	239.08
Females ..	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
1940-41—Males ..	265.35	260.54	249.91	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females ..	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females ..	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.49	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females ..	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59
1943-44—Males ..	348.93	349.12	(b)	(b)	313.32	286.09	(b)
Females ..	170.11	179.55	(b)	(b)	148.02	160.11	(b)

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them. (b) Not yet available.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1942-43.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	223,669	175,341	50,325	52,793	19,501	13,941	535,670
Females ..	91,855	87,017	13,967	19,955	6,312	4,369	223,475
Masculinity(a) ..	244	202	390	265	309	319	240

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.
SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1936-37 ..	5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38 ..	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713
1939-40 ..	5,609,482	856,183	6,465,665	5,533,670	1,076,291	6,609,961
1940-41 ..	4,282,622	1,096,299	5,378,921	5,148,291	741,135	5,889,426
1941-42(a) ..	4,657,455	533,031	5,190,486	4,496,127	1,103,876	5,600,003

(a) Incomplete, excludes vessels carrying war materials only.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States. (,000 omitted.)

Note.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.	Tons—Weight.	Tons—Measurement.
1941-42.								
New South Wales ..	2,926	690	1,357	749	3,694	654	1,090	559
Victoria ..	2,670	394	1,020	813	720	360	430	516
Queensland ..	323	301	371	63	461	227	380	65
South Australia ..	1,108	264	373	85	2,614	183	544	56
Western Australia ..	232	180	538	38	53	91	376	94
Tasmania ..	310	209	51	7	551	387	29	10
Northern Territory ..	1	45	30	2	..	..	..	..
Total (a) ..	7,582	2,151	3,750	1,757	8,099	1,904	2,858	1,300
Total 1940-41 ..	7,550	2,330	2,958	1,772	7,999	1,066	4,037	1,250
.. 1939-40 ..	7,081	2,339	3,721	2,495	7,141	2,078	4,781	963
.. 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,093	4,208	2,191	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093
.. 1937-38 ..	6,909	2,114	4,306	2,280	7,032	1,877	5,731	1,088

(a) Excludes cargo on vessels carrying war materials only, details of which are not available.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1945.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—		
Butter (Refrigerator) ..	..	5s. 8d. per box (50 lb.).
Cheese (Refrigerator) ..	..	14s. per lb.
Eggs (in shell) ..	..	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—		
Beef ..	..	14s. per lb.
Lamb ..	..	14s. ..
Mutton ..	..	14s. ..
Rabbits and Hares ..	..	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tin ..	..	107s. ..
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases) ..	..	107s. ..
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	..	107s. ..
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—		
Sugar (Raw) ..	..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	..	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	..	107s. ..
Dried Fruits ..	..	45s. ..
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator) ..	..	6s. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases) ..	..	6s. ..
Wheat, Unprepared, Parcels ..	..	120s. per ton weight.
Barley, Unprepared ..	..	150s. ..
Oats, Unprepared ..	..	160s. ..
Maize, Unprepared ..	..	149s. ..
Flour, Wheat ..	..	130s. ..
Rice ..	..	104s. ..
Peas ..	..	155s. ..
Beans ..	..	155s. ..
Other ..	..	155s. ..
Rice (clean, husked) ..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
WINE		
ALCOHOLIC SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—		
Hides and Skins—Calf ..	..	1d. per lb.
Sheep ..	..	14d. per lb.
Rabbit ..	..	2 d. ..
Other ..	..	2 d. ..
Pearl-shell ..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy ..	..	14d. per lb.
Type ..	..	24s. ..
VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—		
Unpressed Fodder ..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
Bark, Tanning ..	..	107s. per ton weight.
Gum ..	..	104s. 5s. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood ..	..	107s. ..
Raw Cotton (in bales) ..	..	14d. per lb.

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st March, 1945—continued.
(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—			
Apparel and Attire	107s. per ton measurement.		
Blender Twine	187s. per ton weight.		
OILS, FATS AND WAXES—			
Oils, Eucalyptus	107s. per ton measurement.		
Other	120s. 3d. per ton weight.		
Tallow, Unrefined	120s. 3d.		
PAINTS AND VARNISHES			
107s. per ton measurement.			
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—			
Ore (in casks)	125s. per ton weight.		
*Zinc, Ex Ridson	56s.		
*Other than above	81s.		
Lust (in casks)	255s.		
Sheet (in casks)	110s.		
*Copper	90s.		
*Lead	81s.		
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.)	111s.		
" (over 20 and up to 30 ft.)	127s.		
Tyres	94s. 6d.		
Tin Clippings in Ingot form	36s. 6d.		
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—			
Rubber	96s. 6d. per ton measurement.		
Leather	234s. 3d. per ton weight.		
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—			
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths	40s. per 100 super. feet.		
" over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths	43s.		
" over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths	46s. 3d.		
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30 ft. lengths	23s. 6d.		
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS			
107s. per ton measurement.			
STATIONERY			
107s.			
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—			
Fertilizers	107s.		
MISCELLANEOUS—			
Soup	107s.		
Caseln	108s. 3d.		
SPECIES	25s. per cent.		

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 31st March, 1945.
(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans-shipped.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
Brisbane	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney	31 0 6	.. .. .	31 0 6	.. .. .	40 6 0	.. .. .
Melbourne	40 6 0	.. .. .	29 8 4	.. .. .	29 8 4	.. .. .
Adelaide	51 3 6	.. .. .	40 6 0	.. .. .	40 6 0	.. .. .
Fremantle	62 4 8	72 4 8	55 10 8	.. .. .	49 4 8	.. .. .
Hobart	50 8 4	65 6 0	28 7 2	.. .. .	28 7 2	.. .. .
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	44 2 4	51 2 4	28 7 2	.. .. .	26 0 0	.. .. .
Auckland .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	46 6 0	.. .. .	46 6 0	83 8 0
Wellington .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	47 6 0	.. .. .	47 6 0	84 8 0
Lyttelton .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	46 6 0	83 0 0	46 6 0	83 8 0
Dunedin .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	46 6 0	83 0 0	46 6 0	83 8 0
New Hebrides .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	81 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Norfolk Island .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	67 6 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .
Papua	81 0 0	.. .. .	51 0 0	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .

NOTE.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges:—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand; 12½ per cent. on 38s. 9d. plus 74 per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where trans-shipped at Sydney.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE—MERCHANDISE.

IMPORTS.

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.	Estg.
New South Wales	51,448,678	46,032,964	54,150,437	84,080,736	98,858,220
Victoria	41,908,342	45,529,833	50,054,017	109,471,254	89,214,023
Queensland	8,755,048	6,338,886	7,058,810	7,548,542	12,755,063
South Australia	6,717,006	5,401,204	7,450,851	6,858,877	4,745,847
Western Australia	5,311,107	4,556,554	4,556,520	3,238,019	3,408,087
Tasmania	1,272,133	945,521	842,472	1,069,273	1,040,241
Northern Territory	61,691	84,094	130,869	.. .. .	.. .. .
Estimated unrecorded .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	16,093,815	.. .. .	.. .. .
Total	115,075,505	108,650,656	149,355,797	212,106,701	210,028,921

EXPORTS.(a)

(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1939 40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.	£ s.
New South Wales	53,003,730	49,622,072	55,550,813	54,238,522	54,079,117
Victoria	36,431,075	36,652,733	42,022,218	31,540,851	36,546,893
Queensland	32,195,195	25,245,247	21,290,300	18,623,507	17,880,204
South Australia	15,087,270	13,190,361	14,383,781	9,423,375	15,585,236
Western Australia	8,592,321	8,436,435	10,038,003	5,312,301	11,422,075
Tasmania	2,426,235	1,539,664	1,872,469	884,879	1,148,750
Northern Territory	12,814	21,865	13,314	.. .. .	.. .. .
Estimated unrecorded .. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	12,444,640	2,500,000	10,000,000
Total (b)	148,749,558	134,737,577	159,328,498	125,552,435	146,071,884

(a) Goods destined for overseas countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transshipment to the overseas country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched. (b) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table.

EXTERNAL MERCHANDISE TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

(BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.					
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			Total.
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40	234,437,627	115,675,505	117,280,801	1,491,231	118,772,032	33 10 2	10 8 16	15 8 0	0 4 16	19 6	0 4 16 19 6
1940-41	216,274,068	108,650,656	107,015,056	1,559,857	108,574,913	30 11 10	15 7 5	15 0 0	0 4 16	15 4 5	0 4 16 15 4 5
1941-42	276,564,178	149,355,797	125,714,550	1,403,831	127,208,381	38 15 0	10 18 6	17 12 3	0 4 16	17 6 6	0 4 17 12 3 0 4 17 12 3
1942-43	312,348,165	212,106,701	98,081,188	2,160,270	100,241,464	43 4 13	6 13 11	15 11 5	0 0 0	15 17 4	0 0 15 17 4 0 0 15 17 4
1943-44	327,132,221	210,028,921	118,787,208	3,316,002	117,103,300	44 15 5	14 11 5	15 11 5	0 0 0	16 0 0	0 0 16 0 0 0 0 16 0 0
1944-45 (Nine months)	225,724,987	137,813,508	85,697,080	2,214,390	87,911,470	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ship's Stores in Australian currency were:—1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555; 1941-42, £5,701,083; 1942-43, £6,016,334; 1943-44, £8,478,714.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the March quarters of 1944 and 1945, the calendar years 1943 and 1944, and the nine months ended March, 1944 and 1945.

Division.	March Quarter.		Year ended December.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CUSTOMS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages	103,402	113,640	608,362	470,640	358,534	370,099
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	1,335,967	1,230,407	5,719,184	5,777,630	4,211,856	4,239,003
3. Sugar	1	..	223	9	65	1
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	92,004	199,499	704,036	644,072	448,495	586,026
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire	251,920	268,997	1,077,971	970,567	794,083	773,296
6. Metals and Machinery	274,077	245,123	1,155,872	1,046,344	947,076	690,701
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	2,043,505	2,044,633	6,531,932	8,149,487	5,654,956	6,201,390
8. Earthenware, &c.	23,376	37,267	126,739	120,061	108,767	108,267
9. Drugs and Chemicals	34,783	59,603	177,194	164,464	114,056	150,446
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	49,846	59,846	158,354	189,282	144,057	168,601
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	98,977	98,900	318,946	349,395	257,366	276,930
12. Leather and Rubber	85,212	44,969	280,876	282,957	226,690	193,543
13. Paper and Stationery	15,312	17,125	63,927	77,953	52,925	52,925
14. Vehicles	8,622	7,297	62,417	28,555	31,569	20,067
15. Musical Instruments	184	41	228	573	253	307
16. Miscellaneous	131,890	261,955	638,563	498,968	417,322	510,822
Primaire	657,661	523,123	2,380,571	2,380,579	1,949,736	1,715,938
Ships' Stores	7,020	7,708	38,182	32,650	26,649	26,154
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	31,287	32,359	121,285	122,140	87,489	94,282
Special War Duty	199,225	160,531	850,998	747,968	647,064	631,748
Total Customs ..	5,444,187	5,413,023	21,038,327	22,039,068	16,504,636	16,723,246
EXCISE.						
Beer	5,815,843	5,732,533	21,096,982	21,829,506	16,503,091	16,633,613
Carbonic Acid Gas	92,462	92,103	314,562	319,519	243,118	248,349
Cigarette Papers	210,210	205,806	848,113	854,573	652,084	625,694
Matches	253,397	292,412	1,273,578	1,143,398	914,697	867,602
Petrol	64,878	78,459	423,632	289,293	290,566	225,504
Playing Cards	10,305	8,849	45,969	44,868	33,573	32,603
Spirits	1,241,226	1,360,736	5,292,790	5,474,020	3,982,428	4,151,267
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	4,161,530	3,766,167	16,960,940	16,869,617	12,836,286	12,121,282
Other Excise, including Licences, &c.	69,680	54,516	252,205	252,821	187,392	178,423
Total Excise ..	11,919,531	11,592,941	46,507,871	47,077,615	35,648,255	35,112,327
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections ..	17,363,718	17,005,964	67,546,198	69,117,583	52,147,891	51,835,573
Refunds and Draw-back paid	264,474	399,258	1,684,249	1,852,288	1,010,800	1,216,117
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	17,099,244	16,606,706	65,861,949	67,265,295	51,137,091	50,619,456

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE, IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision).

IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE) (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	103	14	366	325
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	13	30	53	76
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	9	1	27	4
Potted and Concentrated	11	29	20	68
Sausage Casings	..	..	3	1
Milk and Cream	1	4	5	18
Other Animal Foodstuffs	..	..	..	..
Total, Class I.	137	79	476	507
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Cocoa and Chocolate	43	54	256	467
Coffee and Chicory	84	198	211	413
Confectionery	1	..	3	1
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates	..	105	1	105
Fresh	..	..	..	1
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	2	1	2	1
Ginger	..	10	2	18
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	45	18	155	112
Prepared	1	3	2	10
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	..	..	17	9
Liquorice	3	6	16	19
Nuts, Edible	38	14	68	113
Pickles and Sauces	..	4	..	4
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	2	5	38	80
Spices	35	40	68	118
Sugar and Sugar Products	5	3	13	9
Tea	348	679	2,407	2,649
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	27	7	63	39
Total, Class II.	634	1,147	3,322	4,168
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	..	..	3	..
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Gin	..	..	6	..
Whisky	57	34	83	253
Other, including Liqueurs	..	1	1	5
Wine—Fermented	..	..	..	..
Total, Class III.	57	35	94	258

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Tobacco—	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Manufactured	4	35	7	
Unmanufactured	946	859	3,844	2,905
Cigarettes	1	1	14	2
Total, Class IV.	951	860	3,893	2,914
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	10	25	25	56
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	7	13	23	30
Hair and Fibre	2	20	26	118
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	41	52	142	145
Sheep	1	1	2	1
Other	49	95	158	152
Silk, Raw	..	..	..	35
Wool	7	3	47	58
Other Animal Substances	6	3	14	8
Total, Class VI.	113	186	412	547
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	26	109	377	201
Cork and Cork Manufactures	20	41	44	96
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	225	405	668	1,113
Flax, Hemp, &c.	..	216	93	333
Kapok	3	9	4	45
Other	81	84	287	323
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c.	6	1	23	27
Gums and Resins	133	277	435	554
Pulp for Paper-making	205	144	538	683
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	34	4	125	74
Linseed	184	271	648	875
Other	34	97	211	225
Tanning Substances	98	57	247	237
Other Vegetable Substances	1	1	3	4
Total, Class VII.	1,050	1,716	3,703	4,790
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.				
Boots and Shoes	5	11	9	22
Buttons	8	4	38	12
Gloves	..	..	..	1
Hats and Caps	3	19	9	41
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (not knitted)	..	..	..	2
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (knitted)	..	2	1	3
Socks and Stockings	..	..	9	2
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	1	234	1	273
Trimnings and Ornaments	63	59	273	223
Other Apparel and Attire	94	285	505	481
Total, Class VIII.(a)	174	614	845	1,060

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—*continued.*

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
Floor Coverings	6	16	8	21
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	..	1	15	1
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	30	32	148	78
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	571	294	2,674	973
Cotton and Linen	2,848	4,224	9,310	13,534
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	326	279	2,168	1,033
Lace for Attire, &c.	17	..	23	8
Silk, including Artificial Silk	1,300	1,608	3,557	4,776
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	6	11	14	22
Woollens	90	116	256	318
Other	240	407	822	1,054
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	5	6	100	185
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	193	183	530	584
Towels and Towelling	56	67	173	219
Other Textiles	297	42	1,635	155
Total, Class VIII. (b)	5,985	7,286	21,433	22,961
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES AND YARNS.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	69	87	228	304
Corn and Flour	450	1,295	1,488	2,794
Woolpacks	256	180	878	951
Other	8	4	85	35
Cordage and Twines	109	20	743	105
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	251	285	897	900
Cotton	195	601	534	1,298
Wool	..	4	5	23
Other	25	30	43	61
Total, Class VIII. (c)	1,363	2,506	4,901	6,441
Total, Class VIII.	7,522	10,406	27,179	30,462
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	86	54	210	217
Oils	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	98	118	346	345
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	1	1	4	3
Total, Class X.	99	119	350	348
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	85	72	235	209
Stones—				
Abrasives	139	48	326	140
Other	2	2	11	7
Other Minerals, &c.	83	120	592	553
Total, Class XI.	309	242	1,164	909

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS XII.—(a) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators	18	77	36	121
Cable and Wire, covered	186	140	772	557
Dynamo Electric Machines	164	143	405	668
Lamps, Filament	27	41	51	85
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. ..	214	374	549	861
Other	495	953	1,617	2,331
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c. ..	51	42	148	102
Dairying	27	27	83	89
Metal working	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Mining	53	97	153	198
Motive power	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Printing	5	11	21	19
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	117	128	412	413
Machines—				
Sewing	95	94	186	204
Sheep-shearing	11	11	33	35
Weighing	8	14	20	34
Yarn and Textile-making machinery ..	67	62	227	211
Other Machines and Machinery	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XII.—(b) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	13	22	35	69
Leaf and Foil	17	30	40	61
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	174	57	509	219
Channels, Girders, Joists, &c. ..				4
Pipes and Tubes	48	22	140	91
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	74	84	345	396
Tinned	715	1,271	2,836	3,229
Nails	7	12	29	38
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	12	7	44	39
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. ..		1		7
Wire	13	17	46	76
Lamps and Lampware	41	23	105	126
Platedware and Cutlery	106	87	343	350
Tools of Trade	397	373	998	1,132
Cycles and Cycle Parts	132	81	255	319
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts		1	36	1
Chassis and Parts	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. ..	64	11	446	275
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (b)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII.	24,021	18,395	77,918	48,602
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Total, Class XIII. (a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available for publication.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Leather	13	2	27	18
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	6	2	15	9
Total, Class XIII. (b)	19	4	42	27
Total, Class XIII.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	10	59	20	132
Undressed	182	188	422	612
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	20	23	70	77
Total, Class XIV.	212	270	512	821
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.				
Crockery and Household Ware	80	137	245	413
Glass and Glassware	91	134	233	316
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware	27	38	101	82
Total, Class XV.	198	309	579	811
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.				
Millboards and other boards	22	65	126	140
Parchment	54	119	134	136
Printing	220	339	594	1,312
Wrapping	148	98	298	201
Writing and Typewriting	215	101	574	566
Other	161	161	404	482
Total, Class XVI. (a)	820	883	2,130	2,837
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c. ..	343	279	964	1,090
Price Lists, Circulars, &c. ..	4	4	10	9
Paperhangings and Wallpapers			1	
Pens and Pencils	36	30	116	122
Other Stationery	76	84	257	268
Total, Class XVI. (b)	459	397	1,348	1,489
Total, Class XVI.	1,279	1,280	3,478	4,326
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	3	6	13	22
Toys, &c.		2	1	13
Other	33	29	76	69
Jewellery—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c.	19		125	1
Other	1	2	6	2
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c. ..	116	82	234	258
Total, Class XVII.	172	121	455	365

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	103	112	324	356
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	18	76	149	289
Surgical and Dental Instruments	182	113	521	428
Phonographs, &c.	2	2	17	11
Other Instruments	65	69	174	198
Total, Class XVIII.	370	372	1,185	1,282
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	15	22	69	54
Argol			10	2
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes			1	
Cyanides of Potassium	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	299	73	610	239
Other	347	158	510	443
Dyes	160	54	597	371
Fertilizers	226	316	675	1,089
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	56	58	121	133
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	32	33	138	117
Perfumery and Preparations	14	8	68	70
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Salt	1	4	10	10
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	10	4	74	10
Other		3	4	22
Other Drugs and Chemicals	308	226	1,135	821
Total, Class XIX.	1,645	1,281	4,700	4,105
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	44	59	124	83
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	1	1	3	4
Brushware	5	4	12	11
Goods imported per parcel post	117	138	343	431
Musical Instruments, &c.	2	2	4	5
Oilmen's Stores	1	2	4	75
Outside Packages	777	535	2,884	2,041
Passengers' Effects	32	54	81	146
Packings for Engines	46	73	136	208
Soap	3	1	10	12
All other Articles	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE	52,078	46,844	169,566	137,814
ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.				
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE	65,228	58,673	212,382	172,611

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EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE) (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
Butter	2,970	1,175	5,801	4,748
Butter Fat (dry)	4		30	11
Butter Substitutes	239	214	588	786
Cheese	514	406	1,583	1,505
Eggs	162	163	302	262
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	141	131	396	389
Mutton, Dehydrated	153	107	538	468
Potted or Concentrated	10	10	106	85
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	225	343	1,020	1,032
Lamb	1,308	1,127	3,797	3,185
Mutton	229	322	364	551
Pork	219	335	343	1,252
Rabbits and Hares	5	3	36	68
Preserved in Tins	1,076	973	2,954	2,909
Sausage Casings	147	103	343	285
Other	117	120	398	435
Milk and Cream	312	521	1,082	1,254
Other Animal Foodstuffs	98	78	311	410
Total, Class I.	7,929	6,131	20,091	19,635
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocon, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c.	177	177	430	350
Biscuits	406	232	735	382
Confectionery	86	62	422	205
Fodders	27	8	75	43
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	1	46	442	466
Raisins	20	252	1,636	1,750
Other	33	17	106	46
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	18	3	38	13
Citrus	18	22	245	195
Other	10	2	17	5
Fruits, preserved in liquid	105	209	423	381
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	15	28	43	51
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	61		92	57
Wheat	3,182	1,063	5,285	9,747
Other	57	168	73	319
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	25	35	69	100
Flour (Wheaten)	1,923	1,306	4,642	6,022
Rice	130	114	350	347
Other	143	134	352	389
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	7	24	10	90
Jams and Fruit Jellies	170	143	384	616
Sugar	338	505	1,107	995
Ten	23	52	97	85
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	435	430	1,213	1,051
Total, Class II.	7,410	5,032	18,286	23,714

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	57	181	257	462
Spirits (Beverages)	125	108	439	428
Wine	98	117	337	400
Total, Class III.	280	406	1,033	1,290
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	78	78	286	180
Tobacco	114	103	427	308
Total, Class IV.	192	181	713	468
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle		8	1	24
Horses	1		17	2
Sheep	6	2	7	5
Other Animals	3	2	5	15
Total, Class V.	10	12	30	46
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	19	51	45	138
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	104	32	224	138
Fox	2	5	270	76
Kangaroo and Wallaby	72	116	228	283
Opossum	5	24	34	136
Rabbit	288	269	3,496	3,122
Sheep	243	273	1,097	1,088
Other	6	10	58	80
Pearl-shell			13	19
Trochus-shell	6	5		
Wool—				
Greasy	10,152	10,847	27,093	24,769
Scoured and Tops	2,363	2,763	7,670	7,918
Other Animal Substances	7	9	19	22
Total, Class VI.	13,267	14,394	40,248	37,799
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres	147	165	573	529
Seeds	42	9	133	112
Tanning Substances	16	11	42	36
Other Vegetable Substances	25	32	42	71
Total, Class VII.	230	217	790	748

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
CLASS VIII.—APPAREL AND ATTIRE; TEXTILES; MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Boots and Shoes	28	11	49	46
Other Apparel and Attire	418	67	1,189	307
Piece Goods	81	98	180	789
Other Textiles	41	36	92	449
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	113	88	627	232
Total, Class VIII.	681	300	2,137	1,823
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	70	39	144	155
Tallow, unrefined	131	60	667	485
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class IX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	28	27	85	78
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Coal	27	48	135	150
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	68	98	398	683
Zinc	270	214	972	562
Other	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other Stones and Minerals	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XI.	562	515	1,945	1,871
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Machines and Machinery	235	224	800	717
Iron and Steel	332	332	685	874
Lead—Pig and in Matte	756	1,314	2,382	4,322
Tin Ingots	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Vehicles	108	196	330	353
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	407	364	929	1,240
Other Metals and Manufactures	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII.	2,044	2,724	5,728	8,179
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Leather	113	68	391	434
Leather Manufactures, &c.	15	9	43	32
Total, Class XIII.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	75	90	199	254
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	28	34	61	80
Total, Class XIV.	103	124	260	334
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONE- WARE	47	104	165	257

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS (MERCHANDISE)—continued.

Article.	March Quarter.		Nine Months.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	14	11	61	36
Stationery	74	82	232	323
Total, Class XVI.	88	93	293	359
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	1	4	8	6
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	7	15	95	54
Total, Class XVII.	8	19	103	60
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	8	11	28	31
Photographic Goods, &c.	8	7	23	49
Talking Machines, &c.	4	6	17	19
Other Instruments	45	27	75	51
Total, Class XVIII.	65	51	143	150
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casien	..	..	2	1
Fertilizers	2	2	12	6
Medicines	37	43	145	125
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i.	1	5	2	15
Eucalyptus	42	43	101	104
Perfumery and Preparations	79	50	176	141
Other Drugs and Chemicals	141	237	473	691
Total, Class XIX.	302	380	911	1,083
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	8	4	19	14
Oilmen's Stores	199	99	426	473
Personal and Household Effects	19	29	48	71
Soap	92	63	220	210
Goods Exported per parcel post	4	7	15	18
All other Articles	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total { Australian Produce	35,496	33,293	100,675	107,336
{ Other Produce	853	723	3,477	2,773
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	36,349	34,016	104,152	110,109

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	29,021	27,158	83,155	87,911

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PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN ORIGIN EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				
			Baron and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.	Preserved in Tins.
QUANTITY.							
	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1939-40	2,623,191	430,557	42,474	2,852,421	2,486,672	522,028	228,194
1940-41	1,957,086	339,078	66,769	1,980,250	2,389,354	748,896	425,165
1941-42	1,303,472	311,573	57,013	1,172,565	1,749,309	342,164	941,461
1942-43	1,243,207	259,643	26,397	226,289	2,036,815	19,070	691,656
1943-44	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,098	160,172	796,931
1944-45 (9 months)	735,826	261,277	46,014	395,470	1,367,008	351,280	639,861

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1939-40	15,895	1,140	275	4,825	6,082	1,561	914
1940-41	11,973	1,544	440	3,762	6,142	2,363	1,874
1941-42	8,125	1,428	395	2,498	4,671	1,108	1,550
1942-43	8,086	1,225	206	561	5,496	86	3,238
1943-44	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587	4,093
1944-45 (9 months)	4,748	1,505	386	1,022	3,733	1,252	2,909

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid—Apples, Peaches, Pine-apples, and Other.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Other.				Greasy.	Scoured. (b)

QUANTITY.

	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1939-40	1,142,218	117,610	791,669	28,555,564	13,689,055	7,936,315	779,869
1940-41	1,431,725	29,887	441,978	28,174,469	15,438,107	4,908,891	603,459
1941-42	1,494,690	29,731	499,131	13,387,573	8,273,081	7,363,434	927,842
1942-43	1,298,535	21,172	134,464	13,526,462	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,992
1943-44	1,680,747	36,299	211,688	20,195,075	11,816,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944-45 (9 months)	1,123,081	9,997	162,821	19,424,494	10,129,098	3,488,327	609,269

VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)

	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1939-40	1,935	59	1,749	7,557	5,231	49,200	7,649
1940-41	2,366	122	802	9,248	7,427	32,889	6,756
1941-42	2,421	146	908	4,645	4,191	47,832	10,209
1942-43	2,172	105	290	4,884	3,495	37,694	6,624
1943-44	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,233	9,535
1944-45 (9 months)	2,216	46	381	9,747	6,022	24,769	7,918

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nails and Waste.

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
TAXATION—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Customs	34,830	29,410	25,209	20,806	20,607
Excise	18,995	24,370	31,572	44,072	46,885
Sales Tax	12,196	19,793	26,830	28,646	27,309
Flour Tax	2,488	1,499	1,652	1,709	1,940
Land Tax	1,646	3,191	3,691	3,873	3,819
Income Tax (a) ..	16,430	43,305	77,564	141,027	183,789
Pay-roll Tax	..	..	8,963	10,451	10,903
Gold Tax	1,215	1,452	1,030	925	318
Estate Duty	2,213	2,364	2,845	2,696	2,781
Entertainments Tax ..	..	..	..	2,994	4,704
Gift Duty	..	..	80	145	222
Total Taxation	90,011	125,394	170,436	257,144	303,667
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department ..	17,897	19,075	21,639	24,391	26,679
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	368	462	694	1,226	1,027
Central Australia	147	244	742	1,584	1,737
North Australia	196	306	792	923	923
Australian Capital Territory ..	12	8	5	15	15
Total Railways	588	900	1,747	3,617	3,602
Total Business Undertakings ..	18,485	19,975	23,386	28,008	30,281
TERRITORIES (b)	415	507	492	447	482
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest (c)	1,150	1,186	997	1,081	1,166
Colnage	181	753	808	2,589	2,028
Defence	157	304	835	1,490	202
Civil Aviation	11	138	185	401	770
Health	16	14	114	14	24
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights ..	62	57	55	58	67
Bankruptcy	36	32	25	23	17
Commerce—					
Wool levy (d)	84	84	86	82	81
Other	2	37	3	258	88
Marine	145	134	133	101	127
Net Profit, Note Issue	966	1,462	1,658	2,248	2,629
Balance of Trust Accounts	..	31	1,600	218	127
Other	163	418	134	297	432
Total	3,003	4,616	6,727	8,860	7,758
Grand Total	111,914	150,482	210,041	294,450	342,188
PER HEAD (e)—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Taxation	12 17 4	17 14 9	25 2 10	35 14 5	41 15 10
Business Undertakings	2 12 10	2 16 6	3 5 6	3 17 10	4 3 4
Other	0 9 9	0 14 7	1 0 3	1 5 10	1 2 8
Total	15 19 11	21 5 10	29 8 7	40 18 1	47 1 10

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax and Super Tax. (b) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (c) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States). (d) For Publicity and Research. (e) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,600	9,569	9,082	9,384	9,313
War Pensions	8,147	8,042	7,909	8,346	9,267
Repatriation	923	845	829	850	902
Other	165	147	198	141	122
Total, War, &c.	18,835	18,603	18,618	18,721	19,604
Defence and War (1939-44) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	573	2,640	7,112	15,119	24,762
War Pensions	..	..	207	662	1,737
Other	24,311	63,041	101,915	143,697	141,344
Total, Defence, War, &c. ..	24,884	65,681	109,234	159,478	167,843
Total Cost of Departments (a)—					
Governor-General	31	30	31	29	32
Parliament	450	548	473	487	599
Prime Minister and External Territories ..	1,510	1,283	1,350	1,384	1,623
External Affairs	118	142	200	218	251
Treasury	2,425	2,949	3,564	3,779	3,779
Attorney-General	276	297	319	351	387
Interior	1,257	963	955	917	881
Civil Aviation	484	392	337	350	360
Trade and Customs	1,033	963	956	872	816
Health	289	296	360	386	379
Commerce and Agriculture	964	911	976	1,022	1,034
Social Services	178	162	282	382	412
Supply and Shipping	217	229	241	246	275
Business Undertakings (a)—					
Postmaster-General	15,286	15,877	17,528	19,939	22,481
Railways	1,472	1,508	1,995	2,726	3,069
Territories (a) (b)					
Australian Capital Territory	656	679	698	677	698
Northern Territory	353	462	520	520	502
Papua	49	86	39	5	5
New Guinea	6	7	17	2	2
Norfolk Island	4	4	6	5	4
Total, Territories	1,068	1,238	1,280	1,018	1,011
New Works (c)	3,036	3,212	3,305	3,961	4,677
Invalid and Old-age Pensions ..	16,459	17,366	19,257	22,293	21,699
Child Endowment	..	..	11,303	11,660	12,257
Wildlife Pensions	..	..	..	2,359	2,801
Maternity Allowances	417	407	358	281	2,287
Funeral Benefit	..	..	..	..	105
Balance—National Welfare Fund ..	..	..	..	..	25,525
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,536	1,557	1,580	1,588	1,578
Special Grants	2,020	2,050	2,300	2,175	2,470
Grants for Federal Aid Roads	4,456	3,484	2,128	1,603	1,467
Income Tax Reimbursement	..	..	..	674	786
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement	..	..	..	140	127
Other Grants	100	250	138	140	127
Total to or for States (d) ..	15,697	14,026	13,731	40,097	46,080
Relief to Primary Producers ..	2,509	3,023	4,063	(e) 1,709	(e) 1,941
Grand Total	108,985	150,482	210,041	294,450	342,188
Per head of Population (f) ..	£15 11 9	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1	£47 1 10

(a) Includes interest and sinking fund payments. (b) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (c) Excludes Defence and War (1939-44) Services. (d) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (e) In addition, £3,085,000 was provided under War Services during 1942-43, and £12,322,000 during 1943-44. (f) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	Total to 30th June, 1944.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Defence and War (1939-44) Services— General Services, Works, &c. ..	28,814	101,581	210,877	402,852	377,157	1,121,281
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.— Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	..	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	214
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 14	Cr. 3	..	..	..	7,803
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	634
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,100
Postmaster-General's Department— Telegraph and Telephone Con- struction ..	1,733	1,689	940	..	..	38,057
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. ..	120	221	245	..	..	4,080
Subscription to Capital of Amalga- mated Wireless Ltd. ..	..	..	..	..	..	300
Radio Stations and Equipment ..	30	3	15	..	..	104
Serum and Health Laboratories ..	..	..	..	..	..	80
Other Health Buildings and Services ..	..	..	Cr. 1	..	..	22
Reparation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,320
Railways ..	..	..	..	..	..	13,815
Territories (b) ..	Cr. 11	Cr. 4	Cr. 18	Cr. 35	Cr. 10	8,812
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,062
Assistance to States— Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 66	Cr. 45	Cr. 6	Cr. 6	(c) 223	2,667
Mining ..	..	..	..	..	..	284
Forestry ..	..	..	..	..	..	322
Farmers' Debt Adjustment ..	750	500	165	235	..	7,067
Roads ..	..	..	..	..	..	250
Wire and Wire Netting ..	..	..	..	..	..	609
Drought Relief ..	..	1,270	597	Cr. 23	..	1,644
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,430
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	2,541	3,828	1,929	165	206	110,592
GRAND TOTAL ..	31,355	105,209	212,806	403,017	377,363	1,231,873

(a) In addition, £13,045,000 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24. (b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings, A.C.T. (c) Adjustment of credits of previous years.

Loans Raised in Australia during War (1939-44) at 31st March, 1945.

(Excludes Conversion Loans.)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War.	For other Purposes.		
1/12/39 ..	£'000. 12,000	C'with Bank	£'000. 2,000	£'000. 10,000	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40	58,000	21,530	20,505	8,000	2½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41	30,000	83,378	34,158	..	2½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42	35,000	244,580	48,331	..	2½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 25/6/42	35,000	100,513	37,374	..	2½	1946-47, 1950-58
13/1/42 to 15/12/42	77,300	454,805	82,668	..	2½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43	100,000	432,555	101,808	..	2½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43	125,000	567,005	126,411	..	2½	1947-48, 1950-59
28/2/44 to 9/5/44	150,000	452,570	150,535	..	2½	1948-49, 1950-60
28/9/44 to 4/11/44	112,470	(b) 421,554	(b) 113,939	..	2½	1948-49, 1950-60
13/8/45 to 27/4/45	100,000	(b) 412,255	(b) 107,145	..	2½	1949-50, 1950-61
Total	877,770	(b) 3,392,161	(a) (b) 881,000	30,489	..	..

(a) In addition, £6,586,016 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes. (b) Approximate.

NOTE.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939-45), as at 31st March, 1945, see following table.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 31st MARCH, 1945.

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	160,080	90,745	..	250,825
War (1939-45) — Stock and Bonds ..	810,550	5,775	..	816,325
Advance Loan Subscrip- tions	1	..	..	1
National Savings Bonds ..	1,792	..	..	1,792
National Savings Stamps ..	83	..	..	83
Citizens' National Emer- gency Loans ..	5,943	347	..	6,290
War Savings Certificates ..	50,468	..	..	50,468
War Savings Stamps ..	414	..	..	414
Treasury Bills—Internal Bank ..	58,600	..	..	58,600
	388,280	..	..	388,280
Total	1,316,131	6,122	..	1,322,253
Works and other Purposes ..	35,030	64,112	15,790	114,932
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	1,511,241	160,979	15,790	1,688,010
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£206 16 7	£22 0 8	£2 3 3	£231 0 6
State— Debts of the States ..	513,930	361,406	25,416	900,752
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£70 10 6	£49 11 11	£3 9 9	£123 12 2
Total Public Debt ..	2,025,171	522,385	41,206	2,588,762
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£277 3 5	£71 9 11	£5 12 9	£354 6 1

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£ (a)	£ (d)
War (1914-19)	5,997,885	(e) 426,008	..	6,423,893
War (1939-45)	31,393,217	231,000	..	31,624,217
Works and other Purposes ..	953,206	2,614,472	771,780	4,339,458
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	38,344,308	3,271,480	771,780	42,387,568
Average Rate per cent. (f) ..	£2 12 9	£4 0 10	£4 17 9	£2 14 8
State— Debts of the States ..	16,727,068	13,928,111	1,262,936	31,918,115
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 5 1	£3 17 1	£4 19 5	£3 10 10
Grand Total	55,071,376	17,199,591	2,034,716	74,305,683
Average Rate per cent.(f) ..	£2 16 0	£3 17 9	£4 18 9	£3 0 8

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of £4.8665 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" value of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were issued.

(c) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 30th June, 1944.

(d) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(e) Excludes suspended interest, £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,221) due to British Government.

(f) Interest Free Loans, War and National Savings Stamps excluded when calculating rate.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount.	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1940 (b)	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	16,289	28.1
1941 (b)	14,918,069	55,068,055	69,986,124	18,559	26.8
1942 (b)	14,879,107	88,189,429	103,068,536	26,777	25.9
1943 (b)	15,456,884	126,935,667	142,392,551	36,518	25.7
1944 (b)	15,925,325	171,910,855	187,836,180	48,200	25.7
1944 (c) October ..	16,814,649	182,678,976	199,493,625	50,544	25.3
November	17,225,070	180,288,555	197,513,625	50,856	25.8
December	15,305,087	187,188,538	202,493,625	50,856	25.1
1945 (c) January ..	15,944,143	178,199,482	194,143,625	50,856	26.3
February	16,719,392	176,524,233	193,243,625	50,856	26.3
March	20,463,891	171,279,734	191,743,625	50,856	26.5

(a) Includes English sterling, valued in Australian currency. (b) Average of twelve monthly statements. (c) On last Monday in each month.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	31st March, 1941.	30th March, 1942.	29th March, 1943.	27th March, 1944.	26th March, 1945.
10s.	£ 4,736,149	£ 5,382,305	£ 6,400,207	£ 7,617,411	£ 8,326,575
21	27,099,280	37,565,858	48,281,381	57,086,192	68,654,710
25	17,409,485	29,726,255	47,591,800	64,624,495	71,498,380
50	8,423,210	12,889,120	20,587,450	38,098,640	53,308,750
100	75,220	65,600	58,700	51,280	37,400
500	1,972,200	2,639,750	3,266,750	3,497,150	3,195,850
1,000	3,906,900	3,801,000	4,702,100	4,648,900	4,215,900
£1,000	395,000	294,000	408,000	538,000	2,606,000
Held by banks ..	13,866,954	14,497,855	15,499,063	15,582,875	20,463,891
.. public	49,252,490	77,866,183	115,857,305	161,179,193	171,279,734
Total	63,119,444	92,364,038	131,356,368	176,762,068	191,743,625
Gold	74,863	74,133	73,780	73,780	74,133
English	17,630,183	24,880,183	33,817,683	45,469,717	50,782,217
Sterling	17,005,046	24,954,316	33,891,463	45,543,497	50,856,350
Percentage on circulation ..	28.05	27.02	25.80	25.77	26.52

(a) Valued in Australian currency.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1944.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1944.		Pensioners paid during 1943-44 (a)	
	Total Old-age and Invalid.			Old-age.		Invalid.		Amount.	
	No.	No.	No.	Old-age.	Invalid.	Old-age.	Invalid.	£	s. d.
New South Wales (c) ..	104,414	26,234	130,648	362	91	51	11	8,866,699	61 10
Victoria	99,156	12,446	111,602	346	82	51	11	5,787,208	58 2
Queensland	33,247	8,848	42,095	312	83	52	1	2,802,973	53 0
South Australia (d) ..	22,394	4,333	26,727	357	69	50	10	1,844,328	59 2
Western Australia ..	16,109	3,443	19,552	373	71	51	3	1,508,189	62 6
Tasmania	9,866	2,638	12,504	402	107	51	4	889,723	72 11
Total	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	51	9	21,099,100	59 9

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T. (e) Includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners, but excludes £105,336 funeral benefits in respect of deaths of pensioners.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population (a)		Pensions Payments during Year (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (c)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.	£	s	d
1911	76,502	7,451	83,953	168	17	1,847,440	19	1
1912	79,071	10,765	89,836	170	23	2,149,059	19	0
1913	82,948	13,739	96,687	172	29	2,301,675	19	6
1914	87,780	16,965	104,745	177	34	2,592,301	19	5
1915	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19	5
1916	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19	4
1917	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24	3
1918	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24	3
1919	95,969	31,999	127,968	185	65	3,836,620	24	2
1920	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29	1
1921	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28	9
1922	105,096	39,619	144,715	189	70	5,380,034	28	9
1923	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28	9
1924	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33	9
1925	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33	8
1926	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	38	7
1927	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	38	6
1928	139,367	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,790,346	38	5
1929	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	98	10,124,239	38	5
1930	155,195	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38	5
1931	172,177	68,345	240,520	264	104	11,719,953	38	4
1932	183,817	72,292	256,109	279	110	11,125,956	33	3
1933	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31	10
1934	187,453	73,212	260,665	281	109	10,969,900	33	8
1935	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,390	33	7
1936	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34	8
1937	215,000	83,396	298,396	315	122	13,998,793	36	8
1938	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,768,687	38	6
1939	232,886	88,812	321,698	335	128	15,991,782	38	5
1940 (d)	272,899	98,096	370,995	388	94	16,459,245	38	6
1941	276,760	98,921	375,681	390	83	17,366,305	(c) 41	5
1942	275,450	60,597	336,047	386	85	19,257,025	(c) 48	4
1943	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(c) 51	1
1944	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,699,100	(c) 51	1

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 1s. December, 1943. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensioners in force were specially reviewed and, at index-numbers. (e) During 1939-40 all invalid pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Claims in Force.		Endowed children. (a)		Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1943-44.	
	No.	No.	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)		
						£	s. d.	
New South Wales (c)	198,651	359,373	688	1,245	4,891,657	33	11	
Victoria	128,381	229,884	643	1,106	3,014,497	30	4	
Queensland	71,378	145,021	736	1,389	2,009,059	38	0	
South Australia (d)	41,286	70,524	658	1,124	953,589	30	7	
Western Australia	37,664	66,958	776	1,379	915,892	36	0	
Tasmania	18,780	37,837	705	1,542	602,212	41	2	
Total 1943-44	503,140	903,577	689	1,287	12,556,976	33	9	
1942-43	491,121	891,221	679	1,233	11,659,626	32	5	

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,896 at 30th June, 1944; 16,988 at 30th June, 1943. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944. (a)

State.	Pensions Current. (b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1943-44.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
New South Wales (c)	16,380	57	No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
Victoria	11,907	60	7,344	5 11 0	1,147,544	8 0
Queensland	6,181	58	3,684	5 2 11	787,034	7 11
South Australia (d)	3,358	54	2,442	5 6 6	363,777	6 10
Western Australia	2,796	58	1,084	5 2 11	213,086	6 10
Tasmania	1,530	62	881	5 3 0	180,802	7 6
			672	5 6 8	108,450	8 11
Total 1943-44	42,212	58	16,107	5 6 8	2,800,702	7 8
1942-43	38,402	53	16,214	5 5 0	2,358,998	6 7

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.
 (b) Excludes eight (1943-44) and six (1942-43) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.
 (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1938	30,440	20,160	12,660	6,656	5,026	4,029	29	79,000	400,004
1939	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,840	42	80,916	434,014
1940	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,904
1941	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,533
1942	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,891	358,538
1943	19,182	11,874	8,681	4,127	3,085	3,018	9	51,656	281,052
1944 (b)	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
Total since 10.10.12	1,398,941	910,741	531,130	307,317	226,164	152,583	1,124	3,537,000	19,001,945

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Under new provisions operating from 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished and the rates increased as follows:—(i) no other surviving children under 14—£4 10s. to £5; (ii) one or two other surviving children—£5 to £6; (iii) three or more other surviving children—£7 10s. unchanged. An allowance has also been provided of £1 5s. per week for the four weeks immediately preceding and succeeding birth of child. (c) Included with South Australia.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.					AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.				
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.		Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	32,596	12,072	42,515	87,183	2 6 4	1 5 7	1 13 4			
Victoria	27,552	10,114	35,802	73,468	2 3 7	1 5 9	1 12 2			
Queensland	10,398	3,592	13,467	27,457	2 4 5	1 4 11	1 13 10			
South Australia	6,180	3,136	7,902	17,218	2 8 3	1 8 7	1 15 8			
Western Australia	8,089	3,273	11,140	22,511	2 6 0	1 5 9	1 13 0			
Tasmania	3,780	1,253	5,822	10,855	3 0 9	1 3 6	1 16 5			
United Kingdom	1,471	1,597	1,981	5,049	2 13 9	1 18 8	2 3 1			
Elsewhere	292	120	309	721	2 3 5	1 9 11	1 15 5			
Total 1943-44	90,358	35,157	118,947	244,462	2 6 6	1 5 11	1 13 6			
1942-43	81,240	31,333	114,290	226,863	2 7 4	1 5 0	1 13 0			

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pensions Current—Old-age (Members of Forces)	1,607	1,126	670	320	432	80	4,235
Permanently Unemployable—Members of Forces	903	861	713	424	445	192	3,628
Dependants	1,125	1,071	707	451	426	245	4,025
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—Members of Forces	134	84	11	22	31	8	290
Dependants	181	122	18	37	35	13	406
Total 1943-44	4,040	3,264	2,110	1,254	1,360	538	12,584
1942-43	4,305	3,309	2,340	1,252	1,464	564	13,284
Average Fortnightly Pensions—Members of Forces	£ s. d. 2 5 5	£ s. d. 2 5 6	£ s. d. 2 7 1	£ s. d. 2 6 3	£ s. d. 2 2 1	£ s. d. 2 5 1	£ s. d. 2 5 5
Dependants	£ s. d. 1 10 1	£ s. d. 1 11 0	£ s. d. 1 10 0	£ s. d. 1 10 9	£ s. d. 1 11 7	£ s. d. 1 7 11	£ s. d. 1 10 5
All Pensioners 1943-44	£ s. d. 2 0 6	£ s. d. 2 0 3	£ s. d. 2 1 3	£ s. d. 2 0 3	£ s. d. 1 18 7	£ s. d. 1 16 10	£ s. d. 2 0 2
1942-43	£ s. d. 1 18 7	£ s. d. 1 18 4	£ s. d. 1 18 8	£ s. d. 1 18 6	£ s. d. 1 16 7	£ s. d. 1 14 0	£ s. d. 1 18 1

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

G) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	2,674,462	2,618,504	2,660,477	2,576,241	2,897,870	3,661,182
Victoria	2,353,107	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300	3,022,522
Queensland	890,710	873,635	853,757	846,584	943,691	1,177,089
South Australia	497,230	497,743	495,910	494,166	575,168	763,350
Western Australia	606,833	685,019	671,457	698,917	752,585	941,924
Tasmania	403,747	404,164	396,814	393,406	434,228	523,075
Elsewhere	303,200	285,714	267,880	267,664	265,854	288,867
Total	7,810,289	7,682,246	7,488,581	7,501,911	8,366,996	10,348,609
Includes 1939-44 War	..	..	18,772	207,324	659,384	1,730,471

G(i) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales	115,443	145,599	152,935	186,315	218,173	216,001
Victoria	103,292	118,577	126,976	140,916	163,116	163,377
Queensland	72,717	80,854	88,098	106,120	119,632	113,143
South Australia	51,474	54,377	57,758	60,108	61,653	63,625
Western Australia	46,044	51,631	55,793	64,632	73,603	72,096
Tasmania	16,157	18,695	19,594	22,548	24,332	24,392
Total	407,127	472,263	511,103	579,656	660,109	652,534
Includes 1939-44 War	..	..	..	..	2,514	6,403

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1942-43.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
	No.	£	£ s. d.	%
Individuals—				
Under £201	202,510	998,515	4 18 8	0.7
£201 to £500	1,096,968	25,055,390	22 10 11	18.6
£501 to £1,000	149,422	14,698,404	98 3 5	10.9
£1,001 and over	47,878	42,504,616	887 15 5	31.6
Total Individuals	1,496,478	83,228,825	55 12 4	61.8
Companies	15,019	(b)51,493,480	3,428 11 1	38.2
GRAND TOTAL				100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1941-42. (b) Includes Super Tax, £3,207,756, War-time (Company) Tax, £3,285,816, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £9,236,322.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—					
Resident Owners	21,028	20,956	21,306	21,038	21,921
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,700	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—					
Resident	£ 225,774,692	£ 228,207,419	£ 234,278,013	£ 244,512,787	£ 244,222,515
Absentee	1,999,905	2,047,768	1,892,504	1,885,096	1,444,489
TOTAL	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,166,577	246,197,838	245,667,004
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident	£ 257,346,942	£ 257,377,026	£ 272,109,061	£ 277,242,136	£ 275,288,688
Absentee	2,167,995	2,198,814	2,080,107	1,901,916	1,580,307
TOTAL	259,514,937	259,475,840	274,189,168	279,234,052	276,868,995
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,108
Absentee Owners	10,032	10,873	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,056,464	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,431
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,718	388,763	784,299	889,928
Absentee Owners	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,238	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED AS ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND PER AC.	557,636,000	558,695,904	556,191,125	553,556,165	562,701,713
	1.4274	1.5924	1.6864	2.9854	3.4264

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1943-44.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£	£	£
1-1,000	2,859	6,488,316	1,187,470	35,654
1,001-2,000	1,453	5,016,990	2,114,244	62,490
2,001-3,000	914	4,298,805	2,252,145	68,015
3,001-4,000	625	3,824,544	2,190,355	68,115
4,001-5,000	418	2,825,192	1,857,933	56,387
5,001-10,000	1,039	9,918,935	7,193,670	215,151
10,001-20,000	636	10,750,044	8,861,468	384,262
20,001-50,000	315	11,811,474	9,201,669	747,781
50,001 and over	71	8,494,128	6,576,910	1,399,307
TOTAL	8,928	62,726,428	41,435,882	2,076,162

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1943-44.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Year 1942-43.

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable.(b)
		12½ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	
September	£'000. 151,614	£'000. 45,619	£'000. 8,513	£'000. 54,132	£'000. 7,825
October	151,789	42,601	8,500	51,101	7,461
November	145,363	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
December	147,697	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,968
January					
February					
March					
Total Year	596,463	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007

Year 1943-44.

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable.(b)
		7½ per cent.(d)	12½ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.
July	£'000. 50,079	£'000. 1,380	£'000. 15,890	£'000. 2,325	£'000. 17,574
August	50,752	5,337	10,473	2,364	18,174
September	51,607	5,242	10,736	2,467	18,445
Total September Quarter ..	152,438	11,960	35,108	7,356	54,373
October	51,921	4,786	10,678	2,645	18,109
November	53,393	4,816	10,978	3,024	18,818
December	51,289	4,477	10,408	2,918	17,803
Total December Quarter ..	156,573	14,079	32,064	8,587	54,730
January	43,790	3,886	9,110	2,032	14,528
February	40,180	4,419	10,897	2,396	17,712
March	52,602	5,342	11,226	2,513	19,081
Total March Quarter ..	146,567	13,147	31,233	6,941	51,321
April	44,877	4,254	9,413	2,111	15,808
May	53,080	5,341	11,631	2,576	19,548
June	52,206	4,731	11,460	2,232	18,432
Total June Quarter ..	151,072	14,326	32,543	6,919	53,788
Total Year	605,670	53,461	130,948	29,803	214,212

Year 1944-45.

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable.(b)
		7½ per cent.(d)	12½ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.
July	£'000. 51,212	£'000. 3,651	£'000. 11,350	£'000. 2,729	£'000. 19,130
August	56,640	6,167	12,255	2,935	21,357
September	54,499	5,944	11,091	2,818	19,533
Total September Quarter ..	162,351	16,862	34,795	8,482	60,049
October	54,055	5,445	10,773	3,066	19,284
November (e)	54,400	5,300	11,300	3,100	19,700
December (e)	51,500	5,000	10,200	3,100	18,300
Total December Quarter (e) ..	160,855	15,745	32,273	9,266	57,284

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade.
(b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (d) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. (e) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications within the combined accounts for 1943-44 and also when compared with those of earlier years. A deduction of £799,997 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £73,270,524, and of £1,124,999 from the Expenditure total of £72,085,475, the surplus thus obtained being £1,510,061, instead of the Budget surplus of £1,185,049. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

STATE REVENUES, 1943-44.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Taxation (b) ..	5,967	4,100	2,345	1,716	(c) 942	825	15,895
Railways ..	34,501	16,109	16,250	(d) 9,956	4,420	..	77,236
Tramways (e) ..	5,700	(f) 129	..	..	515	..	6,344
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	1,844	2,558	..	2,026	1,030	4	8,362
Land ..	1,691	972	1,606	206	350	86	4,971
Interest (n.s.l.) ..	404	1,828	961	1,013	518	473	4,997
Commonwealth Payments (g) ..	17,037	8,818	6,713	3,857	3,827	1,896	42,748
All other Sources ..	4,727	1,330	1,093	711	1,087	215	9,103
Total Revenue ..	72,471	35,544	28,068	15,545	13,589	3,499	169,616
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 25 7 8	£ s. d. 17 17 5	£ s. d. 27 7 6	£ s. d. 25 2 7	£ s. d. 28 3 4	£ s. d. 14 0 9	£ s. d. 23 8 1

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1938-39 and 1940-41 to 1943-44.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	61,710	26,985	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,894
1941 ..	59,895	29,183	21,540	12,925	11,432	(a) 2,921	137,896
1942 ..	65,866	33,112	23,663	15,002	11,940	(a) 3,359	152,942
1943 ..	71,534	36,490	29,284	15,192	12,152	(a) 3,290	168,944
1944 ..	72,471	35,544	28,068	15,545	13,589	(a) 3,499	169,616

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1943-44.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,967	8,400	6,712	5,345	4,012	1,406	42,142
Railways ..	27,375	12,790	12,672	4,909	3,625	4	61,375
Tramways (e) ..	5,340	..	..	..	387	..	5,727
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	979	1,454	1	867	1,071	(i) 208	4,589
Education ..	6,383	3,654	1,896	1,215	979	529	14,656
Hospitals ..	2,893	1,676	865	644	431	212	6,721
Other Charities ..	1,633	908	718	182	221	106	3,708
All other Expenditure ..	10,991	6,042	(j) 5,996	2,997	2,225	1,004	28,319
Total Expenditure ..	70,961	34,924	28,854	15,529	13,551	3,460	167,288
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 24 17 1	£ s. d. 17 11 2	£ s. d. 27 5 5	£ s. d. 25 2 1	£ s. d. 28 1 0	£ s. d. 14 4 3	£ s. d. 23 1 8

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 and 1940-41 to 1943-44.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	54,163	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,764
1941 ..	60,319	29,640	21,511	13,008	11,421	(a) 3,103	138,402
1942 ..	64,824	32,320	23,590	13,712	11,939	(a) 3,357	149,751
1943 ..	69,089	35,736	29,182	14,960	13,127	(a) 3,400	166,394
1944 ..	70,961	34,924	28,854	15,529	13,551	(a) 3,460	167,288

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1943-44, see p. 41. Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainment Tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission. (j) Includes £1,420,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund. An additional £1,750,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1943-44.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Works—							
Railways ..	1,510	470	409	370	15	261	3,032
Tramways (b) ..	Cr. 321	..	..	Cr. 50	9	..	Cr. 366
Roads and Bridges ..	Cr. 69	30	164	Cr. 16	..	..	Cr. 308
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	130	6	198	9	Cr. 72	31	339
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	36	120	Cr. 865	804	16	..	111
Electricity Supply ..	23	..	..	16	319	..	358
Public Buildings ..	330	158	86	131	83	49	846
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 147	Cr. 50	..	..	Cr. 11	Cr. 208	..
Other Public Works, &c.(c) ..	Cr. 14	Cr. 5	503	Cr. 264	Cr. 1	9	288
Primary Production—Land Settlement (d) ..	Cr. 25	Cr. 656	Cr. 19	Cr. 308	Cr. 110	Cr. 154	Cr. 1,272
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	Cr. 60	..	Cr. 14	25	22	..	Cr. 27
Other ..	9	128	Cr. 100	Cr. 20	114	Cr. 5	Cr. 287
Other purposes ..	..	1	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..
Total Works, &c. ..	1,411	128	345	476	106	499	2,965
Per Head (e) ..	£ s. d. 0 9 11	£ s. d. 0 1 3	£ s. d. 0 6 6	£ s. d. 0 15 5	£ s. d. 0 4 5	£ s. d. 0 2 10	£ s. d. 0 8 2
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	Cr. 6,500	..	..	..	Cr. 38	109	Cr. 6,429
Other(f) ..	35	..	..	..	..	1,067	1,102
Grand Total ..	Cr. 5,054	128	345	476	68	1,675	Cr. 2,362

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1944.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Works—							
Railways, Tramways (b) ..	1,510	79,283	66,813	39,827	27,098	7,775	387,906
Roads and Bridges ..	20,857	12,646	5,400	3,842	3,183	..	7,297
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,364	1,408	3,504	8,547	7,514	..	96,622
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	40,985	32,016	942	27,733	14,905	..	111,581
Electricity Supply ..	2,568	17,839	..	1,025	7,830	..	30,162
Public Buildings ..	18,176	8,367	7,570	3,856	2,867	3,010	43,940
Unemployment Relief ..	17,010	13,143	..	..	..	333	30,466
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	11,567	3,668	26,622	7,725	3,072	3,738	56,392
Primary Production—Land Settlement (d) ..	12,301	44,062	5,592	11,372	17,624	2,775	83,726
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	19,406	..	1,967	9,212	3,886	..	34,471
Other ..	7,837	5,680	8,046	2,166	14,307	26	38,052
Other purposes ..	..	212	224	4,043	3,612	..	8,180
Total Works ..	340,190	218,304	120,740	113,423	99,983	32,784	931,424
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	33,630	4,864	5,827	8,669	12,042	1,126	65,558
Other (f) ..	10,332	..	..	1,272	4,109	1,506	41,365
Grand Total ..	391,382	229,002	142,869	123,364	116,104	35,506	1,038,347

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, &c. (d) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (e) Based on mean population for the financial year. (f) Discount and interest expenses, exchange on remittances. (g) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (h) Not available separately—distributed over individual items.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1944.

State.	Public Debt.			Interest Payable.		
	Australia.	London.	New York.	In Australia.	In London.	In New York.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	186,888	153,414	11,669	351,971	6,059	5,780
Victoria ..	108,294	61,970	4,499	174,763	3,853	2,314
Queensland ..	61,130	62,778	5,271	129,179	9,141	2,513
South Australia ..	63,755	42,817	1,733	108,305	2,221	1,678
Western Australia ..	50,692	43,771	2,015	90,478	1,661	1,889
Tasmania ..	21,081	8,755	228	30,064	688	331
Total ..	491,840	373,505	25,415	800,760	16,623	14,311

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Std.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Nine months ended March—					
	1943-44.			1944-45.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a)	51,409	52,487	— 1,078	53,516	54,935	— 1,419
Victoria	22,841	24,947	— 2,106	22,641	24,963	— 2,322
Queensland	20,265	18,063	+ 1,602	18,969	18,198	+ 771
South Australia	10,898	11,399	— 401	11,126	11,727	— 601
Western Australia	9,880	10,028	— 139	10,218	10,248	— 30
Tasmania	2,339	2,488	— 149	2,432	2,749	— 308
Total, Six States	117,641	119,942	— 2,301	118,902	121,911	— 3,009
Commonwealth	214,242	214,242	—	235,246	235,246	—
Grand Total (b)	305,545	307,844	— 2,299	326,854	329,863	— 2,999

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and repairs of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.	Nine months ended March—					
	1943-44.			1944-45.		
	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments (a)	Revenue from Taxation (b)	Expenditure—	Administration, Works and Social Services.	Debt Services.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales	9,706	9,977	4,142	4,381	15,008	15,379
Victoria	5,173	5,266	2,602	3,048	9,001	9,172
Queensland	3,953	4,065	1,777	1,784	5,461	4,597
South Australia	2,233	2,487	1,311	1,443	3,098	3,280
Western Australia	2,651	2,754	709	732	2,810	3,091
Tasmania	1,120	1,141	647	716	1,346	1,452
Total, Six States	24,896	25,690	11,448	12,104	37,414	41,942
Commonwealth	—	—	184,396	206,817	136,960	150,447
Grand Total	24,896	25,690	195,844	218,921	174,374	192,389

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1943-44, £90,316,000; 1944-45, £103,484,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS. (a)

State, &c.	Nine months ended March—					
	1943-44.			1944-45.		
	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.	Railway.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales	26,634	5,829	24,047	5,029	20,721	4,540
Victoria	11,061	233	11,121	253	9,347	307
Queensland(c)	12,164	—	10,585	—	8,545	—
South Australia	4,329	1,704	4,120	1,780	3,577	661
Western Australia	3,313	1,854	3,325	1,945	2,684	908
Tasmania	—	—	—	—	(d) 205	(d) 346
Total, Six States	58,101	9,620	53,198	9,016	45,079	6,506
Commonwealth	2,476	20,068	1,919	20,888	1,746	14,283
Grand Total	60,577	29,688	55,117	30,804	46,825	20,789

(a) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (b) Railways and State Coal-mine only. (c) Railways only. (d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission. (e) Postmaster-General's Department.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1943-44. (a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (a)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties, (n.e.l.)	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
N. South Wales	798	3	2,711	1,215	2,326	548	692	8,293	
Victoria	199	360	1,778	824	1,582	488	184	5,715	
Queensland	387	294	387	747	502	133	365	3,166	
South Australia	85	297	406	223	572	128	68	1,773	
Western Aust.	140	122	232	205	381	133	115	1,328	
Tasmania	20	93	145	74	215	43	440	1,039	
Total States	1,440	1,262	6,013	3,043	5,884	1,473	2,313	21,314	
Commonwealth	67,292	183,799	3,819	2,761	—	—	4,704	41,292	
Grand Total	67,292	185,245	5,081	8,774	3,043	5,884	6,177	43,485	

PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (c)

State, &c.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
N. South Wales	0 5 7	—	0 19 0	0 8 6	0 16 4	0 3 10	0 4 10	2 18 1	—
Victoria	0 2 0	0 3 7	0 17 11	0 8 4	0 15 11	0 4 11	0 4 10	2 17 6	—
Queensland	0 3 10	0 7 4	0 14 1	0 9 6	0 15 3	0 2 6	0 7 4	2 19 10	—
South Australia	0 2 0	0 9 7	0 12 11	0 7 3	0 18 6	0 4 2	0 2 2	2 17 4	—
Western Aust.	0 5 10	0 5 1	0 9 8	0 8 6	0 15 9	0 5 6	0 4 9	2 15 1	—
Tasmania	0 1 7	0 7 7	0 14 10	0 6 1	0 17 7	0 3 7	1 16 11	4 5 2	—
Total States	0 4 0	0 3 6	0 16 7	0 8 5	0 16 3	0 4 0	0 6 1	2 18 10	—
Commonwealth	25 5 11	10 0 6	0 7 7	—	—	0 12 11	5 13 8	41 15 10	—
Grand Total	9 5 3	25 0 11	0 14 0	1 4 1	0 8 5	0 16 3	0 16 11	5 19 8	44 14 6

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 24 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.				Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939-40	53,825	16,430	12,198	7,560	90,011	54,366
1940-41	53,780	43,305	19,793	8,506	125,384	56,304
1941-42	56,781	77,564	26,830	18,200	179,435	57,290
1942-43	64,878	141,027	28,840	22,303	257,144 (a)	26,329
1943-44	67,292	183,799	27,900	24,667	303,667 (a)	21,314

PER HEAD OF POPULATION. (b)

Year.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40	7 13 11	2 7 0	1 14 10	1 1 7	12 17 4	7 15 11
1940-41	7 12 2	6 2 6	2 16 0	1 4 1	17 14 0	7 19 9
1941-42	7 19 1	10 17 4	4 15 2	1 11 3	25 2 10	8 0 11
1942-43	9 0 3	19 11 10	4 0 2	3 2	35 14 5 (a)	3 13 4
1943-44	9 5 3	25 5 11	3 16 10	3 7 10	41 15 10 (a)	2 18 10

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Commonwealth Reimbursements—	14,558	6,318	5,817	2,276	2,406	872	32,047
Income Tax	161	373	—	97	98	37	766
Entertainments Tax	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	14,719	6,691	5,817	2,373	2,504	909	32,813
State Collections	8,293	5,715	3,169	1,773	1,328	1,039	21,314
Grand Total	23,012	12,406	8,783	4,146	3,832	1,948	54,127

Per head of population

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Nine months ended March.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Commonwealth (a)	Grand Total
1944	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1945	1,536	1,199	88	Cr. 109	69	161	2,244	301,847	304,091
	1,608	1,130	336	Cr. 5	327	147	3,543	219,920	223,463

(a) Gross Expenditure, Defence and War Services.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.		Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
			1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
PUBLIC DEBT.							
Commonwealth—			£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.		173,029	171,240	187,220	166,532	164,628
	London £Stg.		90,744	90,744	90,745	90,744	90,744
War (1939-44)	Australia £A.		46,808	109,649	321,345	712,579	1,008,261
	London £Stg.		5,810	17,875	17,875	18,129	6,122
Works, &c. . .	Australia £A.		37,279	39,459	39,956	38,241	36,190
	London £Stg.		66,780	65,384	65,134	64,884	64,362
	New York £Stg.		15,877	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,791
Total . . .	Australia £A.		257,116	320,348	528,521	917,352	1,299,079
	London £Stg.		162,334	174,003	173,754	173,757	161,228
	New York £Stg.		15,877	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,791
Total . . .	. . .		435,327	510,228	718,151	1,106,899	1,476,098
State	Australia £A.		493,647	504,494	504,439	494,115	491,840
	London £Stg.		384,162	384,042	380,422	379,113	373,505
	New York £Stg.		27,918	27,486	25,817	25,910	25,415
Total	. . .		905,727	916,022	910,678	898,838	890,760
Grand Total . .	Australia £A.		750,763	824,842	1,032,960	1,411,467	1,790,919
	London £Stg.		546,490	555,045	554,176	552,870	534,733
	New York £Stg.		43,795	43,363	41,603	41,400	41,206
Total	. . .		1,341,054	1,426,250	1,628,829	2,005,737	2,366,858

(ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.						
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	London £Stg.	24 12 2	24 2 8	23 6 2	23 0 8	22 10 8
War (1939-44)	Australia £A.	6 13 2	15 8 9	44 15 10	98 11 2	150 6 2
	London £Stg.	0 16 6	2 10 5	2 9 10	2 10 2	0 16 9
Works, &c. . .	Australia £A.	5 6 0	5 11 1	5 11 5	5 5 10	4 39 1
	London £Stg.	9 7 1	9 4 1	9 1 7	8 19 6	8 34 2
	New York £Stg.	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3
Total ..	Australia £A.	36 11 4	45 2 1	73 13 5	126 17 8	177 15 11
	London £Stg.	28 1 9	24 10 0	24 4 5	24 0 8	22 1 4
	New York £Stg.	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3
Total ..	..	61 18 3	71 16 10	100 2 1	153 2 0	202 0 6
State ..	Australia £A.	70 8 4	71 5 4	70 10 5	68 10 10	67 9 11
	London £Stg.	54 15 11	54 5 0	53 3 8	52 11 10	51 5 2
	New York £Stg.	3 19 8	3 17 8	3 12 2	3 11 1	3 9 9
Total ..	..	129 3 11	129 8 0	127 6 3	124 13 9	122 4 10
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	106 15 6	116 2 9	143 19 8	195 4 7	245 2 2
	London £Stg.	77 14 6	78 11 5	77 4 11	76 9 5	72 3 8
	New York £Stg.	6 4 7	6 2 1	5 16 3	5 14 6	5 12 10
Total ..	..	190 14 7	200 16 3	227 0 10	277 8 6	323 18 8

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(iii) INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.		Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
			1940. £'000.	1941. £'000.	1942. £'000.	1943. £'000.	1944. £'000.
INTEREST PAYABLE.							
Commonwealth	..	Australia £A. London £Stg. (a) New York £Stg.	9,421 3,388 776	11,249 3,736 776	16,135 3,656 776	25,145 3,290 772	33,945 3,277 771
Total (b)	..	..	13,585	15,761	20,567	29,207	37,993
State	..	Australia £A. London £Stg. New York £Stg.	17,593 14,958 1,421	17,860 14,955 1,393	17,284 14,500 1,283	16,863 14,651 1,272	16,623 14,311 1,263
Total (b)	..	..	33,972	34,216	33,067	32,636	32,197
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State	..	Australia £A. London £Stg. (a) New York £Stg.	27,014 18,346 2,197	29,115 18,601 2,171	33,419 18,156 2,059	42,008 17,701 2,044	50,568 17,588 2,034
Total (b)	..	..	47,557	49,877	53,634	61,843	70,190

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,221). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(iv) AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
		AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.				
Commonwealth and State	Australia	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	London(a)	3 12 4	3 18 2	3 16 7	3 17 3	3 17 4
	New York	5 0 4	5 0 2	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9
Total(b)		3 15 8	3 14 6	3 9 6	3 4 10	3 1 7

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable taking no account of exchange

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable taking no account of exchange.

(v) SHORT-TERM DEBT.—(a)

		At—									
Debt.	Where Redeemable.	30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	30th June, 1942.	30th June, 1943.	30th June, 1944.	31st March, 1945.	
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
	London £Stg.	9,720	5,495	4,220	3,970	1,750	80,481	250,250	343,280	338,280	
State ..	Australia £A.	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,403	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075	43,448	
	London £Stg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,876	23,790	22,868	22,868	
Total ..	Australia £A.	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,403	47,173	125,564	268,450	376,355	431,728	
	London £Stg.	32,875	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,550	25,538	25,588	

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) BANKING.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Average for Quarters ended—	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities (Including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits.	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits.
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total.				
June, 1940 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
" 1941 ..	170,778	208,196	438,974	347,380	118,733	38.9	75.7
" 1942 ..	189,643	238,408	458,051	330,535	142,028	41.3	68.9
" 1943 ..	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
" 1944 ..	314,009	301,820	615,829	291,580	322,229	50.9	45.1
" 1945 ..	385,681	308,812	694,493	270,864	399,000	55.6	37.2
Sept., 1944 ..	384,740	328,850	713,590	267,064	396,685	53.8	35.7
Dec., 1944 ..	399,264	324,108	723,372	253,361	410,140	55.1	33.3
Mar., 1945 ..	424,000	304,223	728,223	246,676	450,670	56.4	30.7

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of R.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills, of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figure relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest (a).	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	167	3,592	1,000	138,438	214,886	353,324	357,883
" 1941..	167	3,580	992	157,746	200,956	358,702	372,381
" 1942..	167	3,912	1,061	193,619	195,493	389,112	394,252
" 1943..	167	4,452	955	258,441	199,519	457,960	463,534
" 1944..	167	4,767	1,026	319,928	220,685	540,613	546,573
Sept., 1944..	167	4,663	1,044	313,820	223,114	536,934	542,817
Dec., 1944..	167	4,956	1,131	335,511	225,078	560,589	566,443
Mar., 1945..	167	4,657	1,073	361,465	228,642	590,107	596,004

(a) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.

AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Gold and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities. (a)	Special War-time Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Over-drafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	2,193	36,793	83,617	..	9,983	2,099	2,340	266,784	423,809
" 1941..	2,139	34,225	102,354	..	10,297	2,737	2,537	283,054	437,343
" 1942..	1,533	37,049	95,837	36,797	9,996	3,246	3,551	299,844	457,953
" 1943..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	2,555	3,928	244,776	528,018
" 1944..	1,968	36,499	148,713	178,500	9,761	3,587	4,200	224,858	608,186
Sept., 1944..	2,027	34,616	150,463	182,836	9,801	3,618	4,134	217,152	604,646
Dec., 1944..	2,055	36,784	168,087	190,778	9,776	3,538	4,639	211,804	627,451
Mar., 1945..	2,080	38,773	181,879	218,746	9,794	3,148	4,142	200,101	658,603

(a) Includes Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarters ended—	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Department.	Notes held outside Common- wealth Bank. (d)
	Business within Australia.							Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)	
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special War- time Deposits lodged by all Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short- term Loans. (a)	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (b)		
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.						
	£'000.	£'000	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1940..	30,054	50,169	80,223	29,908		37,412	33,086	58,539	51,606
" 1941..	28,699	55,150	83,849	29,078		24,626	37,976	74,201	63,724
" 1942..	29,815	57,132	86,947	33,076	37,296	32,129	100,057	58,590	94,917
" 1943..	50,653	98,684	149,337	25,385	100,844	27,026	213,961	80,913	133,350
" 1944..	60,618	82,460	143,078	32,864	179,454	27,800	243,432	143,998	181,109
Sept., 1944..	64,361	101,202	165,563	31,614	183,832	32,111	238,774	172,271	191,661
Dec., 1944..	56,029	94,309	150,338	33,231	191,928	23,787	234,256	177,029	195,095
Mar., 1945..	55,156	106,800	161,956	35,245	220,087	28,851	260,760	185,123	190,456

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See page 32 for details of Note Issue.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS (a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	350	256,991
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,375
1943 ..	122,406	121,249	45,167	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	622	357,996
1944 ..	162,868	153,887	65,479	48,596	25,790	14,213	(b)	701	471,534
1944—									
Jan. ..	146,283	140,694	57,374	44,499	22,958	12,869	(b)	569	425,240
Feb. ..	150,375	144,034	59,055	45,488	23,570	13,274	(b)	603	436,339
Mar. ..	154,154	146,615	60,594	46,339	24,153	13,552	(b)	639	446,046
1945—									
Jan. ..	181,801	169,367	73,965	53,540	29,325	15,727	(b)	770	524,495
Feb. ..	184,725	171,948	74,968	54,133	29,714	16,062	(b)	762	532,312
Mar. ..	187,894	174,222	75,834	54,793	30,211	16,267	(b)	769	539,999

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £50,467,000 was subscribed for War Savings certificates between March, 1940, and March, 1945.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1940 ..	82,111	11,785	28,252	3,984	11,860	2,297	192	360	139,941
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,509	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,966
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,484	13,821	2,705	(a)	398	164,260
1943 ..	122,406	29,731	45,167	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	622	220,593
1944 ..	162,868	31,205	65,479	8,474	25,790	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1944—									
Jan. ..	146,283	28,193	57,374	7,687	22,958	4,196	(a)	569	267,260
Feb. ..	150,375	29,028	59,055	7,881	23,570	4,332	(a)	603	274,844
Mar. ..	154,154	29,699	60,594	8,041	24,153	4,464	(a)	639	281,744
1945—									
Jan. ..	181,801	35,774	73,965	9,762	29,325	5,444	(a)	770	336,841
Feb. ..	184,725	36,536	74,968	9,893	29,714	5,554	(a)	762	342,122
Mar. ..	187,894	37,154	75,834	10,028	30,211	5,638	(a)	769	347,528

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions (a).	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions (a).				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.				
Year 1941 ..	26,978	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,753	2,234	699
" 1942 ..	29,157	23,033	24,555	24,228	5,284	4,226	2,398	774
" 1943 ..	32,351	27,649	27,169	27,091	6,434	4,790	2,638	879
" 1944 ..	32,942	28,746	27,757	27,730	7,074	5,101	2,774	1,090
1945—								
1st Jan. to 26th Jan. ..	24,391	24,391	23,973	23,948	5,875	4,788	3,066	1,981
30th Jan. to 26th Feb. ..	28,107	28,107	28,069	27,983	6,647	5,097	2,872	916
27th Feb. to 26th Mar. ..	29,538	29,538	30,237	30,236	6,446	5,354	2,768	1,031

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales since October, 1930.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,141	6,127	6,127	6,127	6,128
Victoria ..	4,759	4,759	4,759	4,758	4,748
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,566
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,547	2,547	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	645	642	642	642	642
Total ..	27,251	27,234	27,241	27,223	27,213

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858	17,700,704	17,823,993
New South Wales ..	149,203,908	149,575,526	150,601,127	151,849,840	152,144,688
Victoria ..	52,037,722	52,229,383	52,718,196	52,637,204	52,748,555
Queensland ..	38,891,138	39,299,815	39,349,083	39,479,733	39,907,071
South Australia ..	30,109,220	30,399,736	30,801,278	31,200,224	30,673,614
Western Australia ..	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048	26,362,545	26,530,724
Tasmania ..	2,165,261	2,248,034	2,348,784	2,497,296	2,765,041
Total(b) ..	318,223,200	319,841,427	322,152,345	324,264,512	325,038,638

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,118	6,127	6,127	6,127	6,128
Victoria ..	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758	4,718
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,566
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,549	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,380	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	644	642	642	642	612
Total ..	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225	27,213

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	958	1,234	2,322	3,473	3,453
New South Wales ..	29,471	32,285	33,368	33,000	37,100
Victoria ..	17,008	17,767	18,249	18,437	16,413
Queensland ..	14,190	14,603	16,396	19,851	19,794
South Australia ..	5,928	5,892	6,599	6,792	6,777
Western Australia ..	6,134	6,144	6,355	6,340	6,044
Tasmania ..	2,064	2,167	2,176	2,217	2,185
Total ..	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110	91,766

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	622	971	2,105	3,746	3,459
New South Wales ..	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872	35,301
Victoria ..	9,861	11,239	14,520	17,030	15,882
Queensland ..	8,090	8,415	11,654	18,027	16,430
South Australia ..	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811	5,079
Western Australia ..	3,556	3,572	3,996	4,417	4,387
Tasmania ..	536	600	686	843	871
Total ..	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746	82,300

(a) Capital has been reduced during the past sixteen years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000).
 (b) Includes £2,440,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States. (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Partly estimated.
 (e) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth ..	842	903	1,506	2,171	2,521
New South Wales ..	14,047	17,162	21,713	27,343	27,535
Victoria ..	8,058	8,959	11,600	14,040	13,214
Queensland ..	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400	13,163
South Australia ..	2,937	3,062	3,856	4,461	5,213
Western Australia ..	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447	3,796
Tasmania ..	688	757	854	965	1,136
Total ..	36,368	40,309	51,043	64,027	66,578
NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth ..	-220	68	889	1,575	939
New South Wales ..	6,108	6,864	6,774	7,529	7,766
Victoria ..	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990	2,668
Queensland ..	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,627	3,267
South Australia ..	231	450	1,088	1,150	766
Western Australia ..	728	814	970	970	591
Tasmania ..	-152	-157	-168	-122	-265
Total ..	10,220	12,016	15,439	20,719	15,732
PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)					
Commonwealth ..	-1.28	0.39	3.95	8.90	5.27
New South Wales ..	4.09	4.68	4.50	4.95	5.10
Victoria ..	3.47	4.37	5.54	5.68	5.06
Queensland ..	4.43	4.34	8.05	16.78	8.19
South Australia ..	0.77	1.48	3.53	3.67	2.50
Western Australia ..	2.78	3.09	3.68	3.68	2.23
Tasmania ..	-7.02	-6.99	-7.10	-4.88	-9.60
Total (b) ..	3.21	3.76	4.79	6.39	4.84

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.
 (a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1943-44 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.40; Queensland, 4.81; South Australia, 2.27; Tasmania, -3.55; Total, 5.37. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1943.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open ..	2,201	6,128	4,758	6,497	2,548	4,381	642	27,155
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers)	435	7,189	3,591	2,751	830	689	147	15,632
Parcel, Mail, &c.	1,313	0,720	4,015	5,554	1,037	1,433	251	24,232
Goods, including live stock and minerals	34	(d) 804	212	88	232	88	24	1,761
Other miscellaneous	1,782	17,722	8,205	8,305	2,979	2,210	422	41,425
Total Revenue	£ 1,135	13,275	6,330	5,582	2,416	1,036	(g) 492	31,166
Expenditure	£ 1,767	21,540	8,552	10,177	3,408	(h) 3,059	(i) 1,099	49,602
Train-miles run ..	208.2d.	168.6d.	108.2d.	166.4d.	78.6d.	146.5d.	78.9d.	168.8d.
Earnings per train-mile	12s. 10d.	12s. 4d.	14s. 10d.	11s. 0d.	14s. 2d.	12s. 8d.	8s. 11d.	12s. 7d.
Expenditure per cent. on earnings ..	63.68	74.85	77.15	67.21	81.10	87.60	116.51	74.87
Passenger-journeys, No. and coke carried, tons	247	123,127	97,953	18,491	13,908	9,215	1,535	264,476
Other Minerals carried, tons	2	(j)	(j)	510	100	131	148	(l)
Other Goods carried, tons	4	(j)	(j)	178	224	54	(k)	(l)
Live Stock carried, tons	233	(m) 400	(m) 270	263	143	87	320	1,516
Other Goods carried, tons	263	9,047	3,555	2,401	1,300	915	14	18,431
Total Freight carried ..	263	10,047	4,125	3,352	1,839	1,187	401	21,304

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods.
 (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1944.

Particulars.	W. Aust.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q. Land. (a)	S.A. (b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,748	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,144
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	421	6,748	3,523	2,553	822	698	145	14,010
Goods, including live stock and minerals £	590	8,412	3,455	4,708	1,807	1,446	210	20,088
Miscellaneous £	322	(d) 840	598	(e) 220	74	59	2,122	
Total Revenue £	1,333	(f) 10,000	7,576	7,321	2,858	2,218	414	37,720
Expenditure £	1,172	12,025	6,203	5,541	2,491	1,855	(g) 468	29,815
Train-miles run ..	1,421	10,610	8,065	9,470	3,814	(h) 3,161	(i) 1,106	46,239
Earnings per train-mile	18s. 9d.	16s. 4d.	18s. 10d.	15s. 5d.	17s. 3d.	14s. 0d.	6s. 11d.	16s. 4d.
Expenditure per train-mile	16s. 6d.	12s. 3d.	15s. 7d.	11s. 8d.	15s. 0d.	11s. 9d.	7s. 10d.	12s. 11d.
Expenditure per cent. on earnings %	87.08	75.16	82.06	75.70	87.15	83.30	113.04	79.05
Passenger-journeys, No.	253	123,760	97,414	19,014	12,229	9,163	1,517	263,950
Coal and Coke carried, tons	27	(j)	(j)	511	120	44	140	(l)
Other Minerals carried, tons	11	(j)	(j)	176	102	38	(k)	(l)
Live Stock carried, tons	22	(m) 400	(m) 248	304	144	24	17	1,159
Other Goods carried, tons	179	8,811	3,441	2,409	1,424	423	330	17,017
Total Freight carried ..	239	9,211	3,689	3,400	1,889	529	493	19,450

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
(d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
(e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Government contributions towards losses on non-paying
developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
(i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included
with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Six months ended December—				
	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
Registered Aircraft owners (r) .. No.	137	120	110	(e) 128	116
Registered Aircraft (r) ..	288	202	192	(e) 184	185
Licensed Pilots—(c) ..					
Private .. (b) 1,225	502	240	171	159	
Commercial .. (b) 324	187	181	233	305	
Licensed Ground Engi- neers (c) .. (b) 651	617	717	924	1,039	
Aerodromes—(c) ..					
Government .. 73	79	72	80	89	
Public .. 224	212	207	206	206	
Emergency Grounds ..	141	116	96	78	
Hours flown .. 30,150	36,814	26,380	39,781	51,567	
Approximate mileage Miles '000	4,373	4,730	3,471	5,008	6,878
Passengers carried .. No.	69,345	65,391	106,480	132,741	
Goods, Weight carried lb. '000	980	1,327	1,125	1,389	1,924
Mails, Weight carried (d) .. '000	209	521	630	1,437	1,552
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	..	4	2	1	8
Persons injured ..	1	3	..	..	1

(a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore oversea service, but excludes those relating to
civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Includes licences issued for New Guinea. (c) At 30th June
of year shown above each column. (d) Includes gross weight of oversea mail, i.e., includes weight
of mail bags. (e) At 31st October, 1943. (f) At 31st October, 1943.

NOTE.—Figures for flying operations during 1942-43 and after refer to the larger organizations only.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars	At 30th June, 1941.	At 30th June, 1942.	At 30th June, 1943.	At 30th June, 1944.	At 31st March, 1945.
Lines connected ..	No. 525,647	No. 531,075	No. 540,291	No. 557,072	No. 571,825
Instruments connected ..	720,321	738,686	766,846	799,728	810,842

D.—Motor Vehicles.

State or Territory	No. of Registrations.				Gross Revenue.				
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.	Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders' Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Totals.
1943-44.									
New South Wales ..	182,287	79,000	14,897	276,184	423,452	2,070,935	214,192	60,303	2,345,430
Victoria ..	136,842	89,354	17,965	244,161	337,171	1,440,104	84,259	80,308	1,604,711
Queensland ..	98,247	50,788	6,103	155,138	264,346	692,880	50,837	65,565	818,282
South Australia ..	57,366	24,008	6,553	87,927	109,117	510,297	54,115	12,741	577,153
Western Australia ..	30,370	22,791	4,327	57,488	70,420	325,779	23,081	34,157	385,017
Tasmania ..	16,730	6,321	2,583	25,634	27,348	181,018	13,674	20,557	215,249
Northern Territory ..	174	1,579	35	1,779	1,177	1,878	537	..	2,415
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,375	437	97	1,909	2,577	9,881	1,421	69	11,371
Total ..	493,391	274,269	52,550	820,220	1,235,008	5,232,772	451,150	273,700	5,957,626
Total, 1942-43 ..	471,742	255,933	48,321	775,996	1,185,368	4,982,634	439,509	267,416	5,689,550

REGISTRATIONS AT 31st MARCH, 1945.

Vehicles.	N.S.W. No.	Vic. No.	Qld. No.	S.A. No.	W.A. No.	Tas. No.	N.T. No.	A.C.T. No.	Total. No.
Motor Cars ..	186,414	137,122	68,903	59,725	31,671	17,003	174	1,417	502,489
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	82,704	94,361	52,907	25,169	23,406	6,804	1,570	446	287,307
Motor Cycles ..	15,789	16,115	6,192	7,307	4,318	2,977	35	114	55,547
Total ..	284,907	250,598	128,002	92,201	(a) 59,395	26,484	(b) 1,779	1,977	845,403
Total at 31st March, 1944 ..	272,311	242,904	123,467	88,361	56,124	25,444	(c) 1,229	1,920	811,850

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 28th February, 1945. (b) At 30th June, 1944.
(c) At 30th June, 1943.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1945.

Vehicles.	N.S.W. No.	Vic. No.	Qld. No.	S.A. No.	W.A. No.	Tas. No.	A.C.T. No.	Total. No.
Motor Cars ..	205	350	27	26	27	20	..	655
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	2,046	1,842	1,063	464	389	1	1	6,070
Motor Cycles ..	71	70	116	14	98	1	..	377
Total (a) ..	2,322	2,268	1,208	504	(b) 514	285	1	7,102
Total, Nine months ended March, 1944 ..	3,045	3,008	2,023	911	935	434	9	10,365

(a) Excludes Northern Territory. (b) Subject to revision.
NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria, are included
under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a) No.	Victoria. (b) No.	Q. Land. (c) No.	S. Aust. (d) No.	W. Aust. No.	Tasmania. No.	Australia. No.
30th June, 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,892	1,129,786
.. .. 1940 ..	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
.. .. 1941 ..	494,884	362,780	168,216	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,290,266
.. .. 1942 ..	500,451	371,582	172,527	147,846	97,785	49,010	1,419,793
.. .. 1943(d) ..	532,014	399,350	177,846	151,258	100,000	50,556	1,454,302
.. .. 1944(e) ..	560,032	409,323	180,000	155,751	100,000	50,103	1,456,301
31st Mar., 1945(f) ..	563,791	411,453	182,078	157,341	100,000	50,103	1,456,301

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Papua. (c) Includes Northern
Territory. (d) Includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1939	200	140	114	117	141	70	4	15	819	(a)390
1940	198	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	139	73	4	15	790	(a)375

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.

1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b)2,109
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

1939	358,391	216,863	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,685	915,470	815,470
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,508	68,271	24,550	1,405	1,905	955,802	855,802
1941	425,522	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	463,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	20,893	1,406	1,790	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	495,109	311,791	194,225	107,311	65,580	20,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,861	1,204,861

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organisations and interstate groups of organisations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organisations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1940 Year	..	..	394	491,352
1941	..	..	395	535,660
1942	..	..	394	613,534
1943	..	..	390	675,713
1944	..	..	389	681,689
1932—June	Quarter(s)	..	396	413,742
1941—June	..	..	395	617,696
September	..	..	394	541,983
December	..	..	394	572,680
1942—March	..	..	394	588,525
June	..	..	394	603,066
September	..	..	394	617,076
December	..	..	394	645,467
1943—March	..	..	391	665,334
June	..	..	390	680,292
September	..	..	390	682,557
December	..	..	390	686,067
1944—March	..	..	390	688,381
June	..	..	389	683,463
September	..	..	389	680,218
December	..	..	389	674,695
1945—March	..	..	389	683,632

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 72.

(c) Peak of unemployment.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment (a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1940 Year	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1942	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1943	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1944	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1932—June	Quarter (b)	..	..	..	..	..	..
1940—June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—March	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1942—March	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1943—March	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1944—March	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
June	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
September	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
December	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1945—March	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) See notes to table on page 50.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

Unemployment (a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.		1944.				1945.
	June Qtr.(b)	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
Manufacturing—	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	39.6	1.1	1.1	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	33.9	0.6	0.6	1.7	1.1	1.1	0.9
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c.	19.3	2.4	2.3	3.0	1.8	2.3	2.5
IV. Clothing, Hats, Books, &c.	22.5	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7
V. Books, Printing, &c.	16.8	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
VI. Other Manufacturing	43.0	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.7
VII. Building	42.1	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.0
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c.	34.2	3.3	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1
IX. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services	29.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.7
X. XII, XIII, XIV, and XV (c)	22.2	1.0	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5
Other and Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
All Groups	30.0	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1

(a) See notes to table on page 50.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification see p. 55.

AUSTRALIA.—Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment.

Month.	Total Employment (a) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction. (d)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (e)	Total.
MALES (Thousands).											
1933—June	262.2	729.9	992.1	36.3	251.7	151.7	164.6	212.3		112.6	140.6
1939—July	349.9	943.3	1,293.1	54.0	391.5	142.0	208.0	115.0	128.0	140.0	140.0
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	480.9	144.0	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1	127.1
Nov.	381.5	999.8	1,381.3	53.9	509.8	136.5	207.3	101.9	117.9	127.2	127.2
1942—July	420.3	898.1	1,308.4	47.7	513.2	116.8	205.3	79.4	96.6	111.8	111.8
1943—June	412.5	861.4	1,273.9	45.0	520.7	91.3	205.1	71.4	88.9	106.5	106.5
Sept.	411.5	856.3	1,267.8	44.6	517.5	91.7	205.9	70.0	87.4	107.0	107.0
Dec.	409.1	863.0	1,272.1	44.2	512.9	89.4	207.4	72.6	89.1	109.0	109.0
1944—Jan.	405.3	863.5	1,268.8	44.1	515.3	86.9	208.4	70.7	89.8	109.2	109.2
Feb.	408.5	865.7	1,274.2	44.4	516.2	85.3	210.2	70.3	90.3	109.5	109.5
Mar.	408.5	866.4	1,274.9	44.2	515.8	84.1	210.3	70.7	90.9	110.6	110.6
June	404.0	866.9	1,270.9	44.2	515.1	77.8	212.6	71.1	91.3	111.6	111.6
Sept.	400.3	868.6	1,268.9	44.5	512.2	73.5	215.8	71.7	92.3	113.6	113.6
Oct.	397.6	868.8	1,266.4	44.5	510.8	73.6	214.6	72.1	92.6	114.1	114.1
Nov.	396.0	873.6	1,270.5	44.6	509.9	73.3	217.1	73.4	93.8	114.6	114.6
Dec.	396.0	872.1	1,268.1	44.2	508.8	73.0	216.1	76.2	93.4	115.2	115.2
1945—Jan.	398.2	876.0	1,274.2	44.7	508.1	74.5	218.1	74.5	94.6	115.4	115.4
Feb.	398.4	878.8	1,277.2	44.6	508.3	75.0	219.4	74.5	94.6	116.4	116.4
FEMALES (Thousands).											
1933—June	46.5	294.3	340.8	0.2	103.1	0.7	11.0	87.3		130.7	130.7
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	0.4	148.2	1.0	14.4	81.0	34.1	129.0	129.0
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.3	44.0	148.1	148.1
Nov.	76.3	494.7	571.0	0.5	198.2	2.0	22.0	106.4	47.4	150.4	150.4
1942—July	102.4	496.5	598.9	0.6	212.4	2.1	26.4	103.0	52.3	162.5	162.5
1943—June	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.6	2.3	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2	157.2
Sept.	133.6	503.2	636.8	0.5	227.5	2.3	35.0	96.8	53.0	160.4	160.4
Dec.	134.1	507.4	641.5	0.5	224.2	2.4	36.7	96.0	52.3	162.7	162.7
1944—Jan.	133.8	502.6	636.4	0.6	221.8	2.4	36.6	95.3	52.3	163.3	163.3
Feb.	134.1	503.9	638.0	0.6	221.6	2.4	37.1	95.2	52.5	164.3	164.3
Mar.	134.4	506.6	641.0	0.7	222.6	2.5	36.9	94.7	52.4	166.1	166.1
June	129.0	504.0	633.0	0.6	215.3	2.6	37.2	95.8	52.3	166.6	166.6
Sept.	127.6	508.0	635.6	0.7	213.4	2.5	37.4	95.7	53.0	170.7	170.7
Oct.	126.5	509.1	635.6	0.7	211.1	2.5	37.5	96.1	53.0	172.2	172.2
Nov.	124.8	513.1	637.9	0.9	211.3	2.5	37.7	98.2	52.8	172.8	172.8
Dec.	124.3	513.8	638.1	0.7	209.6	2.4	38.0	101.5	52.6	171.7	171.7
1945—Jan.	123.2	508.3	631.5	0.7	207.0	2.4	37.9	98.0	52.8	171.5	171.5
Feb.	122.3	513.1	635.4	0.6	208.8	2.4	37.9	98.2	53.0	173.4	173.4
PERSONS (Thousands).											
1933—June	308.7	1,024.2	1,332.9	36.5	354.8	162.4	175.6	299.6		243.3	243.3
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	54.4	539.7	143.0	222.4	196.0	162.0	269.0	269.0
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	145.9	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2	275.2
Nov.	457.8	1,494.5	1,952.3	54.4	708.0	138.5	220.3	208.3	165.3	277.6	277.6
1942—July	522.7	1,384.6	1,907.3	48.3	725.6	118.9	231.7	182.4	149.9	284.3	284.3
1943—June	541.7	1,363.5	1,905.2	45.5	749.3	93.6	239.6	169.6	141.3	283.7	283.7
Sept.	545.1	1,359.5	1,904.6	45.1	744.8	94.0	241.8	168.8	140.4	287.4	287.4
Dec.	543.2	1,370.4	1,913.6	44.7	737.1	91.8	244.1	172.2	141.4	271.7	271.7
1944—Jan.	543.1	1,366.1	1,909.2	44.7	737.1	89.3	245.2	166.0	142.1	272.5	272.5
Feb.	542.6	1,369.6	1,912.2	45.0	737.8	87.7	247.3	165.5	142.8	274.0	274.0
Mar.	542.9	1,373.0	1,915.9	44.9	738.4	86.6	247.2	165.4	143.3	278.7	278.7
June	533.9	1,376.0	1,910.8	44.8	730.4	80.4	249.8	166.9	143.6	278.1	278.1
Sept.	527.9	1,377.5	1,905.4	45.2	725.6	76.0	253.2	167.4	143.3	284.3	284.3
Oct.	524.1	1,377.0	1,901.0	45.2	721.9	76.1	252.1	168.2	145.6	286.3	286.3
Nov.	521.7	1,386.7	1,908.4	45.2	721.1	75.8	254.8	172.0	146.6	287.4	287.4
Dec.	520.3	1,385.0	1,905.3	44.9	715.4	75.4	254.1	177.7	146.0	286.9	286.9
1945—Jan.	521.4	1,384.3	1,905.7	45.4	715.1	76.9	256.0	172.5	146.4	286.0	286.0
Feb.	520.7	1,391.9	1,912.6	45.2	717.7	77.4	257.3	172.7	147.5	289.8	289.8

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures to June, 1943, are final. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government Authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments.

(c) From July, 1943, monthly figures are subject to revision. (d) Includes Allied Works Council projects. (e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Governmental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors).	Total Factories.	Index 1928-29 = 100.	
										Unadjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
1928-29	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.9	432.0	100	100
1936-37	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	116	108
1937-38	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	124	115
1938-39	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.9	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	126	116
1939-40	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	131	119
1940-41	237.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	145	131
1941-42	280.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	163	146
1942-43	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	617.0	738.8	171	151
1943-44(b)	311.5	251.4	62.2	67.3	26.8	20.0	116.0	623.2	739.2	171	150
1943-44(b) —											
December	312.8	252.5	58.4	66.7	26.7	20.0	116.1	621.0	737.1	171	150
March	311.9	251.7	60.7	66.4	27.0	20.7	109.4	629.0	738.4	171	149
June	306.0	246.7	64.1	65.1	26.9	20.7	102.5	627.9	730.4	169	147
1944-45(b) —											
September	304.2	245.8	63.9	64.6	26.9	20.2	98.2	627.4	725.6	168	146
October	304.3	245.2	61.8	63.8	27.3	19.5	94.7	627.2	721.9	167	145
November	303.3	246.0	62.1	62.9	27.3	19.5	91.2	629.9	721.1	167	145
December	302.7	245.2	57.0	63.3	27.5	19.7	88.3	627.1	715.4	166	143
January	301.8	244.8	57.0	64.1	27.3	20.1	86.8	627.1	715.1	166	143
February	302.2	245.9	58.6	63.1	27.3	20.0	85.1	632.0	717.1	166	143

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged exclusively on aircraft and ship-building, but excludes private factories engaged partly on war contracts and partly on other work. (b) From July, 1943, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

PAY-ROLL TAX.—Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).
Employees—July, 1941	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	80,904
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	700	700	701	729	694	756	704
1944—June	694	695	697	744	695	761	695
December	741	741	748	804	752	837	751
1945—January	716	725	745	797	751	829	735
February	713	728	744	796	752	835	735

FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,007	76,514
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	951	937	1,019	959	874	988	958
1944—June	911	909	1,022	977	961	994	935
December	987	932	1,071	1,056	1,018	1,068	992
1945—January	940	912	1,040	1,021	987	1,033	957
February	939	914	1,047	1,035	983	1,037	959

PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	157,448
1941—July	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1943—June	814	842	843	835	860	871	827
1944—June	802	798	841	860	829	860	815
December	863	833	891	930	886	941	868
1945—January	827	815	876	908	870	921	842
February	826	817	878	915	868	926	843

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period		Num- ber.	Estab- lish- ments In- volved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Esti- mated Loss in Wage £
				Di- rectly.	Indi- rectly.	Total.	New Dis- putes.	Old Dis- putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.										
Year—1944	..	800	924	212,858	8,175	221,033	567,565	7,740	575,305	760,380
1943—Dec.	Qtr.	134	150	33,099	3,141	36,240	155,798	..	155,798	208,136
1944—March	..	205	221	57,529	1,825	59,354	202,098	745	202,843	277,389
June	..	200	237	50,084	698	50,782	99,363	5,350	104,713	132,517
Sept.	..	217	279	56,805	3,181	59,986	136,711	..	136,711	173,039
Dec.	..	178	187	48,440	2,471	50,911	129,393	1,645	131,038	177,435
VICTORIA.										
Year—1944	..	53	89	13,348	294	13,642	71,358	1,200	72,618	73,223
1943—Dec.	Qtr.	8	14	1,083	38	1,121	7,173	..	7,173	6,073
1944—March	..	10	28	4,828	150	4,978	33,574	..	33,574	34,909
June	..	15	18	1,445	..	1,445	4,744	..	4,744	3,823
Sept.	..	13	23	4,126	84	4,210	10,214	1,250	17,474	17,404
Dec.	..	15	20	2,949	60	3,009	10,826	..	10,826	17,087
QUEENSLAND.										
Year—1944	..	23	32	8,493	..	8,493	63,084	..	63,084	67,301
1943—Dec.	Qtr.	8	19	2,959	..	2,959	15,442	3,616	19,058	20,652
1944—March	..	6	7	2,245	..	2,245	10,560	..	10,560	14,082
June	..	4	4	1,809	..	1,809	15,601	..	15,601	17,724
Sept.	..	5	9	1,449	..	1,449	4,101	..	4,101	4,146
Dec.	..	8	12	2,090	..	2,090	32,822	..	32,822	31,440
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.										
Year—1944	..	30	71	18,250	3,230	21,480	76,086	..	76,086	80,614
1943—Dec.	Qtr.	11	14	3,905	775	4,680	10,090	..	10,090	6,695
1944—March	..	7	48	5,645	..	5,645	51,056	..	51,056	55,461
June	..	11	11	2,539	43	2,582	3,679	..	3,679	3,828
Sept.	..	8	8	8,985	3,187	12,172	19,169	..	19,169	19,628
Dec.	..	4	4	1,081	..	1,081	2,191	..	2,191	1,997
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.										
Year—1944	..	29	74	7,142	2,917	10,059	44,984	45,000	89,984	93,001
1943—Dec.	Qtr.	6	0	563	950	1,513	29,109	..	29,109	30,346
1944—March	..	4	4	1,454	2,900	4,354	5,076	45,000	50,076	48,245
June	..	4	11	508	..	508	4,436	..	4,436	5,809
Sept.	..	12	25	2,521	17	2,538	7,864	..	7,864	7,834
Dec.	..	9	34	3,661	..	3,661	27,008	..	27,008	31,773
TASMANIA.										
Year—1944	..	4	4	533	..	533	35,075	..	35,075	36,510
1943—Dec.	Qtr.	1	1	..	..	49	49	..	49	60
1944—March	..	1	1	114	..	114	228	..	228	256
June	..	1	1	18	..	18	108	..	108	200
Sept.	..	1	1	352	..	352	35,200	..	35,200	36,000
AUSTRALIA.										
Year—1944	..	939	1,194	260,824	14,616	275,240	858,752	54,090	912,752	1,111,629
1943—Dec.	Qtr.	167	203	42,209	4,904	47,113	217,702	3,616	221,318	271,002
1944—March	..	233	309	71,750	4,875	76,625	302,413	45,745	348,168	430,146
June	..	235	292	56,497	741	57,238	128,051	5,350	133,401	163,761
Sept.	..	256	345	73,904	6,469	80,373	184,248	1,300	185,548	222,151
Dec.	..	215	258	58,473	2,531	61,004	244,040	1,645	245,685	295,981

Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1944.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'd.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	125/10	120/6	119/7	115/1	117/11	116/1	121/1
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/11	120/4	121/0	115/10	124/11	120/9	121/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.00
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	120/2	118/4	116/2	110/3	118/4	112/10	118/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.44	44.00	44.13	44.00	43.91
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	117/5	118/9	123/6	123/6	119/5	114/8	119/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	135/7	137/2	125/7	128/1	145/8	128/6	134/8
	Working Hours	42.49	41.91	42.28	43.50	42.76	43.35	42.39
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	120/6	118/2	115/3	115/11	118/4	118/3	118/8
	Working Hours	43.89	43.90	43.78	43.71	44.08	43.91	43.87
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	132/9	132/3	120/2	119/0	125/11	123/0	129/1
	Working Hours	43.65	44.00	40.90	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	128/4	122/0	128/7	94/0	138/2	115/3	126/11
	Working Hours	40.70	40.47	40.83	43.70	40.50	41.35	40.80
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	124/3	123/1	120/2	114/11	119/0	112/9	121/10
	Working Hours	43.80	43.74	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.83
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	114/6	111/4	110/6	106/7	118/4	105/8	112/1
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/8	123/4	110/11	121/4	121/10	121/6	122/2
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage	119/6	118/2	120/8	117/10	117/10	122/6	119/4
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	111/9	112/6	105/8	102/8	107/1	102/0	109/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.17
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	116/7	115/10	110/10	107/6	114/0	109/7	114/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.07	44.00	44.05	44.00	43.77	44.26
All Groups (a)		121/4	119/6	118/0	113/7	121/10	116/6	119/6
All Groups except XI.		121/8	119/8	117/0	111/0	122/8	113/9	119/5
and XII. (b)		43.50	43.91	43.18	44.14	43.16	43.39	43.61
		2/9	2/8	2/8	2/4	2/10	2/7	2/8

(a) Weighted average. (b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.
 (c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.
 (d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied. (e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1944.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
III Fedl. Drink. &c.	Weekly Wage	61/5	65/0	59/0	55/0	53/11	64/0	62/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4	1/5	1/4	1/3	1/2	1/5	1/5
IV Cethng. Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	72/0	73/2	75/3	75/3	63/0	71/0	72/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/5	1/7	1/7
I, II, V, & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	70/2	75/2	65/0	65/3	60/3	71/0	71/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.77	44.00	43.99	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8	1/5	1/6	1/4	1/7	1/7
XIII Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	65/4	71/7	68/7	55/8	68/0	65/5	67/1
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage	1/6	1/7	1/6	1/5	1/6	1/5	1/6
XIV Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	77/0	79/8	81/10	55/8	60/3	70/4	70/4
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/9	1/9	1/10	1/3	1/4	1/6	1/6
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	71/3	73/11	74/1	65/4	65/10	68/6	71/11
	Working Hours	43.88	44.00	44.00	43.99	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8	1/8	1/5	1/6	1/6	1/7

(a) Weighted average. (b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 31st December, 1944.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	56 2	54 7	53 5	54 5	62 10	52 8	55 7
" " 1939	96 7	94 0	97 5	88 11	100 6	89 5	95 3
" " 1940	99 7	97 0	97 9	92 11	104 0	92 7	98 1
" " 1941	105 4	104 5	101 9	100 3	110 2	99 3	104 8
" " 1942	118 3	116 7	110 2	112 3	117 7	108 2	115 8
" " 1943	121 3	119 7	116 10	113 9	122 2	116 9	119 5
30th June, 1944	121 2	118 8	116 11	113 4	121 3	116 5	119 0
30th September, 1944	121 3	119 4	117 2	113 3	121 6	115 9	119 3
31st December, 1944	121 4	119 6	118 0	113 7	121 10	116 6	119 6
ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,098	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,088
" " 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1940	1,943	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,020	1,807	1,913
" " 1941	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
" " 1942	2,308	2,276	2,160	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257
" " 1943	2,386	2,333	2,279	2,210	2,383	2,279	2,329
30th June, 1944	2,364	2,315	2,262	2,211	2,365	2,271	2,322
30th September, 1944	2,366	2,329	2,286	2,210	2,371	2,259	2,327
31st December, 1944	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,210	2,377	2,273	2,332

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

31st December, 1914	20 10	27 9	27 1	24 1	37 4	25 10	27 5
" " 1939	63 3	51 9	55 2	49 7	57 6	50 8	55 8
" " 1940	54 9	53 5	56 0	52 1	57 6	53 1	54 3
" " 1941	57 11	58 4	59 6	55 5	60 4	56 7	58 2
" " 1942	63 10	64 11	66 4	60 3	64 2	61 3	64 4
" " 1943	70 2	69 9	66 9	61 3	68 4	66 4	68 4
30th June, 1944	70 4	72 10	73 3	65 4	65 9	66 7	71 0
30th September, 1944	71 3	73 11	73 4	65 4	65 10	66 8	71 9
31st December, 1944	71 3	73 11	74 1	65 4	65 10	66 8	71 11

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

31st December, 1914	967	1,022	990	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1939	1,980	1,908	2,081	1,826	2,044	1,866	1,938
" " 1940	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996
" " 1941	2,133	2,148	2,101	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141
" " 1942	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368
" " 1943	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,358	2,446	2,391	2,516
30th June, 1944	2,588	2,682	2,667	2,406	2,419	2,450	2,614
30th September, 1944	2,622	2,720	2,690	2,406	2,422	2,453	2,642
31st December, 1944	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,450	2,647

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales	(a) 4 18 0	(a) 2 13 0	1.5.45	(b)
Victoria(c)	(4.18.0)	(2.13.0)	(1.8.44)	(c)
Queensland	(d) 4 17 0	2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia	4 14 9	2 6 2	15.10.42	" " " "
Western Australia(e)	4 19 11	2 13 11	1.7.44	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c)	(4.13.0)	(2.10.0)	(1.5.45)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 2s. 6d.; Females, £2 15s. 0d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 18s. 0d.; Females, £2 13s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 6d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.7.44 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State including the B.W. Land Division—Males, £5 7s. 1d.; Females, £2 17s. 10d.; and from 1.3.45 for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 19s. 7d.; Females £2 13s. 9d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st May, 1941.	1st August, 1944.	1st November, 1944.	1st February, 1945.	1st May, 1945.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Sydney	99 0	99 0	99 0	99 0	98 0
Melbourne	97 0	98 0	98 0	98 0	98 0
Brisbane	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Adelaide	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Perth	93 0	93 0	94 0	93 0	93 0
Hobart	94 0	93 0	94 0	94 0	93 0
Six Capitals	96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1939.		1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales	64	17	70	22	65	49	72	23	24	11
Victoria	173	17	170	22	262	53	202	29	129	35
Queensland	50	25	34	45	53	16	27	29	17	38
South Australia	18	7	33	7	167	8	160	12	44	7
Western Australia	20	25	31	21	30	18	19	19	6	14
Tasmania	18	18	18	21	21	19	19	20	44	17
Commonwealth Court	31	21	25	13	7	3	52	20	44	17
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator	1	1	1	5	5	4	3	3	3	3
Total	375	95	402	108	610	94	555	103	287	84

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 61.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

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

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1911.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1944.				1945.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

	1911.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1945.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
Sydney ..	553	962	962	1,040	1,042	1,025	1,019	1,025	1,035	1,022	1,027
Melbourne ..	523	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,049	1,039	1,047	1,063	1,046	1,052
Brisbane ..	569	889	911	972	975	965	968	967	964	959	967
Adelaide ..	570	900	905	1,012	1,003	993	989	995	999	988	993
Perth ..	753	949	981	1,029	1,059	1,056	1,051	1,057	1,067	1,049	1,059
Hobart ..	592	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,035	1,029	1,026	1,044	1,039	1,025
Weighted Average ..	559	939	947	1,031	1,037	1,026	1,020	1,026	1,036	1,022	1,028

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

	1911.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1945.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
Sydney ..	701	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043
Melbourne ..	569	969	975	975	974	974	974	974	975	973	973
Brisbane ..	373	857	860	862	862	863	863	863	863	863	863
Adelaide ..	706	892	893	893	893	892	892	892	892	892	892
Perth ..	524	882	883	885	885	886	886	886	886	886	886
Hobart ..	452	933	933	933	931	932	931	931	932	933	933
Weighted Average ..	612	973	976	976	975	976	976	976	975	975	975

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

	1911.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1944.	1945.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.
Sydney ..	606	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,026	1,030	1,036	1,027	1,031
Melbourne ..	539	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,016	1,026	1,015	1,019	1,019
Brisbane ..	500	875	889	927	929	923	925	924	922	919	924
Adelaide ..	618	895	899	963	958	951	949	953	955	948	951
Perth ..	672	921	941	971	989	987	984	988	994	983	989
Hobart ..	542	938	953	1,000	1,009	992	988	987	995	986	986
Weighted Average ..	578	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,000	1,004	1,010	1,002	1,005

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 61.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).

("B" Series.)

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

State and Town.	1911.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1944.				1945.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	606	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,026	1,030	1,036	1,027	1,031
Newcastle ..	..	950	959	1,005	1,000	987	988	987	990	984	985
Broken Hill ..	..	953	991	1,052	1,044	1,055	1,049	1,050	1,062	1,059	1,068
Goulburn ..	..	950	957	1,009	1,007	999	1,001	999	1,000	997	999
Bathurst ..	..	908	910	957	953	951	945	952	956	952	956
Weighted Average(a)	..	980	988	1,036	1,036	1,026	1,023	1,026	1,032	1,024	1,027
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	539	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,011	1,016	1,026	1,015	1,019
Ballarat ..	..	843	841	894	908	907	899	906	916	907	908
Bendigo ..	..	864	868	920	923	923	918	921	930	921	923
Geelong ..	..	915	912	956	962	958	951	957	968	955	954
Warrnambool ..	..	944	941	984	993	995	979	990	1,006	1,003	1,000
Weighted Average(a)	..	946	946	1,005	1,012	1,009	1,002	1,008	1,017	1,007	1,010
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	500	875	889	927	929	923	925	924	922	919	924
Toowoomba ..	..	849	857	913	927	945	945	946	943	945	949
Rockhampton ..	..	854	863	901	904	908	909	911	907	906	918
Townsville ..	..	925	933	974	970	975	973	976	975	975	980
Bundaberg ..	..	817	835	878	888	886	887	880	884	884	888
Weighted Average(a)	..	873	886	926	928	926	927	927	925	923	928
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	618	895	899	963	958	951	949	953	956	948	951
Kadina, &c. ..	..	739	738	789	784	776	775	776	778	774	771
Port Pirie ..	..	877	889	943	932	923	920	925	927	920	923
Mount Gambier ..	..	828	832	879	877	884	872	879	893	892	888
Peterborough ..	..	895	893	936	926	922	913	919	931	925	928
Weighted Average(a)	..	888	892	955	950	944	941	945	948	941	943
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	672	921	941	971	989	987	984	988	994	983	989
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	..	1,184	1,211	1,160	1,122	1,121	1,114	1,120	1,126	1,124	1,124
Northam ..	..	946	980	1,005	1,001	999	992	1,002	1,007	993	999
Bunbury ..	..	979	996	1,011	1,010	1,010	1,003	1,011	1,018	1,007	1,014
Geraldton ..	..	995	1,024	1,048	1,069	1,079	1,077	1,083	1,089	1,066	1,070
Weighted Average(a)	..	943	964	988	1,001	1,000	996	1,000	1,006	996	1,001
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	542	938	953	1,000	1,009	992	988	987	998	995	986
Launceston ..	..	901	913	948	953	936	932	932	942	938	932
Burnie ..	..	914	937	973	998	958	975	947	958	950	940
Devonport ..	..	882	898	928	942	920	921	913	926	918	969
Queenstown ..	..	942	947	970	1,005	1,004	995	998	1,011	1,010	1,002
Weighted Average(a)	..	923	937	978	988	970	967	965	976	973	965
THIRTY TOWNS(d)	..	945	952	1,001	1,005	998	995	998	1,004	996	999
SIX CAPITALS(d)	..	578	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,000	1,004	1,010	1,002
Warwick (Q.) (c)	..	799	817	856	872	886	880	888	887	887	888
Port Augusta (c)	..	878	896	932	914	914	903	909	925	918	919
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c)	..	1,028	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,058	1,061	1,057	1,060	1,054	1,058

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns. (b) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1,000. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) Weighted average.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX—NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

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

State and Town.	1914.				1944.				1945.				Percentage Increase from July, 1914, to Mar. 1945.	
	Month.				Month.									
	July.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar. Qtr.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Mar. Qtr.					
NEW SOUTH WALES—														
Sydney	645	1,010	1,017	1,022	1,019	1,023	1,023	1,035	1,027	60.5				
Newcastle	642	1,044	1,046	1,048	1,046	1,038	1,040	1,047	1,042	63.1				
Broken Hill .. .	821	1,243	1,243	1,241	1,242	1,273	1,278	1,271	1,274	54.8				
Goulburn	661	1,081	1,082	1,080	1,081	1,076	1,077	1,079	1,078	63.2				
Bathurst	613	1,013	1,014	1,015	1,014	1,030	1,032	1,030	1,033	69.0				
Weighted Average (a) ..	652	1,026	1,024	1,028	1,026	1,030	1,030	1,041	1,034	59.7				
VICTORIA—														
Melbourne	619	1,039	1,038	1,038	1,039	1,051	1,048	1,055	1,052	70.4				
Ballarat	617	1,023	1,023	1,023	1,023	1,038	1,036	1,044	1,039	69.2				
Bendigo	619	1,035	1,036	1,030	1,034	1,041	1,039	1,044	1,042	68.7				
Geelong	609	995	995	994	995	999	998	1,005	1,001	65.0				
Warrnambool .. .	608	1,013	1,013	1,011	1,012	1,047	1,044	1,040	1,047	72.5				
Weighted Average (a) ..	618	1,037	1,036	1,036	1,036	1,049	1,045	1,053	1,049	70.4				
QUEENSLAND—														
Brisbane	591	963	971	971	968	963	964	973	967	64.6				
Toowoomba	582	995	1,006	1,007	1,003	996	1,015	1,016	1,009	74.8				
Rockhampton .. .	646	996	1,004	1,007	1,003	1,002	1,026	1,025	1,018	58.7				
Townsville	..	1,037	1,050	1,052	1,046	1,047	1,063	1,065	1,058	..				
Bundaberg	..	1,017	1,034	1,032	1,028	1,031	1,030	1,029	1,030	..				
Weighted Average (a) ..	605	974	983	983	980	976	981	988	981	63.3				
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—														
Adelaide	690	990	990	988	989	993	993	992	993	41.9				
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo ..	688	1,032	1,027	1,027	1,029	1,021	1,021	1,021	1,021	48.4				
Port Pirie	722	1,056	1,057	1,057	1,057	1,061	1,062	1,062	1,062	47.1				
Mount Gambier ..	595	976	977	976	976	1,005	997	1,006	1,003	69.1				
Peterborough .. .	749	1,017	1,019	1,019	1,018	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	39.3				
Weighted Average (a) ..	697	993	993	992	993	997	996	996	997	42.9				
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—														
Perth and Fremantle ..	740	1,051	1,052	1,050	1,051	1,051	1,062	1,062	1,059	41.8				
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	931	1,168	1,169	1,169	1,169	1,173	1,190	1,191	1,185	27.9				
Northam	901	1,051	1,058	1,059	1,050	1,060	1,071	1,071	1,067	..				
Bunbury	793	1,024	1,025	1,028	1,032	1,033	1,046	1,049	1,043	32.3				
Geraldton	808	1,090	1,092	1,093	1,092	1,073	1,084	1,084	1,080	34.2				
Weighted Average (a) ..	790	1,060	1,061	1,059	1,060	1,060	1,072	1,072	1,068	35.7				
TASMANIA—														
Hobart	678	1,035	1,026	1,025	1,029	1,025	1,025	1,024	1,025	51.0				
Launceston	640	989	979	978	982	980	981	981	981	53.3				
Burnie	..	1,084	1,084	1,088	1,058	1,062	1,062	1,063	1,062	..				
Devonport	..	1,032	1,033	1,000	1,022	1,002	1,002	1,001	1,002	..				
Queenstown	735	1,120	1,122	1,120	1,121	1,133	1,134	1,133	1,133	54.1				
Weighted Average (a) ..	672	1,025	1,017	1,012	1,018	1,013	1,013	1,013	1,013	50.7				
THIRTY TOWNS (c) ..														
..	651	1,023	1,022	1,024	1,023	1,028	1,028	1,036	1,031	59.1				
SIX CAPITALS (c) ..														
..	645	1,020	1,019	1,021	1,020	1,025	1,025	1,033	1,028	60.2				
(b) Lithgow (N.) ..														
..	..	1,049	1,050	1,059	1,055	1,060	1,059	1,071	1,063	..				
(b) Yallourn (V.) ..														
..	..	1,019	1,022	1,021	1,021	1,058	1,055	1,048	1,054	..				
(c) Warwick (Q.) ..														
..	605	971	982	982	978	980	988	988	987	63.0				
(d) Port Augusta (S.A.) ..														
..	..	1,044	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,054	1,054	1,054	1,054	..				
(e) Rosebery (T.) ..														
..	..	1,149	1,149	1,125	1,141	1,110	1,110	1,112	1,111	..				
(f) Canberra (A.C.T.) ..														
..	..	1,115	1,116	1,109	1,113	1,108	1,108	1,110	1,109	..				

(a) Five towns.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Weighted average.

THE ALL ITEMS INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index—Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

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

State and Town.	1938.					1944.					1945.				
	Month.					Month.					Month.				
	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
NEW SOUTH WALES—															
Sydney ..	913	974	1,028	1,107	1,151	1,144	1,143	1,143	1,146	1,142	1,138	1,138	1,138	1,138	1,138
Newcastle ..	877	945	987	1,009	1,109	1,094	1,097	1,089	1,093	1,095	1,093	1,093	1,093	1,093	1,093
Broken Hill ..	940	981	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,179	1,175	1,174	1,184	1,184	1,184	1,184	1,184	1,184	1,184
Goulburn ..	893	949	1,005	1,087	1,125	1,118	1,118	1,119	1,117	1,116	1,116	1,116	1,116	1,116	1,116
Bathurst ..	890	923	974	1,050	1,091	1,088	1,085	1,086	1,090	1,089	1,086	1,086	1,086	1,086	1,086
Weighted Average (b) ..	911	972	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,140	1,139	1,139	1,142	1,138	1,135	1,135	1,135	1,135	1,135
VICTORIA—															
Melbourne ..	896	964	1,008	1,100	1,139	1,135	1,129	1,133	1,140	1,138	1,132	1,132	1,132	1,132	1,132
Ballarat ..	850	906	950	1,037	1,084	1,083	1,074	1,082	1,087	1,087	1,086	1,086	1,086	1,086	1,086
Bendigo ..	854	920	983	1,054	1,096	1,101	1,095	1,101	1,104	1,102	1,099	1,099	1,099	1,099	1,099
Geelong ..	884	941	984	1,063	1,110	1,112	1,112	1,113	1,112	1,118	1,116	1,114	1,114	1,114	1,114
Warrnambool ..	892	954	998	1,078	1,126	1,129	1,115	1,122	1,138	1,140	1,135	1,135	1,135	1,135	1,135
Weighted Average (b) ..	893	960	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,131	1,125	1,129	1,136	1,134	1,129	1,129	1,129	1,129	1,129
QUEENSLAND—															
Brisbane ..	832	908	983	1,033	1,072	1,071	1,072	1,072	1,071	1,069	1,071	1,071	1,071	1,071	1,071
Toowoomba ..	843	898	951	1,033	1,080	1,085	1,087	1,085	1,084	1,084	1,084	1,084	1,084	1,084	1,084
Rockhampton ..	835	895	959	1,032	1,073	1,074	1,075	1,076	1,074	1,071	1,077	1,077	1,077	1,077	1,077
Townsville ..	902	930	1,004	1,075	1,114	1,117	1,116	1,119	1,117	1,116	1,117	1,117	1,117	1,117	1,117
Bundaberg ..	831	879	938	1,015	1,057	1,057	1,056	1,060	1,057	1,056	1,056	1,056	1,056	1,056	1,056
Weighted Average (b) ..	854	909	964	1,035	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,076	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,075
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—															
Adelaide ..	888	936	988	1,075	1,102	1,098	1,098	1,096	1,101	1,098	1,098	1,098	1,098	1,098	1,098
Kadina, &c. ..	786	833	882	962	998	995	996	992	995	996	993	993	993	993	993
Port Pirie ..	868	919	976	1,057	1,087	1,081	1,081	1,077	1,084	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080
Mount Gambier ..	849	884	946	1,024	1,061	1,064	1,057	1,057	1,071	1,070	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067
Peterborough ..	868	924	974	1,053	1,087	1,083	1,082	1,082	1,095	1,089	1,089	1,089	1,089	1,089	1,089
Weighted Average (b) ..	883	931	983	1,069	1,097	1,093	1,093	1,091	1,096	1,093	1,094	1,094	1,094	1,094	1,094
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—															
Perth, &c. ..	882	932	993	1,061	1,104	1,105	1,102	1,103	1,110	1,104	1,104	1,104	1,104	1,104	1,104
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,099	1,165	1,271	1,322	1,322	1,322	1,322	1,322	1,322	1,322	1,322	1,322	1,322	1,322
Perth ..	900	947	1,017	1,079	1,111	1,113	1,109	1,113	1,118	1,110	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111
Bunbury ..	914	962	1,018	1,045	1,102	1,110	1,104	1,109	1,118	1,110	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111	1,111
Geraldton ..	957	990	1,055	1,114	1,165	1,176	1,174	1,177	1,184	1,168	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167	1,167
Weighted Average (b) ..	897	946	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,113	1,110	1,112	1,118	1,112	1,113	1,113	1,113	1,113	1,113
TASMANIA—															
Hobart ..	897	945	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,105	1,105	1,100	1,110	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,106	1,106
Launceston ..	872	926	974	1,040	1,078	1,067	1,067	1,061	1,072	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067	1,067
Burnie ..	885	917	971	1,035	1,088	1,065	1,076	1,058	1,068	1,058	1,058	1,058	1,058	1,058	1,058
Devonport ..	849	1,048	1,051	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046	1,046
Queenstown ..	875	938	987	1,045	1,096	1,102	1,095	1,096	1,105	1,098	1,098	1,098	1,098	1,098	1,098
Weighted Average (b) ..	879	936	980	1,040	1,101	1,089	1,089	1,083	1,094	1,089	1,089	1,089	1,089	1,089	1,089
THIRTY TOWNS (d) ..															
	894	954	1,006	1,087	1,124	1,122	1,120	1,121	1,125	1,122	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120
SIX CAPITALS (d) ..															
	897	957	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,126	1,124	1,125	1,128	1,126	1,126	1,126	1,126	1,126	1,126
WARWICK (Q.C.T.) ..															
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	867	924	1,007	1,055	1,061	1,059	1,062	1,083	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081	1,081
Perth (A.C.T.) (c) ..	893	918	980	1,052	1,076	1,076	1,070	1,070	1,085	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,080
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	878	988	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,173	1,170	1,150	1,152	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149	1,149

RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Sectional or "Group" Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined, 1914 to 1945.

(Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27 = 1,000.) (a)

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) "B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (b) ..	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (b) ..	842	659	777	792	786	782
1916 (b) ..	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (b) ..	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (b) ..	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (b) ..	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (b) ..	1,209	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (b) ..	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (b) ..	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923 ..	1,000	950	988	1,045	999	1,003
1924 ..	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925 ..	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	997
1926 ..	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	1,011
1927 ..	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928 ..	985	1,066	1,014	997	1,010	1,009
1929 ..	1,044	1,073	1,054	996	1,007	1,033
1930 ..	941	1,047	978	951	999	975
1931 ..	826	901	852	853	973	873
1932 ..	796	817	803	804	958	830
1933 ..	751	804	768	787	950	804
1934 ..	783	810	792	785	944	817
1935 ..	806	839	818	783	946	832
1936 ..	825	879	844	792	947	850
1937 ..	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938 ..	880	942	906	829	961	897
1939 ..	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940 ..	939	973	950	956	998	957
1941 ..	947	976	956	1,118	1,060	1,008
1942 ..	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943 ..	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944 ..	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
Quarter—						
1939—June ..	925	963	938	836	961	917
September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
December ..	927	969	941	858	967	926
1941—March ..	958	976	963	1,057	1,039	995
June ..	939	976	951	1,104	1,047	1,000
September ..	936	976	949	1,128	1,073	1,009
December ..	954	976	960	1,182	1,080	1,029
1942—March ..	991	977	983	1,216	1,095	1,053
June ..	1,025	976	1,003	1,285	1,099	1,081
September ..	1,055	976	1,022	1,342	1,110	1,106
December ..	1,051	976	1,019	1,388	1,144	1,122
1943—March ..	1,040	975	1,012	1,409	1,149	1,123
June ..	1,058	975	1,023	1,466	1,158	1,143
September ..	1,036	975	1,010	1,450	1,165	1,133
December ..	1,015	975	997	1,436	1,168	1,123
1944—March ..	1,020	976	1,000	1,434	1,166	1,124
June ..	1,026	976	1,004	1,429	1,165	1,125
September ..	1,036	975	1,010	1,433	1,164	1,129
December ..	1,022	975	1,002	1,442	1,163	1,126
1945—March ..	1,028	975	1,005	1,421	1,161	1,123

(a) The Index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in each group or combination in 1923-27 is made equal to 1,000.

(b) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1946 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1946.**

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	..	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.79	4.79	5.07	5.14	5.14	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	..	8.30	8.30	8.35	8.57	8.57	8.64	6.07	6.07	9.07	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	8.90	9.10
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.43	27.43	27.43	27.79	27.79	27.70	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Sugar ..	..	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.29	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	..	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	..	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum ..	1 1/2 lb.	13.60	13.60	13.70	14.93	14.93	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.60	15.60	15.50	15.20	15.20	15.30
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.93	7.93	7.93	9.71	9.64	9.64	8.10	8.10	8.20	7.90	7.90	8.10
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.64	4.54	4.45	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded (a)	..	12.29	12.29	12.29	13.17	13.17	13.10	13.14	13.29	13.29	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	13.25
Currants ..	..	10.72	10.72	10.72	10.90	10.90	11.10	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.80	10.50	10.60
Apricots, dried (a)	..	18.50	18.50	18.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	13.55	13.55	13.55	13.50	13.50	13.67	10.00	10.00	10.17	14.00	14.10	14.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
Pears, canned ..	..	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.70	16.17	16.17	16.17	15.00	15.00	15.17	15.00	15.00	15.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.66	8.66	8.40	8.60	8.58	8.65	11.80	11.80	11.73	8.97	8.75	8.68	8.70	8.80	8.80
Onions, brown (a)	lb.	3.92	3.92	3.67	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.83	3.63	3.10	4.00	3.90	3.90
Soap ..	..	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.19	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.43	7.43	7.64	7.37	7.37	7.68
Kerosene ..	quart	6.15	6.15	6.11	6.69	6.67	6.69	7.87	7.87	7.87	7.30	7.28	7.30	7.45	7.45	7.30
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.57	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	..	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.29	17.29	17.43	18.71	18.71	18.71	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.10	18.10	18.40
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.30	28.30	28.30	28.29	28.29	28.29	29.14	29.14	29.14	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.60	28.60	28.60
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.05	22.00	22.00	21.57	21.57	21.71	24.21	24.21	24.14	22.20	22.20	22.20	22.75	22.88	22.75
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.75	9.75	9.80	10.00	10.00	10.14	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.15	12.20	12.00	13.00	12.93	12.93	17.00	17.00	17.00	12.80	13.00	13.00	11.00	11.00	11.30
" rib ..	..	8.75	8.80	8.25	8.71	8.71	8.71	15.14	16.00	15.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	8.80	8.80	8.80
" steak, rump ..	..	20.10	20.10	21.00	16.57	16.57	16.57	25.00	25.00	24.93	17.60	17.60	17.60	15.40	15.40	16.00
" chuck ..	..	9.15	9.15	8.95	9.71	9.71	9.71	16.14	16.57	16.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.40	8.40	8.60
" sausages ..	..	8.40	8.40	8.95	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.40	8.40	8.40
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	..	10.25	10.25	10.10	10.50	10.50	10.50	16.00	16.00	16.00	10.60	10.60	10.60	9.80	9.80	10.00
" brisket ..	..	7.70	7.65	7.60	8.36	8.36	8.36	14.00	14.00	14.00	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Mutton, leg ..	..	8.25	8.25	8.45	9.36	9.43	9.71	11.00	11.00	11.00	9.60	9.60	10.00	9.10	9.10	9.00
" forequarter ..	..	4.85	4.85	5.45	5.64	5.64	5.71	7.50	7.50	7.50	6.20	6.20	6.20	4.80	4.80	5.00
" loin ..	..	10.05	10.05	10.95	9.79	9.93	10.21	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.20	10.60	10.60	9.30	9.30	9.30
" chops, loin ..	..	10.25	10.25	12.00	10.14	10.29	10.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.80	10.80	11.20	9.50	9.50	9.50
" chops, leg ..	..	9.83	9.83	11.25	10.14	10.43	10.71	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.40	10.60	11.00	9.20	9.20	9.40
Pork, leg (a) ..	..	16.80	16.80	16.80	17.86	17.86	17.86	15.86	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin (a) ..	..	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops (a) ..	..	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.07	18.07	18.07	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.20	16.20	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	281.08	..	..	243.51	..	..	189.48	..	..	221.88	..	..	212.10	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1945.

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Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
Flour, ordinary ..	..	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.80	4.80	4.80
.. self-raising ..	..	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.21	8.21	8.21	8.07	8.07	8.07	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.10	8.10	8.10
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Sugar ..	..	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian) (a) ..	..	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago (a) ..	..	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88	0.88
Janu, plum ..	14 lb.	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.71	11.71	11.71	12.07	12.07	12.07	11.70	11.70	11.70	12.00	11.90	11.90
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.64	7.64	7.64	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.94	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	..	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.67	12.60	12.70	13.33	13.33	13.13	12.50	12.56	12.60	13.25	13.20	13.20
Currents ..	..	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.43	10.36	10.43	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.70	10.70	10.70
Apricots, dried (a) ..	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.40	13.40	13.40	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.25	13.25	13.25
Pears, canned (a) ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.20	14.20	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.88	13.88	13.88	14.33	14.33	14.00
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.56	8.40	8.37	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.50	2.75	2.63	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.70	2.63	2.70	2.70	2.68	2.50	2.50	2.50
Soap ..	..	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.24	7.20	7.54	7.49	7.49	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
Kerosene ..	quart	6.50	6.56	6.52	6.52	6.79	6.79	6.77	6.77	6.77	6.35	6.35	6.35	7.33	7.30	7.30
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.60	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	..	16.28	16.28	16.28	15.79	15.79	15.79	16.64	16.64	16.64	15.38	15.38	15.38	16.10	16.10	16.30
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	28.00	27.86	28.00	28.00	27.71	27.86	27.86	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	23.43	22.72	22.72	23.57	23.57	23.57	23.42	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.70	22.70	22.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.20	10.25	10.20	10.36	10.20	10.36	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
.. fresh ..	quart	7.35	7.35	7.45	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.20	7.20	7.10	7.13	7.13	7.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.40	13.35	13.40	12.57	12.50	12.50	12.36	12.36	12.21	11.60	11.50	11.60	12.20	12.20	12.20
.. rib ..	..	11.40	11.20	11.35	10.57	10.50	10.50	9.71	10.00	9.86	9.00	8.90	8.80	9.80	9.60	9.80
.. steak, rump ..	..	21.10	21.00	21.00	19.86	19.86	19.86	17.86	17.86	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.80	17.80	17.80
.. chuck ..	..	10.20	9.95	10.10	9.50	9.43	9.43	9.71	9.71	9.29	9.10	9.00	8.90	9.60	9.60	9.60
.. sausages ..	..	7.85	7.85	7.85	7.00	7.00	7.21	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.40	8.40	8.40
Beef (corned) silver- side ..	..	12.50	12.45	12.50	11.57	11.50	11.50	11.00	11.00	10.79	11.30	11.20	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
.. brisket ..	..	9.25	9.30	9.40	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.64	8.71	8.79	7.50	7.90	8.20	8.70	8.70	8.70
Mutton, leg ..	..	11.15	11.15	11.25	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.50	10.86	10.10	10.10	10.40	10.80	10.80	10.80
.. forequarter ..	..	5.65	5.65	5.65	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.43	4.90	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
.. loin ..	..	9.15	9.15	9.45	8.43	8.43	9.00	8.96	8.79	9.36	7.40	8.00	8.30	8.70	8.70	8.90
.. chops, loin ..	..	10.40	10.30	10.65	9.43	9.29	10.00	10.14	10.07	10.36	8.60	8.50	9.20	10.30	10.10	10.40
.. leg ..	..	11.50	10.95	11.15	11.50	11.50	11.30	10.21	10.21	10.64	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.40	10.60
Pork leg (a) ..	..	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.43	15.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
.. loin (a) ..	..	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
.. chops (a) ..	..	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	262.40			178.48			187.14			239.23			234.94		

RETAIL PRICES.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1945 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1945.**

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	..	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.38	5.36	5.36	5.40	5.20	5.20	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	..	8.59	8.59	8.59	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.50	9.75	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.60
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.50	27.50	27.50	28.14	28.07	28.07	27.70	27.70	27.70	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	..	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian) (a) ..	..	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	..	12.50	12.55	12.55	13.34	13.34	13.34	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.40	14.40	14.40	13.30	13.30	13.30
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.20	8.20	7.80	7.80	7.80
Golden syrup ..	..	4.06	4.06	4.06	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	12.72	12.85	12.85	13.58	13.58	13.58	13.67	13.67	13.69	14.20	14.67	14.67	13.30	13.30	13.30
Raisins, seeded ..	..	11.35	11.25	11.35	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.60	11.60	11.60
Currants ..	..	15.09	15.09	15.09	15.86	15.86	15.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.75	15.75	15.75
Apricots, dried (a) ..	30 oz.	15.29	15.29	15.29	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.33	16.33	16.33	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	..	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	8.37	8.36	8.37	8.94	8.94	8.94	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.04	10.50	10.83	8.80	9.00	8.80
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	3.00	3.00	2.96	2.86	3.10	3.00	3.14	3.14	3.50	3.60	3.60	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.13
Onions, brown (a) ..	..	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.26	7.26	7.26	7.13	7.13	7.13
Soap ..	quart	5.65	5.62	5.62	6.31	6.31	6.34	7.08	7.08	7.03	7.44	7.44	7.44	6.28	6.28	6.28
Kerosene ..	..															
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.91	19.91	19.91	19.93	19.93	19.93	20.14	20.14	20.14	21.60	21.60	21.60	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	..	15.59	15.09	15.09	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.70	15.70	15.70	16.90	16.90	16.90	15.50	15.50	15.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	27.91	27.91	27.91	27.57	27.57	27.57	28.33	28.71	27.57	24.00	27.00	30.00	22.75	22.80	22.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.07	22.07	22.07	22.43	22.43	22.43	21.90	21.90	21.90	21.80	21.80	22.10
Milk, condensed ..	..	9.82	9.82	9.82	9.86	9.79	9.79	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.30	10.30	10.13	10.00	10.00	10.00
" fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.57	7.57	7.57	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.80	9.80	9.60	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.38	12.43	10.43	12.00	12.00	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80	12.00	12.00
" rib ..	..	5.22	5.33	5.33	5.29	7.00	7.00	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.10	7.10	7.10	8.30	7.20	7.20
" steak, rump ..	..	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.36	17.43	13.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.60	15.00	15.00
" chuck ..	..	7.06	7.10	7.55	7.14	7.43	7.43	7.86	8.86	9.00	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.60	9.40	9.40
" sausages ..	..	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.14	8.71	8.64	7.93	9.00	9.00	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.50	9.30	9.00
Beef (corned) silver- side ..	..	10.50	10.55	11.00	11.00	11.36	11.43	10.29	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.50	11.40
" brisket ..	..	7.55	7.55	7.90	8.00	8.36	8.43	8.92	10.00	10.00	7.00	7.00	7.13	9.40	9.50	9.40
Mutton, leg ..	..	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.57	9.00	9.00	9.64	9.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.50
" forequarter ..	..	5.10	5.05	5.00	5.36	5.64	5.66	6.21	6.71	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	..	7.61	7.61	7.78	8.36	8.71	8.67	8.71	8.58	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.40	9.00
" chops, loin ..	..	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.57	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.64	9.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, leg ..	..	8.44	8.50	8.50	8.57	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.64	9.50	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.10	10.30	10.50
Pork, leg (a) ..	..	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.07	15.07	15.07	15.80	15.80	15.80
" loin (a) ..	..	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" chops (a) ..	..	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	232.74	..	..	216.40	..	..	206.85	..	..	217.71	..	..	169.04	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1945.

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Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PHILIP.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERSBOUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.20	9.00	9.00	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	1 lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.89	27.89	27.89	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Bago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1 1/2 lb.	13.10	13.10	13.15	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.90	6.90	6.95	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked (a) ..	1 lb.	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.95	3.95	3.95	4.20	4.20	4.20	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rabbits, seeded ..	"	11.75	11.75	11.75	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.79	12.79	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currents ..	"	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.64	10.64	10.64	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.13	11.13	11.13
Apricots, dried (a)	30 oz.	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	"	13.83	13.83	13.83	14.90	14.90	14.90	15.60	15.60	15.60	14.00	13.67	14.00	15.33	15.33	15.33
Pears, canned (a)	"	13.83	13.83	13.83	14.90	14.90	14.90	15.60	15.60	15.60	14.67	14.33	14.67	15.50	15.50	15.50
Salmon, in tins (a)	1 lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.75	10.75	10.75	9.82	9.78	9.78	10.50	10.50	10.38
Onions, brown ..	1 lb.	3.00	3.00	2.85	2.75	2.75	2.75	3.60	3.58	3.50	2.38	2.38	2.67	3.50	3.50	3.38
Soap ..	"	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene ..	quart	5.57	5.56	5.56	6.27	6.23	6.22	6.55	6.55	6.55	6.18	6.15	6.15	6.41	6.41	6.41
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	1 lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.88	20.88	20.88
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.78	14.78	14.78	16.29	16.29	16.29	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.80	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.40	28.40	28.40	23.20	23.00	23.00	23.50	23.53	23.53	20.40	20.40	22.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.90	19.90	19.90	20.57	20.57	20.57	21.17	21.17	21.17	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.50	20.50	20.50
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.50	10.50	10.40	9.88	9.88	9.88
" fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.86	6.86	6.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.80	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	1 lb.	12.05	12.30	12.30	11.43	11.43	11.43	10.36	10.36	10.36	12.20	12.10	12.10	11.33	11.33	11.33
" rib ..	"	10.00	10.06	10.06	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.40	10.40	9.33	9.33	9.33
" steak, rump ..	"	17.00	16.40	16.30	15.21	15.21	15.21	17.29	17.29	17.29	15.40	15.40	16.60	17.00	16.83	17.00
" chuck ..	"	10.35	10.05	10.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	11.93	11.93	11.93	9.30	9.20	9.30	10.17	10.17	10.17
" sausages ..	"	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.80	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (corned) silver-	"															
side ..	"	11.70	11.50	11.50	11.86	11.86	11.60	11.93	11.93	11.93	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" brisket ..	"	8.75	8.50	8.50	9.79	9.79	9.79	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.75	9.85	9.95	9.21	9.21	9.21	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.70	9.70	10.00	9.67	9.67	9.67
" forequarter ..	"	4.70	4.94	4.94	5.57	5.57	5.57	6.43	6.43	6.43	4.40	4.40	4.90	4.83	4.83	4.83
" loin ..	"	8.30	8.30	8.25	7.79	7.79	7.79	7.98	7.98	7.98	8.00	7.80	8.20	9.00	9.00	9.00
" chops, loin ..	"	8.80	8.90	8.90	8.57	8.64	8.64	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.40	8.00	8.40	9.17	9.17	9.17
" chops, leg ..	"	10.25	10.30	10.35	9.64	9.64	9.64	10.64	10.64	10.64	9.20	8.80	9.20	10.00	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops ..	"	14.90	14.90	14.90	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	240.58			97.21			179.48			179.81			189.95		

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st March, 1945.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE.			KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.63	27.25	27.25	27.25	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a)	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Rice, plain ..	1 1/2 lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00
(golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.88	8.88	8.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Ons, flaked ..	lb.	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.85	4.85	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.56	4.56	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.80	12.80	12.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	10.35	10.35	10.35	11.57	11.57	11.57	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.00	14.00	14.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pears, canned ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.00	10.19	10.19	9.25	9.25	9.25	8.00	8.73	8.98	9.20	9.20	9.10
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.95	2.95	2.95	4.50	3.50	3.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.33	3.67	3.67	3.25	3.20	3.10
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.53	6.49	6.49	8.50	8.48	8.42	7.13	7.07	7.07	7.34	7.25	7.25	7.38	7.33	7.25
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.43	18.43	18.43	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.33	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	28.00	29.71	29.71	30.00	22.75	22.75	22.75	23.50	24.00	24.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	21.64	21.64	21.64	21.13	21.13	21.13	21.13	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.85	9.90	9.90	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.50	13.61	13.64	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
" rib ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.93	11.93	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" steak, rump ..	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.50	18.93	18.93	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
" chuck ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.07	12.07	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" sausages ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.80	8.80	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.07	12.07	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" brisket ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	9.79	9.79	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.88	10.88	9.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.86	7.86	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
" loin ..	"	9.90	10.50	10.50	10.14	11.00	11.00	9.00	10.25	10.50	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.00	10.67	10.67
" chops, loin ..	"	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.86	11.86	10.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.60	10.60	10.00	11.00	11.00
" chops, leg ..	"	10.00	10.90	11.00	10.86	11.86	11.86	10.00	11.00	11.00	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
" chops (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	238.80	238.80	238.80	260.69	260.69	260.69	226.21	226.21	226.21	245.27	245.27	245.27	208.89	208.89	208.89

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1945 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1945.**

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RETAIL PRICES.

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.00	4.55	4.55	4.07	4.36	4.36	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.60	4.60	4.60	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.38	27.38	27.38
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago (a) ..	"	7.63	7.03	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	14 lb.	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.70	9.70	9.70	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.63	10.63	10.63
Golden syrup ..	"	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	1 lb.	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.71	3.71	3.71	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.85	12.85	12.85	12.86	12.86	12.86	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.38	13.38	13.50
Currants ..	"	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.70	10.70	10.70	10.90	10.90	10.90	11.25	11.25	11.25
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.25	18.25	18.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.67	13.67	13.67	14.33	14.33	14.33
Pears, canned ..	"	13.42	13.42	13.42	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.38	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.38	14.38	14.38
Salmon, in tins (a)	1 lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.86	10.86	10.86
Onions, brown ..	"	3.20	3.43	3.39	3.00	3.08	3.07	2.90	3.00	3.00	3.10	3.50	3.00	3.50	3.75	3.38
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.15	7.10	7.10	7.20	7.20	7.18	7.75	7.71	7.71
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.13	20.13	20.13
Cheese, mild ..	"	10.75	16.00	16.00	15.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	24.20	24.20	25.20	20.40	20.40	20.60	29.63	29.63	29.63
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.71	20.71	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.75	10.75	10.75
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.86	10.86	10.86	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.83	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" rib ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.14	9.14	9.14	9.88	9.88	9.88	9.83	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
" steak, rump ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.86	14.86	14.86	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" chuck ..	"	9.90	9.90	9.90	8.71	8.71	8.71	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.83	9.00	9.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" sausages ..	"	7.78	7.78	7.67	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver—																
side ..	"	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.83	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
brisket ..	"	9.60	9.60	9.60	8.43	8.43	8.43	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.33	9.00	9.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.29	9.29	9.29	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.86	5.86	5.86	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.33	6.00	6.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" loin ..	"	9.55	9.55	9.55	8.71	8.71	8.71	9.13	8.88	8.88	8.83	9.00	9.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops, loin ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.29	9.29	9.29	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops, leg ..	"	10.90	11.00	11.00	9.57	9.57	9.57	9.88	9.88	9.88	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Pork, leg ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops ..	"	13.89	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	251.49			232.37			213.71			193.41			202.31		

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agricul- tural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,063	..	1,070	2,080	1,588
1871..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891..	896	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	541	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	981	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	886	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	991	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	960	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,003
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,007	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,148
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,435	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,554
1917..	2,129	2,005	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,410	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,086	3,225	1,984
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923..	1,820	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,632
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,668	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,948	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,119	1,176	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,640	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,634
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,161	1,820	1,557	1,762	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,682	2,800	2,398	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 84 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodder is preponderant in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oil, Fat and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Food-stuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29	1,569	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1934-37	962	984	1,185	968	1,106	980	974	991	980	984
1937-38	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	990	1,041	997	1,018	1,009	1,005
1938-39	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40	1,051	1,162	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,066	1,025	1,047
1940-41	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,238	1,250	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,760	1,212	1,373
1943-44	1,510	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,924	1,217	1,396
1941-42—October	1,165	1,465	1,172	1,363	1,302	1,317	1,144	1,491	1,102	1,217
November	1,165	1,491	1,177	1,391	1,332	1,326	1,146	1,527	1,097	1,225
December	1,173	1,489	1,171	1,391	1,364	1,326	1,125	1,516	1,088	1,215
January	1,173	1,522	1,166	1,406	1,420	1,326	1,130	1,511	1,102	1,223
February	1,175	1,530	1,182	1,406	1,432	1,326	1,154	1,507	1,124	1,237
March	1,173	1,576	1,197	1,408	1,365	1,326	1,100	1,523	1,130	1,246
April	1,206	1,574	1,221	1,408	1,364	1,326	1,191	1,540	1,154	1,260
May	1,208	1,574	1,242	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,270	1,589	1,181	1,327
June	1,213	1,574	1,258	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,326	1,594	1,219	1,358
1942-43—July	1,213	1,590	1,363	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,311	1,553	1,232	1,356
August	1,234	1,644	1,359	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,318	1,601	1,247	1,369
September	1,237	1,644	1,381	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,334	1,724	1,237	1,379
October	1,302	1,640	1,386	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,292	1,721	1,219	1,367
November	1,351	1,651	1,391	1,425	1,361	1,520	1,281	1,750	1,205	1,395
December	1,308	1,684	1,484	1,425	1,358	1,691	1,255	1,801	1,193	1,371
January	1,308	1,686	1,544	1,425	1,358	1,691	1,210	1,790	1,166	1,350
February	1,308	1,688	1,535	1,429	1,358	1,701	1,234	1,789	1,185	1,363
March	1,308	1,683	1,544	1,429	1,358	1,701	1,265	1,802	1,206	1,382
April	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,274	1,807	1,211	1,386
May	1,310	1,693	1,573	1,430	1,398	1,709	1,275	1,801	1,216	1,388
June	1,310	1,693	1,574	1,430	1,398	1,741	1,298	1,824	1,228	1,404
1943-44—July	1,310	1,694	1,569	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,305	1,824	1,233	1,407
August	1,310	1,694	1,569	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,323	1,823	1,232	1,398
September	1,310	1,694	1,562	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,297	1,828	1,224	1,402
October	1,310	1,691	1,507	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,286	1,826	1,216	1,396
November	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,398	1,741	1,279	1,829	1,206	1,389
December	1,310	1,694	1,469	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,275	1,831	1,209	1,389
January	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,279	1,828	1,210	1,392
February	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,743	1,269	1,815	1,208	1,386
March	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,746	1,271	1,818	1,208	1,387
April	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,746	1,280	1,832	1,215	1,397
May	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,398	1,746	1,291	1,818	1,223	1,398
June	1,308	1,696	1,507	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,307	1,820	1,235	1,407
1944-45—July	1,308	1,696	1,512	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,312	1,819	1,239	1,410
August	1,308	1,696	1,542	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,306	1,817	1,237	1,408
September	1,308	1,696	1,525	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,290	1,814	1,235	1,399
October	1,308	1,696	1,523	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,288	1,821	1,221	1,397
November	1,310	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,289	1,831	1,217	1,398
December	1,308	1,696	1,515	1,430	1,398	1,747	1,290	1,834	1,216	1,398
January	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,746	1,288	1,832	1,216	1,395
February	1,306	1,678	1,516	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,301	1,830	1,223	1,402
March	1,306	1,678	1,511	1,430	1,398	1,748	1,312	1,824	1,231	1,407

NOTE.—Particulars for 1944-45 have been revised since last issue.

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin No. 86 Part II*. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.	Gold.	All Groups.
1928-29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	997	1,014
1938-39	896	878	1,050	918	933	1,011	922
1939-40	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113	987
1940-41	1,004	1,086	1,093	1,044	1,076	1,215	1,053
1941-42	1,019	1,167	1,075	1,098	1,176	1,218	1,107
1942-43	1,136	1,291	1,177	1,215	1,249	1,191	1,217
1943-44—(b)	1,302	1,295	1,179	1,241	1,290	1,191	1,243
July	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
August	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
September	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
October	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
November	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
December	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
January	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
February	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
March	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
April	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
May	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
June	1,184	1,305	1,180	1,239	1,296	1,191	1,241
1944-45—(b)	1,219	1,338	1,180	1,266	1,294	1,197	1,266
July	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
August	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
September	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
October	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
November	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
December	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
January	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
February	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
March	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
April	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
May	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265
June	1,218	1,335	1,183	1,265	1,294	1,197	1,265

(a) Year ended previous December. (b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown.

NOTE.—Particulars have been revised since last issue.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Month.	1942-43.		1943-44.		1944-45 (a)	
				Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1928-29	1,205	1,173	July	1,134	1,189	1,145	1,148	1,236	1,234
1932-33	698	705	August	1,133	1,138	1,154	1,157	1,238	1,255
1933-34	959	966	September	1,134	1,139	1,149	1,152	1,283	1,279
1934-35	741	753	October	1,132	1,136	1,155	1,159	1,309	1,304
1935-36	942	946	November	1,133	1,138	1,171	1,172	1,298	1,293
1936-37	1,155	1,144	December	1,132	1,136	1,172	1,175	1,299	1,293
1937-38	1,024	1,022							
1938-39	821	834	January	1,138	1,143	1,175	1,176	1,316	1,309
1939-40	964	980	February	1,137	1,141	1,172	1,175	1,311	1,304
1940-41	1,026	1,039	March	1,142	1,147	1,175	1,176	1,310	1,312
1941-42	1,047	1,059	April	1,142	1,147	1,177	1,178	..	..
1942-43	1,137	1,142	May	1,142	1,147	1,192	1,192	..	..
1943-44	1,169	1,171	June	1,142	1,147	1,196	1,196	..	..

(a) Revised since last issue.

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX—NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

* (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index—numbers.						Nominal Wages, Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unions.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—									
1911 ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b) 1,000	(b) 1,000	(b) 1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1912 ..	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1913 ..	1,402	1,410	1,414	1,383	1,357	1,380	1,329	1,087	11.2
1914 ..	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,575	1,372	1,072	10.8
1915 ..	1,657	1,577	1,628	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,211	9.7	
1916 ..	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,445	1,519	1,588	1,190	8.0	
1917 ..	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,194	3.7	
1918 ..	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	1,174	1.0	
1919 ..	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	1,231	1.1	
1920 ..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	1,246	1.2	
Quarter—									
1925.									
March ..	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,174	1,446	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June ..	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,180	1,441	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September ..	1,461	1,370	1,402	1,188	1,435	1,389	1,613	1,175	15.9
December ..	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,188	1,451	1,391	1,620	1,105	13.7
1926.									
March ..	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,191	1,432	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June ..	1,455	1,425	1,441	1,197	1,437	1,396	1,628	1,168	12.8
September ..	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,197	1,455	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December ..	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,203	1,449	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1927.									
March ..	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,205	1,452	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June ..	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,221	1,461	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September ..	1,524	1,499	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1928.									
March ..	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June ..	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,462	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1929.									
March ..	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,928	1,198	9.8
June ..	1,554	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	9.4
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1930.									
March ..	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June ..	1,688	1,589	1,640	1,415	1,518	1,563	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,545	1,635	1,912	1,199	6.2
1931.									
March ..	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June ..	1,696	1,579	1,646	1,594	1,569	1,640	1,984	1,185	4.6
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1932.									
March ..	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,748	2,091	1,198	1.8
June ..	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.8
1933.									
March ..	1,800	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June ..	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,218	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,320	1,249	1.1
1934.									
March ..	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June ..	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.1
September ..	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,166	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2
December ..	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,160	1,767	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2
1935.									
March ..	1,838	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,332	1,249	1.1

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

* The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1943.
Population (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,709,462	3,332,577	3,507,447	3,651,492
.. Females ..	1,050,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,339,776	3,614,940
.. Total ..	2,300,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,420,994	6,552,606	7,197,222	7,266,441
Births—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,108	118,509	134,555	149,265
.. Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.94	20.65
Deaths—Number ..	33,327	47,430	40,330	47,869	54,676	56,500	71,176	74,486
.. Rate ..	14.60	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.02	10.30
Marriages—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	30,482	46,800	38,862	75,148	67,673
.. Rate ..	7.80	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.50	5.96	10.58	9.36
1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.	
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area .. '000 acres	2,096	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	9,280
.. Yield .. '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,086	190,612	166,713	155,728
.. Average yield .. bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	16.78
Oats—Area .. '000 acres	105	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,497
.. Yield .. '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,105	22,302	21,532
.. Average yield .. bus.	45.72	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	14.38
Barley—Area .. acres	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,010	312,306	784,253	450,615
.. Yield .. '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	8,278
.. Average yield .. bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.92	18.37
Maize—Area .. acres	165,772	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,300	284,592
.. Yield .. '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,092	7,436	6,885
.. Average yield .. bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	24.10
Hay—Area .. '000 acres	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,905	2,835	2,758	2,595
.. Yield .. '000 tons	7.07	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,092	3,167	3,575	3,116
.. Average yield .. tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.32
Potatoes—Area .. acres	(b) 76,265	112,884	109,685	300,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	140,209
.. Yield .. tons	(b) 245,216	380,477	322,524	301,488	388,001	397,102	332,727	483,501
.. Average yield .. tons	(b) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.45
Sugar-cane—Area (c) acres	10,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	211,576	254,564	240,988
.. Yield .. '000 tons	350	736	1,308	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	4,092
.. Av. yield .. tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	16.47
Vineyards—Area .. acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	130,367
.. Wine .. '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,202	4,975	8,541	14,191	15,857	10,793
Total gross value of all agricultural production .. £'000	15,519	16,988	23,835	23,774	81,890	74,489	94,451	111,230
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Sheep .. '000	65,003	60,421	72,040	96,876	86,119	110,619	125,189	124,615
.. Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,401	11,820	14,441	12,261	13,501	14,005
.. Horses ..	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,618
.. Pigs ..	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,563
Wool production (d) .. '000 lb.	319,694	634,046	509,395	704,794	723,650	1,007,456	1,187,159	1,151,167
Butter .. (e) (f) 42,315	(f) 42,315	(f) 53,747	(f) 52,074	(f) 212,074	(f) 207,071	390,654	375,604	383,171
Cheese .. (e) (f) 10,131	(f) 10,131	(f) 11,845	(f) 15,887	(f) 13,887	(f) 32,653	31,423	67,520	80,830
Bacon and ham .. (e) (f) 16,772	(f) 16,772	(f) 34,021	(f) 53,335	(f) 53,335	(f) 58,628	71,122	95,119	104,636
Total gross value of all pastoral and dairying production .. £'000	29,538	39,256	36,890	72,883	119,599	103,018	184,857	204,927
1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1942.	
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	12,060
Silver and lead ..	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	5,624
Copper ..	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	1,600
Tin ..	1,146	561	448	1,216	418	1,001	690	216
Zinc ..	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	1,563	1,563	1,563
Coal ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,623
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,552	41,257	38,462
1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.					
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn—								
.. '000 sup. ft.	(e)	(e)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	855,728
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..				14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971	26,414
Hands employed .. No.				311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342	750,495
Wages paid .. £'000	(g)	(g)	(g)	46,681	55,685	55,685	208,667	208,667
Value of production ..				51,529	121,674	110,982	390,032	392,002
Total value of output ..				133,022	320,332	281,646	773,659	850,493

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1942-43.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared .. No. '000 tons	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,555	3,798
COMMERCE—	2,549	4,726	6,542	9,985	9,081	11,306	10,790	15,133
Imports—Oversea .. £'000	29,067	37,711	42,434	66,908	103,066	44,713	(a) 149,356	(a) 212,107
Per head .. £	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	20/18/6	20/6/9
Exports—Oversea .. £'000	27,528	36,043	40,096	70,482	127,847	(b) 85,843	ab 127,208	ab 100,241
Per head .. £	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/10	23/4/1	13/1/11	17/16/6	13/17/4
Total—Oversea trade .. £'000	56,595	73,754	92,130	146,450	230,913	130,556	(a) 276,564	(a) 312,348
Per head .. £	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	38/15/0	43/4/1
Customs and Excise duties .. £'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	56,777	64,861
Per head .. £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/19/1	9/0/2
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS (c)								
Wool—Quantity (d) .. '000 lb.	328,369	619,260	518,018	729,365	927,834	893,644	937,376	630,077
Value .. £'000	13,173	19,040	15,237	26,071	47,077	32,102	58,041	44,318
Wheat—Quantity .. '000 lb.	3,219	5,877	12,156	33,089	59,968	76,441	13,398	13,526
Value .. £'000	1,100	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,044	19,220	4,645	4,884
Flour—Quantity .. '000 tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	342
Value .. £'000	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	3,494
Butter—Quantity .. '000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,007	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	124,321
Value .. £'000	39	207	1,451	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	8,086
Hides and skins	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,082	3,705
Tallow	644	571	678	1,086	1,442	831	842	186
Meats	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	10,896
Timber (undressed) ..	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	267
Gold	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	(i)
Silver and lead	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	3,826
Copper	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	9
Coal	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	297
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of the open miles ..	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,592	26,959	27,241	27,223
Capital cost .. £'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	324,265
Gross revenue	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,105	37,580	66,482	84,746
Working expenses	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	64,027
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings .. %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	75.55
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	731,135	921,901	887,798
Per head No.	20.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	129.17	123.32
Newspapers dealt with .. '000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	149,477	139,502	177,974	166,578
Per head No.	16.06	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.94	22.72
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (e)								
Note circulation .. £'000	3,979	4,117	3,399	3,718	(f) 214	197	167	(g) 187
Gold and bullion held ..	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	2,882	4,479	(g) 15,228
Advances	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	(h) 200,918	(h) 323,850	ab 246,676
Deposits	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(f) 273,867	(h) 310,241	(h) 482,722	gh 764,319
SAVINGS BANKS (f)								
Total deposits .. £'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,966	274,275	(i) 539,990
Average per head of population .. £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/4/7	73/18/1
STATE SCHOOLS—								
Schools No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,069	9,445	10,097	9,535	9,075
Teachers	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066	31,084
Enrolment	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	810,042	936,901	886,655	864,550
Average attendance ..	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,282	782,116	684,222

(a) Merchandise only. (b) British currency values. The recorded values were:—Exports, 1931-32, £A.109,034,000; 1941-42, £A.159,329,000; and 1942-43, £A.125,552,000, vide page 15. (c) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (d) In terms of grease. (e) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (f) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (g) Quarter ended March, 1945. (h) Government "set-off" accounts inter-bank (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (i) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (j) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (k) At 31st March, 1945. (l) Not available for publication.