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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 Aborigines).						Capital Cities, Census, 30th June, 1947 (Final Count).
		Census—30th June, 1947 (Final Count).			Estimated—30th September, 1949.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,492,211	1,492,627	2,984,838	1,574,968	1,564,163	3,139,151	1,484,004
Victoria	87,881	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,065,650	1,086,030	2,152,286	1,220,409
Q'land	670,500	567,471	638,944	1,206,415	591,606	564,316	1,156,012	462,030
S. Aust.	389,070	320,031	326,042	646,073	338,072	340,200	678,272	382,454
W. Aust.	975,920	258,076	244,404	502,480	277,768	262,505	540,273	272,528
Tasmania	26,215	129,244	127,834	257,078	139,795	132,938	272,733	76,534
N. Terr.	523,620	7,378	3,490	10,868	8,925	5,219	14,144	2,538
A.C.T.	939	9,092	7,813	16,905	10,719	9,073	19,792	15,156
Australia	2,974,581	3,797,370	3,781,988	7,579,358	4,007,619	3,965,044	7,972,663	3,861,633

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

31st Dec.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
1901	1,375,455	1,209,900	506,721	359,330	103,601	175,233	4,673	..	3,824,913
1911	1,690,376	1,339,893	623,123	419,392	293,923	192,925	3,233	61,921	4,573,786
1921	2,131,690	1,550,727	765,724	501,742	336,548	218,676	3,759	2,078,510	6,044
1931	2,566,314	1,803,570	929,726	577,070	433,686	228,464	4,846	8,921	6,52,606
1938c	2,737,191	1,971,099	1,005,623	606,842	466,681	242,119	5,730	11,721	6,935,909
1940e	2,790,948	1,914,918	1,031,452	599,056	474,076	244,002	8,974	14,160	7,077,586
1945c	2,932,998	2,015,107	1,084,864	630,882	490,688	250,280	11,546	15,432	7,430,197
1946c	2,962,592	2,059,769	1,096,831	640,418	496,073	254,570	10,642	16,386	7,517,981
1947	3,007,582	2,061,689	1,116,821	653,665	508,881	268,516	10,991	17,684	7,638,628
1948	3,062,346	2,106,315	1,132,565	666,027	522,330	275,142	12,494	17,703	7,704,880

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results. (b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.
(c) Revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census. (d) More reliable estimate is at 30th June, 1948 (18,778 persons).

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T.	Australia.
Year ended 30th June.									
1939a	2,735,400	1,872,287	1,008,507	595,131	466,804	237,637	5,952	11,905	6,933,455
1946a	2,932,306	2,015,197	1,084,125	630,921	489,082	250,449	10,637	15,431	7,428,868
1947a	2,963,056	2,059,348	1,097,363	640,352	497,146	254,733	10,676	16,381	7,518,675
1948	3,006,481	2,069,167	1,112,722	652,285	508,800	261,781	11,310	17,596	7,640,262
1949	3,063,973	2,113,286	1,134,738	666,150	522,184	268,251	12,847	18,434	7,798,860
Year ended 31st December.									
1938a	2,722,378	1,865,251	1,001,996	593,242	463,848	236,328	5,804	11,594	6,900,341
1945a	2,917,415	2,006,649	1,076,610	627,162	487,516	24,589	10,512	15,012	7,589,466
1946a	2,915,220	2,025,475	1,090,238	625,127	492,771	252,192	10,508	15,883	7,467,474
1947a	2,985,073	2,053,648	1,105,160	646,294	502,978	257,781	10,801	16,903	7,578,928
1948	3,029,673	2,089,999	1,123,416	658,210	513,843	264,004	12,188	18,172	7,711,034

(a) Revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.
NOTE.—The population estimates from 1939 until the Census of 30th June, 1947, include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State in which they resided prior to their enlistment, and irrespective of whether they were within Australia or overseas, but exclude members of Allied Services, prisoners of war and internees from overseas. As from 30th June, 1947, the population figures include defence personnel in Australia according to their actual location and are exclusive of members of the forces overseas.

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.			Marriages.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	

QUARTER ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1949.

New South Wales	9,260	9,007	18,267	4,886	3,650	8,542	6,121
Victoria ..	6,120	5,825	11,945	3,650	3,057	6,707	4,129
Queensland ..	3,691	3,499	7,190	1,711	1,249	2,960	2,271
South Australia ..	2,250	2,213	4,463	1,059	865	1,924	1,335
Western Australia ..	1,709	1,691	3,400	789	581	1,360	1,019
Tasmania ..	1,006	876	1,882	374	319	693	506
Northern Territory ..	20	35	64	16	..	16	33
Australian Capital Territory ..	115	70	194	20	7	27	36
Australia ..	24,180	23,225	47,405	12,505	9,714	22,219	15,450

NINE MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1949.

New South Wales	26,415	25,223	51,638	12,736	9,674	22,410	21,009
Victoria ..	17,703	16,836	34,539	9,045	7,793	16,838	14,425
Queensland ..	10,854	10,245	21,099	4,613	3,209	7,822	7,665
South Australia ..	5,805	5,526	11,331	2,546	2,228	4,774	4,597
Western Australia ..	5,044	4,936	9,980	2,140	1,473	3,613	3,009
Tasmania ..	2,643	2,564	5,207	959	842	1,801	1,744
Northern Territory ..	135	129	264	55	13	68	87
Australian Capital Territory ..	334	256	590	52	24	76	140
Australia ..	68,933	65,775	134,648	32,146	25,256	57,402	53,176

State or Territory.	1938.	1946.	1947.	1948.	Nine months ended 30th September.	
					1948.	1949.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	47,319	67,247	69,398	67,234	50,700	51,638
Victoria ..	30,344	46,693	47,366	46,000	34,080	34,539
Queensland ..	18,992	27,024	28,358	27,858	21,204	21,099
South Australia ..	9,410	15,813	16,317	15,870	11,324	11,331
Western Australia ..	9,141	12,105	12,874	12,931	9,650	9,980
Tasmania ..	4,907	6,847	7,140	6,979	5,214	5,207
Northern Territory ..	102	132	276	280	217	204
Australian Capital Territory ..	200	518	655	725	524	500
Australia ..	120,415	176,379	182,384	177,976	132,079	134,648

Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1946.	1947.	1948.	Nine Months ended 30th September.	
					1948.	1949.
BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
	(a)	(a)	(a)		(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	17.38	22.83	23.25	22.19	22.34	22.11
Victoria ..	16.27	23.05	23.06	22.06	21.74	21.53
Queensland ..	18.05	24.79	25.65	24.80	25.15	24.45
South Australia ..	15.86	24.90	25.25	24.11	22.95	22.45
Western Australia ..	19.71	24.57	25.00	25.12	24.97	24.08
Tasmania ..	20.76	27.15	27.70	26.38	26.50	25.77
Northern Territory ..	17.57	12.49	25.34	22.97	23.22	25.51
Australian Capital Territory ..	17.34	32.61	38.75	39.90	37.21	40.69
Australia ..	17.45	23.62	24.06	23.08	23.00	22.69

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.
 (b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS (a)—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	26,105	28,579	28,449	30,403	23,635	22,410
Victoria ..	18,955	21,534	21,442	21,825	16,407	16,838
Queensland ..	9,201	10,648	10,116	10,462	8,082	7,822
South Australia ..	5,539	6,461	6,215	6,748	5,018	4,774
Western Australia ..	4,234	4,733	4,723	4,685	3,579	3,613
Tasmania ..	2,288	2,549	2,303	2,528	1,942	1,801
Northern Territory ..	69	55	65	73	46	68
Australian Capital Territory ..	60	82	95	115	88	76
Australia ..	66,451	74,681	73,468	76,839	58,707	57,402

(a) Excludes, for the period September, 1939, to June, 1947, deaths of defence personnel and of internees and prisoners of war from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
	(a)	(a)	(a)		(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	9.50	9.70	9.53	10.04	10.42	9.60
Victoria ..	10.16	10.63	10.44	10.44	10.46	10.50
Queensland ..	9.18	9.77	9.15	9.31	9.56	9.06
South Australia ..	9.34	10.17	9.62	10.25	10.17	9.46
Western Australia ..	9.13	9.65	9.39	9.10	9.26	9.04
Tasmania ..	9.68	10.11	9.17	9.55	9.87	9.91
Northern Territory ..	11.89	5.20	5.97	5.99	4.92	6.57
Australian Capital Territory ..	5.20	5.16	5.62	6.32	6.25	5.24
Australia ..	9.63	10.00	9.69	9.96	10.17	9.67

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.
 (b) Equivalent annual rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.						
New South Wales ..	24,570	31,984	30,172	30,144	22,085	21,007
Victoria ..	17,113	21,405	20,437	20,035	14,555	14,425
Queensland ..	8,853	11,606	10,999	10,125	7,494	7,565
South Australia ..	5,489	6,700	6,608	6,704	4,912	4,597
Western Australia ..	4,153	5,171	5,282	5,186	3,785	3,609
Tasmania ..	2,082	2,650	2,584	2,428	1,801	1,741
Northern Territory ..	67	63	124	110	70	87
Australian Capital Territory ..	75	157	191	150	103	140
Australia ..	62,411	79,496	76,457	74,902	54,864	53,176

POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.
Births, Deaths and Marriages—continued.

State or Territory.	1938.	1944.	1947.	1948.	Nine Months ended 30th September.	
					1948.	1949.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
	(a)	(a)	(a)		(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	9.03	10.76	10.11	9.96	9.73	9.00
Victoria ..	9.17	10.57	9.95	9.59	9.28	8.98
Queensland ..	8.84	10.70	9.95	9.01	8.86	8.77
South Australia ..	9.25	10.55	10.32	10.18	10.05	9.11
Western Australia ..	8.95	10.49	10.50	10.07	9.79	9.03
Tasmania ..	8.81	10.51	10.02	9.18	9.15	8.03
Northern Territory ..	11.54	5.96	11.39	9.03	8.46	8.41
Australian Capital Territory ..	6.50	9.88	11.30	8.25	7.31	9.66
Australia ..	9.04	10.65	10.09	9.71	9.49	8.96

(a) Based on population figures revised in accordance with the final results of the 1947 Census.
 (b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	1,980	2,032	2,069	2,037	1,558	1,383
Victoria ..	1,038	1,268	1,245	1,103	813	779
Queensland ..	784	791	874	779	690	547
South Australia ..	287	428	396	479	335	324
Western Australia ..	309	376	398	331	254	256
Tasmania ..	195	207	195	193	140	129
Northern Territory ..	6	4	12	10	6	6
Australian Capital Territory ..	8	10	13	17	15	10
Australia ..	4,607	5,116	5,202	4,942	3,727	3,434

INFANTILE MORTALITY—RATE PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	41.84	30.22	29.81	30.30	30.73	27.03
Victoria ..	34.21	27.16	26.28	23.93	23.85	22.55
Queensland ..	41.28	29.27	30.82	27.96	28.50	25.93
South Australia ..	30.50	27.07	24.27	29.74	29.68	28.59
Western Australia ..	33.80	31.00	30.92	25.60	26.32	25.64
Tasmania ..	39.74	30.23	27.31	27.65	20.85	24.77
Northern Territory ..	58.82	30.30	43.48	35.71	27.65	22.73
Australian Capital Territory ..	40.00	19.31	19.85	23.45	28.63	16.95
Australia ..	38.26	29.01	28.52	27.77	28.03	25.60

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.(a)

Figures to 30th June, 1933, have been adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census. Figures from 1st July, 1933 are as recorded.

Period.	Total Arrivals			Total Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	172,236	122,550	294,786	183,266
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,336	147,437	340,773	129,707
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	-10,880
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,991	137,283	278,184	43,128
1941-45 ..	35,422	28,503	63,925	30,097	26,019	56,116	7,809
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	-2,183
1945 ..	8,881	6,495	15,376	8,764	9,241	18,005	-2,629
1946 ..	17,782	17,108	34,890	23,091	26,957	50,038	-15,148
1947 ..	39,865	27,903	67,768	31,289	25,868	57,157	10,611
1948 ..	66,321	49,402	115,723	33,797	26,811	60,608	55,115
1948 (nine months)	46,081	33,866	79,947	26,248	20,534	46,782	33,165
1949 (nine months)	93,000	70,236	163,236	32,219	30,480	62,699	100,537

(a) Excludes troop movements September, 1939 to June, 1947.

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

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA (a)—continued.

Permanent New Arrivals and Australian Residents Departing Permanently
Classified according to Nationality and Racial Origin.

Nationality and Racial Origin.	Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.		
	Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—	
		1948.	1949.		1948.	1949.

NATIONALITY. (b)

British	14,962	30,914	51,963	4,337	11,282	13,416
Foreign—						
American (U.S.) ..	230		731	100		261
Austrian	89		563	9		17
Chinese	125		360	30		151
Czechoslovak	1,289		2,306	..		2
Dutch	216		1,195	18		63
Estonian	895		2,532	..		..
French	142		343	9		51
German	394		1,312	..		17
Greek	446		1,294	15		39
Hungarian	1,897	13,069	3,156	..	2,481	1
Italian	2,973		7,222	22		96
Latvian	3,197		8,148	..		1
Lithuanian	1,552		4,847	3		3
Polish	6,330		17,538	12		55
Russian	279		5,648	8		15
Ukrainian	1,928		(c)	..		(c)
Yugoslav	2,066		4,654	1		54
Other	1,370		3,079	78		188
Total	40,380	44,613	116,900	4,648	13,763	14,430

RACIAL ORIGIN

European	40,123	43,589	116,034	4,588	13,137	14,172
Asiatic	255	1,019	844	53	618	246
African	..	1	1	1	..	2
Polynesian	2	4	21	6	8	10
Total	40,380	44,613	116,900	4,648	13,763	14,430

(a) Except in the case of Australian troops and dependants, who are classified as temporary migrants irrespective of period of proposed stay in Australia or abroad and are therefore excluded from the table above, permanent migration refers to persons intending residence for a year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals and abroad in the case of departures.

(b) A detailed classification of migrants according to "Nationality" was commenced for the first time in July, 1948. Corresponding particulars for previous periods are available only for "British" and total "Alien" nationalities as shown above.

(c) Included under "Russian". Separate figures for Ukrainians are available only as from July, 1949.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA(a)—continued.

Permanent Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures(b)	Quarter ended September— 1949.	Nine months ended September— 1948. 1949.		Quarter ended September— 1949.	Nine months ended September— 1948. 1949.	
		Permanent New Arrivals.			Australian Residents Departing Permanently.	
British—						
Great Britain	11,818	22,164	41,269	2,307	4,341	6,868
Canada	102	259	339	100	416	278
Cyprus	245	264	762	5	6	5
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	347	2,513	1,129	63	204	253
Malta	531	839	2,095	10	46	27
New Guinea	59	89	198	362	1,442	1,075
New Zealand	713	1,985	2,465	448	1,439	1,559
Papua	32	35	118	400	401	1,103
Union of South Africa ..	92	193	284	66	318	202
Other	603	2,254	1,869	284	1,327	1,135
Total, British Countries	14,542	30,593	50,548	4,045	9,940	12,505
Foreign—						
Austria	(c)2,588	(c) 84	(c)5,163	3	10	5
France	413	424	1,017	29	98	86
Germany	c16,438	(c)5,748	c36,977	10	40	17
Greece	360	899	1,087	30	84	64
Italy	3,169	1,096	7,665	88	345	360
Netherlands	189	336	1,090	13	90	39
Poland	247	383	2,475	1	2	1
Yugoslavia	74	69	640	1	912	90
Other European(d) ..	1,176	1,109	5,472	85	292	192
China	144	478	1,132	38	437	154
Netherland East Indies ..	63	204	180	15	135	75
Egypt	378	633	1,361	3	17	19
United States of America ..	338	1,784	1,102	203	1,035	558
Polynesian Islands ..	10	135	82	18	187	92
Other	251	638	889	66	159	173
Total, Foreign Countries	25,838	14,020	66,352	603	3,823	1,925
GRAND TOTAL ..	40,380	44,613	116,900	4,648	13,763	14,430

(a) See note (a) on p. 7. (b) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included throughout under "Australia" (see following table) both as regards country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence. "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more. (c) Mainly displaced European persons. (d) Includes unspecified European countries.

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA(a)—continued.

Temporary Arrivals and Departures classified according to the Country of Last Permanent Residence or Country of Future Permanent Residence.

Country of Last Permanent Residence of Arrivals and Country of Future Permanent Residence of Departures.(b)	Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—		Quarter ended September, 1949.	Nine months ended September—	
	1949.	1948.	1949.	1949.	1948.	1949.
	Australian Residents Returning and Temporary Visitors Arriving.			Australian Residents Departing Temporarily and Temporary Visitors Departing.		
Australia	5,443	17,828	19,743	4,111	15,724	19,536
Other British—						
Great Britain	1,459	3,341	4,851	2,114	2,872	5,073
Canada	83	169	253	105	256	368
India, Ceylon and Pakistan	248	749	858	158	515	640
New Guinea	412	852	1,147	231	816	871
New Zealand	3,299	6,703	11,053	4,158	7,550	13,525
Papua	260	858	925	211	361	700
Union of South Africa	59	171	288	114	265	324
Other	684	1,945	2,721	720	1,840	2,528
Total Other British Countries	6,504	14,788	22,690	7,811	14,475	24,927
Foreign—						
France	33	82	128	37	65	124
Germany	25	25	59	12	2	29
Greece	6	5	13	14	4	23
Italy	13	39	90	23	19	97
Netherlands	12	54	149	20	79	62
Yugoslavia	22	11	23	20	1	23
Other European	96	145	251	67	103	163
China	177	340	492	174	422	472
Netherlands East Indies	47	77	186	55	171	245
Egypt	32	43	68	23	33	54
United States of America	335	1,174	1,173	432	1,382	1,412
Polynesian Islands	167	436	931	194	392	917
Other	78	287	322	58	147	195
Total Foreign Countries	1,043	2,718	3,894	1,129	2,820	3,806
GRAND TOTAL	12,990	35,334	46,336	13,051	33,019	48,269

(a) See note (a) on p. 7. (b) Except in the case of Australian troops and their dependants, who are included under "Australia" both as future country of future permanent residence and country of last permanent residence, "permanent" residence means residence of a year or more.

PRODUCTION.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.

AREA OF CROPS.
(Acres.)

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
1938-39 ..	14,340,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1944-45 ..	8,463,151	2,034,460	250,965	2,408,083	325,978	17,471,853
1945-46 ..	11,425,384	1,940,047	235,729	2,757,230	336,960	20,426,473
1946-47 ..	13,179,550	1,728,008	259,738	2,005,768	324,393	21,076,585
1947-48 ..	13,880,296	2,105,234	222,748	1,970,187	344,914	22,271,532
1948-49(a) ..	12,583,483	1,769,759	182,290	1,579,511	383,501	20,635,065

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,694	820,086
1944-45 ..	52,879,802	8,969,697	6,462,987	1,993,518	4,598,318	609,043
1945-46 ..	142,409,556	25,774,113	5,729,252	3,492,975	4,718,040	605,881
1946-47 ..	117,262,132	15,596,559	5,807,632	2,357,186	4,026,935	551,854
1947-48 ..	226,116,317	40,696,992	6,168,342	3,007,753	4,418,247	605,254
1948-49(a) ..	190,702,613	23,802,000	5,199,000	2,291,000	6,708,000	948,864

(a) Subject to revision.

WHEAT FOR GRAIN: AREA, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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AREA.
(Acres.)

1938-39 ..	4,850,872	2,744,302	412,017	3,050,401	3,412,818	9,810	2,061	14,340,380
1944-45 ..	3,771,801	3,251,391	332,502	2,105,001	1,835,760	4,932	1,822	11,425,384
1945-46 ..	4,474,894	3,301,135	247,008	2,515,915	2,425,789	7,539	3,258	13,179,550
1946-47 ..	5,043,017	3,227,162	442,239	2,374,873	2,701,446	7,770	4,781	13,880,296
1947-48 ..	4,918,147	2,935,705	607,750	2,031,034	2,467,517	6,837	4,103	12,583,483
1948-49(a) ..	4,021,000	3,400,000	670,000	1,423,000	3,033,000	8,000	5,000	12,539,000

PRODUCTION.
(Bushels.)

1938-39 ..	59,806,000	13,104,369	4,563,736	31,674,418	36,843,690	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1944-45 ..	20,620,000	20,664,790	3,167,687	21,053,841	20,929,000	60,637	38,631	142,409,556
1945-46 ..	15,852,210	48,977,098	704,835	27,900,000	25,900,000	130,235	58,923	117,262,132
1946-47 ..	95,226,705	40,062,285	10,681,563	12,524,422	44,500,000	118,207	99,945	226,116,317
1947-48 ..	64,702,574	40,062,285	13,177,422	20,136,346	16,250,000	155,620	73,591	190,702,613
1948-49(a) ..	83,000,000	56,000,000	11,500,000	27,700,000	38,000,000	100,000	109,000	216,460,000

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.
(Bushels.)

1938-39 ..	12.88	6.29	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1944-45 ..	16.57	9.11	20.80	9.72	11.40	13.38	21.20	12.46
1945-46 ..	3.50	13.99	2.84	11.05	9.81	18.47	18.09	8.90
1946-47 ..	18.88	14.55	23.11	13.69	12.50	15.20	20.90	15.86
1947-48 ..	16.02	16.38	23.56	12.67	12.84	22.69	18.23	15.15
1948-49(a) ..	20.64	18.67	17.16	15.14	12.67	20.00	20.00	17.28

(a) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION.

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Principal Crops—Australia—continued.

TOTAL AREA OF WHEAT GROWN FOR ALL PURPOSES.
(ACRES.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39	5,222,620	3,032,500	498,984	3,144,201	3,613,342	13,601	2,358	15,727,680
1945-46	4,213,431	3,365,558	480,209	2,497,253	1,063,138	11,082	2,309	12,452,097
1946-47	4,772,978	3,560,480	391,971	2,682,150	2,455,323	12,740	3,810	13,875,509
1947-48	5,353,169	3,279,182	513,044	2,446,503	2,805,320	11,009	5,266	14,617,341
1948-49(a)	4,242,000	3,633,305	669,875	2,150,218	2,601,400	10,173	4,560	13,672,005
1949-50(b)	4,396,000	3,630,000	(b)	1,925,000	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Not yet available.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia.
HORSES.									
1939	531,355	343,824	(a)444,521	(a)195,814	(a)143,674	(a)30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1945	476,443	333,782	330,670	131,004	86,528	25,885	31,803	1,091	1,339,255
1946	461,015	232,474	367,357	115,919	85,180	21,863	31,833	1,048	1,260,308
1947	379,771	227,164	343,173	100,274	80,746	23,923	30,019	1,101	1,195,175
1948	376,043	221,454	345,384	103,019	74,537	23,125	32,318	973	1,164,820
1949	357,761	213,993	324,707	91,071	68,521	22,297	33,197	943	1,114,500

CATTLE.

1939	2,811,581	1,097,295	(a)6,007,049	(a)314,807	(a)767,680	(a)262,407	890,472	7,057	12,861,781
1945	3,144,791	1,993,110	6,623,112	391,323	832,563	221,064	944,370	9,320	14,139,167
1946	3,116,814	1,827,087	6,542,210	371,096	831,557	216,300	900,039	7,867	13,478,006
1947	2,984,003	2,060,061	5,915,245	423,940	811,949	220,119	872,990	9,169	13,426,046
1948	3,139,740	2,174,293	5,975,463	445,247	815,610	244,107	991,429	8,748	13,784,584
1949	3,252,752	2,224,543	5,901,707	461,686	864,131	268,419	1,052,811	10,071	14,123,610

SHEEP.

1939	48,876,683	17,007,332	23,158,569	9,930,540	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,501	245,640	111,057,832
1945	46,062,000	16,457,101	21,392,120	8,473,919	10,019,587	2,158,071	26,208	250,714	105,370,805
1946	41,070,000	14,655,277	18,943,702	6,786,338	9,765,963	1,925,604	15,591	224,680	96,390,405
1947	44,105,000	16,598,490	16,044,340	7,954,619	9,787,002	1,933,332	28,906	227,994	95,722,782
1948	46,065,000	17,931,173	16,742,620	9,055,237	10,443,798	2,046,528	19,058	215,227	102,558,650
1949	50,404,000	19,170,312	16,494,937	9,365,713	10,872,540	2,180,009	25,791	238,110	108,735,432

PIGS.

1939	377,344	252,462	(a)325,326	(a)71,292	(a)82,022	(a)45,317	355	673	1,155,561
1945	623,017	296,232	448,088	160,475	163,993	40,915	140	889	1,630,855
1946	432,612	271,687	415,411	110,986	137,872	40,915	407	919	1,425,709
1947	358,417	290,450	340,130	134,033	101,710	47,497	208	627	1,273,011
1948	365,171	271,492	378,102	100,343	93,180	45,149	680	566	1,254,683
1949	375,212	223,823	407,322	71,427	80,680	35,908	884	468	1,196,321

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at 31st March.

(c) December, previous year—

Q'land., S. Aust., W. Aust., Tas., N. Terr.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED. ('000 lb.)

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr. (b)	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39	437,141	105,829	a179,450	102,888	78,802	17,510	35	1,909	983,582
1944-45	448,083	177,143	175,719	106,708	86,841	16,324	306	1,763	1,016,469
1945-46	431,549	152,398	173,249	73,604	86,086	16,333	156	1,903	940,329
1946-47	432,621	197,078	144,820	93,020	90,255	16,643	305	2,038	970,772
1947-48	422,360	191,004	143,290	103,676	95,410	15,326	305	1,787	973,038
1948-49(c)	463,000	198,500	147,095	107,500	98,000	14,000	305	2,000	1,031,000

(a) For year ended previous 31st December.

(b) Estimated.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF MILK AND MILK PRODUCTS.

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia. (a)
1938-39	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,582	34,140	350	1,189,174
1944-45	282,939	390,501	247,253	72,154	40,416	29,184	383	1,012,850
1945-46	278,886	375,030	290,300	79,370	43,004	30,714	467	1,077,469
1946-47	254,094	445,530	207,465	93,944	46,038	32,080	483	1,079,940
1947-48	295,370	428,560	272,701	92,498	50,363	32,936	578	1,173,105
1948-49(b)	289,171	400,289	276,158	91,769	51,057	36,631	504	1,206,123

WHOLEF MILK FOR ALL PURPOSES.

(1000 gal.)

1938-39	311,384	377,881	347,336	72,521	45,582	34,140	350	1,189,174
1944-45	282,939	390,501	247,253	72,154	40,416	29,184	383	1,012,850
1945-46	278,886	375,030	290,300	79,370	43,004	30,714	467	1,077,469
1946-47	254,094	445,530	207,465	93,944	46,038	32,080	483	1,079,940
1947-48	295,370	428,560	272,701	92,498	50,363	32,936	578	1,173,105
1948-49(b)	289,171	400,289	276,158	91,769	51,057	36,631	504	1,206,123

BUTTER.

(Tons.)

1938-39	53,045	58,291	70,309	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1944-45	34,028	47,195	43,006	7,700	5,340	4,091	3	141,968
1945-46	34,947	51,148	45,790	8,277	5,884	4,314	3	150,363
1946-47	28,743	60,239	33,642	9,841	6,236	4,603	4	143,308
1947-48	35,744	67,575	47,046	9,615	7,240	4,829	5	162,064
1948-49(b)	35,057	60,063	47,767	9,389	7,227	5,236	5	165,664

CHEESE.

(Tons.)

1938-39	3,343	8,729	7,039	2,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1944-45	2,005	12,280	10,134	8,344	826	1,181	..	34,620
1945-46	2,218	14,957	12,025	10,035	814	1,189	..	41,238
1946-47	2,031	17,645	7,730	12,768	1,022	1,163	..	42,350
1947-48	2,642	16,178	9,646	11,530	1,023	459	..	41,478
1948-49(b)	2,486	18,534	9,415	11,619	869	303	..	45,318

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

CONDENSED, POWDERED, ETC., MILK PRODUCTS: AUSTRALIA.

(Tons.)

Year.	Con- densed Milk (Sweet- ened and Un- sweet- ened).	Concen- trated Whole Milk.	Powdered Milk.					Infants' and Invalids' Foods (Includ- ing Malted Milk and Milk Sugar).	Total.
			Full Cream.		Skim.		Butter Milk and Whey.		
			Spray.	Roller.	Spray.	Roller.			
1938-39	15,510	(a) 1,059	10,712	(b)	(b)	(b)	(a) 556	(a) 250	20,705
1944-45	42,700	9,173	10,504	2,788	1,046	903	971	6,536	74,717
1945-46	42,997	9,138	11,859	2,663	1,440	703	1,030	8,851	79,207
1946-47	41,257	9,466	11,580	2,787	2,223	1,417	2,805	8,452	79,007
1947-48	45,595	13,444	12,376	3,639	1,010	2,439	3,411	9,452	92,206
1948-49(c)	46,232	13,057	13,354	5,275	2,206	4,324	4,498	9,911	98,887

(a) Incomplete.
revision.

(b) Included with Powdered Milk, Full Cream, Spray.

(c) Subject to
revision.

PRODUCTION OF MEAT (BONE-IN WEIGHT).

(Tons.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
1938-39	172,001	115,385	207,007	24,781	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1944-45	125,896	99,287	175,827	22,957	18,159	9,182	10,000	811	461,119
1945-46	134,384	75,417	187,230	21,154	23,576	8,278	6,225	877	406,844
1946-47	139,877	95,555	191,102	21,383	26,278	8,197	2,736	543	487,761
1947-48	161,889	105,087	226,408	27,167	29,522	8,070	3,084	710	561,997
1948-49(a)	176,184	116,086	204,402	29,073	32,994	9,602	3,130	979	672,510

BEAR (including Veal).

1938-39	..	172,001	115,385	207,007	24,781	27,733	10,946	2,235	572	559,210
1944-45	..	125,896	99,287	175,827	22,957	18,159	9,182	10,000	811	461,119
1945-46	..	134,384	75,417	187,230	21,154	23,576	8,278	6,225	877	406,844
1946-47	..	139,877	95,555	191,102	21,383	26,278	8,197	2,736	543	487,761
1947-48	..	161,889	105,087	226,408	27,167	29,522	8,070	3,084	710	561,997
1948-49(a)	..	176,184	116,086	204,402	29,073	32,994	9,602	3,130	979	672,510

MUTTON.

1938-39	..	72,131	77,445	18,950	18,495	14,362	4,004	5	350	205,748
1944-45	..	90,027	86,807	20,083	27,083	16,722	8,299	35	568	257,225
1945-46	..	82,059	53,600	23,132	16,724	15,668	5,666	36	516	197,801
1946-47	..	88,040	57,022	17,411	17,264	15,763	4,994	51	555	187,570
1947-48	..	68,092	51,731	17,240	17,518	18,286	4,251	59	551	185,628
1948-49(a)	..	62,458	60,061	16,041	21,255	16,808	4,416	83	500	173,218

LAMB.

1938-39	..	28,535	58,685	1,506	15,657	7,832	2,325	..	84	114,544
1944-45	..	48,021	56,440	1,641	19,205	9,094	2,901	..	266	136,168
1945-46	..	40,219	32,813	1,781	9,265	6,302	2,543	..	226	92,861
1946-47	..	41,488	53,762	1,245	11,310	6,782	2,168	..	261	120,816
1947-48	..	43,826	56,879	1,424	13,771	8,834	2,655	..	293	129,652
1948-49(a)	..	53,535	62,866	1,716	18,133	8,252	3,111	..	264	137,897

PORK.

1938-39	..	9,617	10,769	11,844	2,037	1,092	1,623	8	43	37,039
1944-45	..	8,605	11,407	8,249	9,013	4,095	1,270	17	3	42,570
1945-46	..	6,335	9,369	9,303	4,972	4,749	966	17	8	35,120
1946-47	..	6,074	7,133	9,111	2,927	3,140	1,609	17	18	30,025
1947-48	..	6,448	7,138	7,134	2,954	2,234	1,391	28	34	27,361
1948-49(a)	..	8,081	8,600	11,120	2,204	2,817	1,204	21	42	34,269

BACON AND HAM (Cured weight).

1938-39	..	11,794	7,379	8,492	2,673	1,804	1,015	..	..	33,238
1944-45	..	20,148	12,103	13,299	4,499	5,007	1,199	..	..	56,246
1945-46	..	17,409	9,377	10,899	5,239	4,608	1,258	..	..	45,067
1946-47	..	18,200	10,699	9,585	5,000	4,608	1,110	..	..	47,608
1947-48	..	14,175	11,159	10,142	4,884	4,232	1,317	..	..	45,909
1948-49(a)	..	12,758	8,625	9,624	3,000	3,623	1,014	..	..	39,444

TOTAL IN TERMS OF FRESH MEAT.

1938-39	..	299,075	371,939	332,045	64,820	53,880	20,422	2,248	1,055	966,592
1944-45	..	393,371	372,096	314,237	85,674	53,491	21,437	10,053	1,148	985,317
1945-46	..	289,111	185,093	167,591	99,071	57,408	19,009	6,278	1,132	805,307
1946-47	..	277,862	209,489	231,133	65,800	58,377	17,002	2,264	1,378	805,291
1947-48	..	290,433	296,011	288,080	70,032	81,612	19,158	3,141	1,558	947,074
1948-49(a)	..	307,600	249,903	247,132	76,029	63,708	19,832	3,234	1,881	971,478

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Pig-iron. (a)	Metallic Contents of Ores and Concentrates Produced. (b)				
				Copper.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Oz.	Tons.	Tons.
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,585,142	1,104,695	20,560	280,003	16,320,116	3,067	217,256
1945 ..	537,213	12,792,189	1,117,709	24,520	184,741	8,070,740	2,282	150,312
1946 ..	924,294	13,881,691	966,253	17,735	183,876	9,015,280	2,127	171,610
1947 ..	977,651	14,831,217	1,143,132	23,123	195,623	9,527,110	2,445	182,258
1948 ..	890,805	14,789,177	1,235,574	12,308	218,955	10,057,519	1,874	190,460
1949(c)	806,872	14,105,370	1,008,350	(d)	(d)	(d)	1,955	(d)

(a) Year ended May. (b) Source: Australian Mines and Metals Association.
to revision. (d) Not yet available.

(c) Subject

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED. (a)

(£.)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
GOLD.								
1939 ..	848,095	1,533,809	1,428,508	38,895	11,790,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,478
1944 ..	667,163	568,305	638,170	5,692	4,899,384	174,888	57,803	6,901,361
1945 ..	401,303	661,430	670,712	2,970	5,012,225	139,573	76,311	7,031,024
1946 ..	344,197	936,202	675,164	6,700	6,040,975	105,334	105,376	8,873,058
1947 ..	530,008	911,081	777,924	6,770	7,575,574	161,086	118,563	10,091,500
1948 ..	618,444	738,092	749,565	21,912	7,166,912	138,889	167,182	9,587,285
SILVER AND LEAD.								
1939 ..	3,546,440	728	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1944 ..	4,908,933	1,280	14,733	309	15,807	313,618	..	4,414,689
1945 ..	4,625,095	1,632	17,788	601	22,757	259,560	..	4,927,998
1946 ..	6,949,353	2,467	830,809	224	43,860	592,867	..	8,411,130
1947 ..	10,580,668	1,010	2,408,040	1,676	48,751	829,829	..	14,329,904
1948 ..	10,608,183	2,094	3,424,096	3,862	114,208	805,930	1,407	21,086,129
COPPER.								
1939 ..	105,407	..	290,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1944 ..	399,900	..	1,644,747	12,115	367	633,138	1,874	2,602,195
1945 ..	305,900	..	1,090,662	11,674	364	463,294	3,811	2,284,803
1946 ..	314,882	..	618,122	..	105	716,212	6,262	1,715,403
1947 ..	200,965	..	334,504	..	8,071	1,057,825	..	1,093,809
1948 ..	377,230	..	475,345	502	2,204	861,303	7,370	1,744,237
TIN.								
1939 ..	966,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,796	4,487	905,179
1944 ..	300,600	12,836	275,145	..	2,351	235,612	2,006	837,929
1945 ..	291,768	9,509	267,948	..	4,370	240,309	5,026	759,370
1946 ..	257,153	11,917	230,961	..	5,838	240,584	3,228	742,621
1947 ..	246,423	25,397	380,838	..	5,565	353,045	4,608	1,025,951
1948 ..	302,015	29,095	224,579	..	12,085	427,375	12,055	699,731
COAL (Black).								
1939 ..	7,027,035	(b) 259,814	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	8,891,954
1944 ..	9,761,304	467,792	1,785,621	12,117	583,078	122,673	..	12,072,584
1945 ..	9,451,930	494,690	1,759,311	14,599	572,890	125,719	..	12,419,054
1946 ..	10,384,014	592,812	1,092,272	47,411	739,104	137,738	..	13,535,249
1947 ..	12,101,178	299,794	2,237,738	(b) 67,777	840,249	164,725	..	15,791,451
1948 ..	14,938,182	347,687	2,347,065	(b) 110,732	880,230	177,052	..	18,810,554
ALL MINERALS.								
1939 ..	12,388,018	2,248,169	4,556,962	7,320,181	12,586,532	2,050,741	244,478	37,103,081
1944 ..	17,057,611	1,862,105	4,477,087	2,926,666	5,067,167	2,220,120	120,025	34,077,207
1945 ..	10,870,131	1,830,374	4,355,127	2,309,991	5,804,238	1,934,060	176,197	33,289,124
1946 ..	20,327,962	2,070,358	4,761,403	2,776,145	7,896,707	2,855,674	166,343	40,533,787
1947 ..	24,275,321	2,206,639	8,546,109	3,209,382	8,862,277	4,224,750	229,437	53,553,910
1948 ..	30,361,386	2,349,334	9,211,568	3,200,369	8,540,650	4,300,730	201,078	64,401,376

(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) Excludes Brown Coal produced—Victoria, 1939, £385,052; 1944, £598,444; 1945, £641,069; 1946, £702,504; 1947, £937,420; 1948, £1,187,715. South Australia, 1947, £33; 1948, £122.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(RECORDED INDUSTRIES.)

NOTE.—Depreciation and Maintenance Costs have not been deducted.

(£'000.)

Industry.	1938-39.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47. (a)	1947-48. (a)
Agricultural ..	41,679	82,141	72,430	104,627	98,976	205,247
Pastoral ..	63,821	108,409	98,140	86,312	130,207	193,048
Dairying ..	33,782	44,823	46,183	49,540	49,858	60,540
Poultry ..	7,302	12,727	14,800	15,129	14,706	16,745
Bee-farming ..	123	393	517	413	872	737
Total Rural ..	146,707	248,490	232,576	256,021	294,619	476,317
Trapping ..	1,422	6,084	6,207	8,554	9,380	7,303
Forestry ..	7,811	11,488	11,531	12,537	14,005	17,768
Fisheries ..	1,655	1,968	2,235	2,600	3,293	3,503
Mines and Quarries ..	27,375	27,612	26,831	26,288	32,476	42,581
Total Non-Rural ..	38,263	47,752	46,604	49,979	59,844	71,155
Total All Primary	184,970	296,242	279,180	306,000	354,463	547,472
Factories ..	203,416	366,236	362,284	352,323	410,862	489,296
Total All Industries	388,386	662,478	641,064	658,323	765,325	1,036,768

PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

(£ s. d.)

Agricultural ..	6 0 3	11 5 11	9 17 8	14 1 9	13 3 3	26 17 3
Pastoral ..	9 4 1	14 18 2	13 7 11	11 12 4	17 6 3	25 5 4
Dairying ..	4 17 5	6 3 4	6 5 8	6 13 4	6 12 7	7 18 6
Poultry ..	1 1 1	1 15 0	2 0 3	2 0 9	1 19 1	2 3 10
Bee-farming ..	0 0 4	0 1 1	0 1 5	0 1 1	0 2 4	0 1 11
Total Rural ..	21 3 2	34 3 6	31 12 11	34 9 3	39 3 6	62 6 10
Trapping ..	0 4 1	0 18 5	0 16 11	1 3 0	1 5 0	0 19 1
Forestry ..	1 2 6	1 11 7	1 11 5	1 13 9	1 19 1	2 6 6
Fisheries ..	0 4 9	0 5 5	0 6 1	0 7 0	0 8 9	0 9 2
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 0	3 15 11	3 13 0	3 10 9	4 6 4	5 11 0
Total Non-Rural ..	5 10 4	6 11 4	6 7 5	6 14 6	7 19 2	9 6 3
Total All Primary	26 13 6	40 14 10	38 0 4	41 3 9	47 2 8	71 13 1
Factories ..	29 6 9	50 7 3	40 5 11	47 8 4	54 12 9	64 0 11
Total All Industries	56 0 3	91 2 1	87 6 3	88 12 1	101 15 5	135 14 0

(a) Subject to revision.

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—STATE DETAILS, 1947-48. (a)
(£'000.)

Ind. stry.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Agricultural	67,504	48,173	22,730	30,930	22,961	3,037	205,247
Pastoral	76,622	41,314	37,614	10,335	16,815	4,348	193,048
Dairying	18,443	19,016	14,168	4,985	2,036	992	60,540
Poultry	6,956	5,976	806	1,911	375	718	16,745
Bee-farming	293	106	55	135	50	8	737
Total Rural	169,818	115,575	75,373	63,308	42,240	10,093	476,317
Trapping	2,528	3,135	292	515	197	426	7,303
Forestry	5,741	3,194	3,391	1,799	1,605	1,834	17,708
Fisheries	1,224	419	591	211	565	490	3,593
Mines and Quarries ..	22,285	2,997	4,379	3,519	5,843	4,218	42,581
Total Non-Rural ..	31,778	6,675	8,534	5,918	8,250	6,988	71,155
Total All Primary ..	201,596	125,250	83,909	69,226	50,490	16,971	547,472
Factories	213,611	128,501	42,884	38,670	18,384	12,244	489,295
Total All Industries	420,207	283,751	126,793	107,926	68,874	29,215	1,036,768

(a) 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.	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39	26,041	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1944-45	28,930	759,476	207,651,800	306,497,167	496,888,671	302,283,353	886,004,777
1945-46	31,184	745,258	205,818,733	372,484,159	488,287,428	355,323,441	867,647,517
1946-47	31,763	801,929	237,173,766	382,841,875	563,144,364	410,861,742	1,011,026,203
1947-48	37,354	848,87	285,765,2	421,8	2,740,683,799	0,489,29,44	1,290,110,97
1948-49(c)	40,010	890,454	338,878,000	478,419,000	854,670,000	569,660,000	1,424,330,000

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.
working proprietors.

(c) Subject to revision.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by
(d) Includes value of power, fuel and light, &c.,
used.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1938-39.							
1. Factories No.	9,404	9,359	3,087	2,007	2,129	944	26,941
2. Hands employed(a) ..	228,781	201,831	54,110	43,371	23,211	13,802	565,106
3. Wages paid(b) ..	£44,699,497	£39,026,542	£10,887,229	£8,169,340	£4,573,558	£2,479,896	£106,743,062
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	£7,651,627	£3,999,934	£1,423,549	£1,017,537	£1,169,268	£438,006	£15,699,921
5. " materials used ..	£126,501,796	£2,971,608	£2,500,041	£20,308,797	£9,603,637	£5,321,540	£281,303,446
6. " production ..	£96,285,891	£35,996,069	£19,301,47	£13,078,938	£8,775,580	£5,398,059	£203,416,610
7. " output of fact's. ..	£218,410,133	£152,907,611	£63,321,05	£16,993,26	£19,548,511	£11,188,205	£600,419,977
8. " land & buildings ..	£57,353,625	£2,026,24	£12,299,08	£8,710,70	£8,813,053	£3,717,102	£130,920,414
9. " plant & machinery ..	£22,092,056	£38,626,74	£18,093,41	£9,749,87	£5,095,064	£4,402,270	£143,662,127

1946-47.							
1. Factories No.	13,961	10,949	3,367	2,707	2,615	1,109	34,766
2. Hands employed(a) ..	333,110	295,757	71,599	70,711	33,800	19,357	804,229
3. Wages paid(b) ..	£102,547,599	£77,903,765	£20,310,541	£20,538,6	£10,055,01	£5,037,993	£237,173,766
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	£13,004,553	£7,835,922	£2,627,507	£3,820,191	£2,049,469	£923,336	£31,029,100
5. " materials used ..	£455,456,182	£76,106,507	£62,134,914	£52,615,944	£20,472,010	£12,978,867	£699,144,364
6. " production ..	£180,516,18	£11,406,154	£35,336,669	£31,006,404	£15,748,470	£10,667,545	£410,861,742
7. " output of fact's. ..	£145,947,11	£15,437,673	£60,090,090	£80,792,572	£38,269,075	£24,509,748	£491,026,206
8. " land & buildings ..	£1,890,159	£62,771,439	£15,391,023	£18,650,534	£8,750,924	£5,078,295	£193,151,784
9. " plant & machinery ..	£73,234,27	£6,124,801	£19,095,219	£18,408,224	£8,430,574	£8,409,969	£189,691,031

1947-48.							
1. Factories No.	15,101	11,643	3,412	2,805	2,788	1,225	37,356
2. Hands employed(a) ..	393,305	278,271	70,754	73,416	35,917	21,176	818,876
3. Wages paid(b) ..	£125,345,878	£93,802,188	£24,163,216	£24,852,908	£10,765,617	£6,861,3	£285,765,64
4. Value of fuel, &c., used ..	£17,333,340	£9,014,003	£3,184,181	£4,280,749	£2,284,027	£1,015,668	£37,093,719
5. " materials used ..	£292,550,780	£200,500,100	£79,173,835	£61,020,640	£24,564,072	£16,578,694	£683,729,030
6. " production ..	£214,610,850	£158,501,020	£12,880,353	£34,669,705	£18,341,107	£12,244,517	£480,290,048
7. " output of fact's. ..	£228,441,543	£77,412,026	£25,244,343	£104,571,084	£45,925,790	£28,784,564	£491,119,397
8. " land & buildings ..	£1,860,393	£69,229,391	£16,698,760	£20,606,827	£9,182,660	£6,271,65	£121,143,402
9. " plant & machinery ..	£8,714,082	£65,820,201	£21,830,685	£20,239,623	£9,190,910	£9,015,857	£213,719,338

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

£.

Class of industry.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	5,473,040	7,656,830	9,705,764
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,767	6,065,447	8,075,879	9,355,698
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	22,581,459	24,491,943	28,640,650
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	129,692,358	146,395,129	181,300,282
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	1,375,856	2,208,333	2,852,022
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	22,035,957	26,931,448	32,080,160
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	6,850,142	8,612,097	9,273,381
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	29,834,761	30,845,821	43,340,155
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,001,107	61,987,739	69,141,447	78,170,670
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	15,590,292	19,216,284	24,492,450
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c... ..	4,200,035	5,467,214	7,261,726	9,097,591
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	20,496,204	26,121,427	29,593,069
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	4,181,676	5,549,546	6,446,148
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	200,973	347,017	401,950
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,007,908	6,608,907	7,992,996	9,801,875
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	13,875,416	14,013,819	14,735,783
Total ..	203,416,610	352,323,441	410,861,742	480,296,048

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1947-48.
(Per cent.)

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages(a) ..	23.72	24.85	19.29	23.77	23.63	23.85	23.61
Power, Fuel, &c. ..	3.28	2.39	2.54	4.09	5.01	3.53	3.07
Materials used ..	55.30	55.61	63.22	58.93	54.70	53.93	56.50
Margin for other miscellaneous expenses, charges, profits, &c. ..	17.64	17.15	14.95	13.21	16.76	18.69	16.82
Total output ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	57.34	59.18	56.34	64.27	58.40	56.07	58.40

(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.
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	234.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.60	108.25	90.00	88.44	99.68	93.19	103.92
1943-44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females ..	172.07	179.55	151.05	170.59	150.14	161.57	172.62
1944-45—Males ..	342.98	336.03	324.00	305.39	311.36	301.54	333.03
Females ..	169.83	175.27	153.12	164.86	142.91	157.09	169.44
1945-46—Males ..	335.34	330.86	314.58	305.70	306.74	301.35	326.99
Females ..	172.65	179.26	155.85	156.05	142.62	159.02	171.88
1946-47—Males ..	355.02	349.29	322.54	331.31	315.15	323.02	345.18
Females ..	190.48	196.20	167.04	169.41	155.20	173.45	188.36
1947-48—Males ..	405.77	401.52	357.14	345.31	349.33	369.89	394.24
Females ..	215.16	222.98	191.38	199.25	173.38	202.32	213.99

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1947-48.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	272,000	199,003	63,526	59,071	29,517	17,208	640,925
Females ..	90,785	79,288	13,228	14,275	6,450	3,965	207,951
Masculinity(a) ..	300	251	480	414	458	434	308

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Building.

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.—QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Kind of Building.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Houses—								
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone Wood (Weatherboard, etc.)	3,639	3,575	400	1,270	502	320	83	9,839
Fibro Cement	990	2,583	1,969	11	52	548	17	6,089
Other	3,033	352	273	237	417	35	40	4,367
	81	155	34	32	17	..	..	319
Total Houses	7,662	6,665	2,736	1,550	1,078	903	140	20,734
Flats	436	185	22	2	..	20	13	654
Shops with Dwellings	82	140	22	2	..	4	..	250
Shops without Dwellings	14	16	16	1	10	32	..	90
Hotels, Guest Houses, Boarding Houses, &c.	35	5	1	50	24	3	30	148
Factories	376	204	37	21	35	248	1	922
Other New Buildings	433	386	365	132	168	80	41	1,005
Total Other Buildings	1,376	935	443	206	237	387	85	3,660
Total New Buildings	9,038	7,600	3,179	1,756	1,315	1,290	225	24,403

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS.

(INCLUDING ESTIMATED VALUE OF OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

(£'000.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

Year	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
1945-46	30,458	20,308	9,310	4,948	3,038	2,718	740	71,526
1946-47	30,196	26,841	12,093	5,341	4,430	3,907	2,098	81,104
1947-48	45,151	36,747	13,192	7,599	5,825	5,371	1,722	115,210
1948-49	11,004	8,016	3,000	1,780	1,551	1,290	280	27,827
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	11,002	8,452	3,357	2,310	1,686	1,749	358	30,504

COMPLETED.

Year	9,305	5,471	3,320	1,082	974	627	112	21,481
1945-46	17,097	11,067	7,257	2,744	2,117	1,417	310	42,009
1946-47	24,305	17,891	10,390	4,080	3,328	2,279	509	62,782
1947-48	38,737	27,357	12,190	6,483	4,707	3,810	757	89,050
1948-49	7,823	5,013	2,745	1,204	1,012	992	140	19,857
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	9,038	7,600	3,179	1,756	1,315	1,290	225	24,403

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year	14,614	9,909	3,164	2,387	1,571	1,403	480	33,378
1945-46	30,041	10,279	5,337	4,774	2,872	2,759	884	65,946
1946-47	44,461	20,603	7,232	6,170	4,455	4,146	3,013	99,077
1947-48	50,172	41,007	8,479	7,735	6,416	5,872	3,056	133,237
1948-49	49,714	33,000	7,521	6,807	5,037	4,466	3,149	110,473
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	62,320	41,006	9,090	8,547	6,826	6,413	4,246	139,138

(a) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES COMPLETED.—QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.
(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Materials of Outer Walls.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Brick, Brick Veneer, Concrete and Stone	1,065	1,717	244	880	391	160	42	5,099
Wood (Weatherboard, etc.)	607	1,506	1,643	15	61	431	11	4,464
Filico Cement	2,241	282	269	178	385	29	80	3,409
Other	54	90	33	19	17	..	..	222
Total	4,057	3,694	2,229	1,087	854	620	83	13,224

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES.
(INCLUDING OWNER-BUILT HOUSES.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

Year 1945-46..	12,000	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
" 1946-47 ..	17,720	12,059	8,925	3,249	2,405	1,612	323	47,243
" 1947-48 ..	19,807	14,878	9,528	3,339	3,075	2,002	393	53,323
" 1948-49 ..	21,291	15,187	9,501	4,561	3,843	2,810	534	67,026
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	5,810	3,848	2,261	1,032	1,015	607	91	14,741
" " Sept., 1949	5,108	4,181	2,575	1,159	1,078	851	85	15,427

COMPLETED.

Year 1945-46 ..	5,596	3,606	3,385	1,332	860	479	58	15,376
" 1946-47 ..	12,187	7,436	7,746	2,227	1,792	1,659	149	32,607
" 1947-48 ..	14,858	11,716	9,394	3,909	2,771	1,544	271	43,503
" 1948-49 ..	17,364	14,274	9,354	3,940	3,244	2,287	323	51,710
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	4,250	3,401	2,261	800	724	515	76	12,186
" " Sept., 1949	4,657	3,694	2,229	1,087	854	620	83	13,224

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year 1945-46 ..	9,200	6,142	2,441	1,550	865	1,013	189	21,408
" 1946-47 ..	14,737	11,699	3,627	2,354	1,521	1,567	368	36,144
" 1947-48 ..	19,086	11,712	3,251	3,293	1,841	2,065	491	43,940
" 1948-49 ..	23,113	16,021	3,958	3,340	2,459	2,375	690	52,012
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	21,137	14,150	3,951	3,362	2,132	2,166	502	48,529
" " Sept., 1949	23,654	16,452	4,304	4,651	2,603	2,804	697	54,825

(a) Not available.

NUMBER OF NEW FLATS.(a)
(INDIVIDUAL FLATS.)

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
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COMMENCED.

Year	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1945-46	663	312	46	..	..	14	..	1,035
" 1946-47	1,063	372	41	6	..	21	..	1,581
" 1947-48	1,302	509	19	..	17	34	144	2,025
" 1948-49	490	194	4	..	..	13	95	716
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	373	34	8	..	96	6	24	543
" " Sept., 1949								

COMPLETED.

Year	10	14	16	4	2	..	..	46
1945-46	157	90	55	..	..	21	..	319
" 1946-47	557	167	41	..	..	3	..	788
" 1947-48	894	368	32	6	..	25	20	1,345
" 1948-49	212	97	3	6	..	1	..	319
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	284	74	..	..	..	16	8	382
" " Sept., 1949								

UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.

Year	95	56	17	..	..	10	..	178
1945-46	605	285	13	..	..	4	..	887
" 1946-47	1,141	526	13	6	..	20	48	1,734
" 1947-48	1,549	643	..	..	17	27	180	2,416
" 1948-49	1,338	617	14	..	..	32	144	2,145
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	1,638	663	8	..	115	17	196	2,577
" " Sept., 1949								

(a) Figures are additional to numbers of houses shown on page 20. Each flat is counted as a separate unit, and the numbers shown relate to individual flats. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversions of old buildings into flats are omitted.

(b) Not available.

Section IV.—Shipping and Commerce.

OVERSEA SHIPPING(a).—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED—
AUSTRALIA.

('000.)

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1938-39 ..	5,964	747	6,711	5,990	845	6,835
1944-45(a) ..	3,887	597	4,484	3,587	1,062	4,649
1945-46(a) ..	4,596	667	5,263	3,976	1,454	5,430
1946-47 ..	4,486	700	5,186	4,165	1,055	5,220
1947-48 ..	4,828	1,255	6,083	4,707	1,138	5,845
1948-49 ..	6,229	1,247	7,476	5,828	1,709	7,537

(a) Excludes particulars of vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO.—Discharged and Shipped.

('000.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons measurement 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.
1948-49 (three months).								
New South Wales ..	709	121	396	280	860	94	547	92
Victoria ..	583	40	429	216	152	50	213	135
Queensland ..	69	83	140	45	104	34	211	31
South Australia ..	859	57	145	41	604	62	284	31
Western Australia ..	68	44	221	23	10	21	165	38
Tasmania ..	119	69	31	..	127	62	25	3
Northern Territory ..	2	..	3	..	1	..	..	..
Total ..	1,960	414	1,365	605	1,858	313	1,445	330

1949-50 (three months).

New South Wales ..	348	81	551	282	486	101	348	102
Victoria ..	318	65	634	260	122	80	287	132
Queensland ..	59	76	178	66	80	30	269	32
South Australia ..	175	51	248	91	302	46	174	30
Western Australia ..	37	51	207	43	11	23	209	54
Tasmania ..	113	43	34	1	117	51	19	15
Northern Territory ..	6	..	14	..	2	..	..	..
Total ..	1,054	307	1,925	743	1,120	331	1,306	365
Total—1948-49 ..	6,600	1,451	5,849	2,572	6,230	1,173	5,428	1,366
" 1947-48 ..	7,305	1,484	4,982	1,916	7,109	1,261	4,532	1,245
" 1946-47 ..	7,278	1,565	4,171	1,304	7,264	1,273	3,967	1,357
" 1945-46(a) ..	6,106	1,522	4,600	1,849	6,216	1,213	2,462	1,470
" 1938-39 ..	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,101	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093

(a) Excludes cargo from vessels exclusively engaged in the transport of troops, war equipment and supplies.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

These rates are expressed in sterling and are subject to an adjustment of 2½ per cent on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	..	6s. 6d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	..	1 ½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	..	..	..	..	19s. per ton measurement.
Meats—					
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—					
Beef	..	..	..	..	1 ½d. per lb.
Lamb	..	..	..	..	2d.
Mutton	..	..	..	..	1 ½d.
Rabbits and Hares	..	..	..	..	14s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	..	..	..	..	129s.
Sausage Casings (dried, in casks or cases)	..	..	..	..	123s.
Milk and Cream (condensed)	..	..	..	..	123s.

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Raw)	..	..	..	..	85s. per ton weight.
Jams	..	..	..	..	97s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	..	..	..	..	123s.
Dried Fruits	..	..	..	..	97s. 6d.
Fruits, Fresh—(Refrigerator)—					
Apples	..	..	..	..	8s. 4d. per bushel case.
Oranges	..	..	..	..	8s. 4d.
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—					
Wheat—					
Bulk	..	..	..	..	65s. 6d. per ton weight.
Bagged	..	..	..	..	75s.
Barley	..	..	..	..	77s. 6d.
Oats	..	..	..	..	100s.
Maize	..	..	..	..	82s. 6d.
Grain and Pulse, prepared—					
Flour, Wheat	..	..	..	..	77s. 6d.
Bran	..	..	..	..	67s. 6d.
Pollard	..	..	..	..	90s.
Rice (clean, husked)	..	..	..	..	82s. 6d.

WINE	..	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—					
Calf	..	..	..	..	1d. per lb.
Calf, in casks	..	..	..	..	18s. 6d. per ton weight.
Sheep	..	..	..	..	1 ½d. per lb.
Rabbit	..	..	..	..	2 ½d.
Other	..	..	..	..	2 ½d.
Pearl-shell	..	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.
Wool—					
Greasy	..	..	..	..	2.234d. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	..	..	..	..	2.815d.
Tops	..	..	..	..	2.681d. per lb. (net).

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.
Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	123s. per ton weight.
Copra	..	..	..	..	200s. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood	..	..	..	..	123s.
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	1 ½d. per lb.

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire	..	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.
Bladder Twine	..	..	..	..	215s. per ton weight.

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils—					
Eucalyptus	..	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.
Other	..	..	..	..	138s. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	..	..	..	..	138s.

PAINTS AND VARNISHES	..	..	..	..	123s. per ton measurement.
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OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

These rates are expressed in sterling and are subject to an adjustment of 25½ per cent. on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)	6s. 6d. per box (56 lb.)
Cheese (Refrigerator)	1 ½d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	19s. per ton measurement.
Meats—	
Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—	
Beef	1 ½d. per lb.
Lamb	2d. " "
Mutton	1 ½d. " "
Rabbits and Hares	14s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins	12s. " " "
Sausages (dried, in cases or cases)	12s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed)	13s. " " "

FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—

Sugar (Raw)	85s. per ton weight.
Jams	97s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Jellies	12s. " " "
Dried Fruits	95s. 6d. " " "
Fruits, Fresh—(Refrigerator)—	
Apples	8s. 6d. per bushel case.
Oranges	8s. 4d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, unprepared—	
Wheat—	
Bulk	67s. 6d. per ton weight.
Bagged	75s. " " "
Barley	77s. 6d. " " "
Oats	100s. " " "
Malz	82s. 6d. " " "
Grain and Pulse, prepared—	
Flour, Wheat	77s. 6d. " " "
Bran	97s. 6d. " " "
Pollard	90s. " " "
Rice (kann, husked)	82s. 6d. " " "

WINE	123s. per ton measurement.
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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—	
Calf	1d. per lb.
Calf, in racks	184s. 6d. per ton weight.
Sheep	1 ½d. per lb.
Habbit	2 ½d. " "
Other	2 ½d. " "
Pearl-shell	123s. per ton measurement.
Wool—	
Greasy	2.20sd. per lb. less 7%.
Scoured and Washed	2.81sd. " " "
Tops	2.68sd. per lb. (net).

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	123s. per ton measurement.
Bark, Tanning	123s. per ton weight.
Copra	200s. per ton measurement.
Sandabwood	123s. " "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	1 ½d. per lb.

APPAREL, TEXTILES AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—

Apparel and Attire	123s. per ton measurement.
Blender Twine	215s. per ton weight.

OILS, FATS AND WAXES—

Oils—	
Eucalyptus	123s. per ton measurement.
Other	138s. per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined	138s. " " "

PAINTS AND VARNISHES	123s. per ton measurement.
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**Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and
Continent at 31st December, 19 9—continued.**

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—

Ore (in casks)—					
Over £20 per ton		..	..	..	144s. 6d. per ton weight.
Under £20 per ton		..	..	..	82s. 6d.
Zinc—					
Ex Risdon ..		..	..	..	52s. 6d.
Other than above ..		..	..	..	72s. 6d.
Dust (in cases) ..		..	..	..	280s. 6d.
Sheet (in cases) ..		..	..	..	120s. 6d.
Copper ..		..	..	..	90s.
Lead ..		..	..	..	60s.
Steel—		..	..	..	..
Billets (up to 20 feet)		..	..	..	80s.
" (over 20 and up to 30 feet)		..	..	..	95s.
Tyres ..		..	..	..	108s. 6d.
Tin Clippings in ingot form ..		..	..	..	42s.

RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—

Rubber ..	..	..	..	..	110s. 6d. per ton measurement.
Leather ..	..	..	..	..	209s. 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 ..		..	..	..	40s. 3d.
" over 50 and up to 60-ft. lengths ..		..	..	..	53s.
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30-ft. lengths ..		..	..	..	24s. 3d.

EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS 123s. per ton measurement.

STATIONERY 123s.

DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS —

Fertilizers ..	..	..	..	..	123s.
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MISCELLANEOUS—

Soap ..	..	..	..	..	123s.
Caslin ..	..	..	..	..	108s. 6d.

SPECIE 15s. per cent.

**INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES,
GENERAL CARGO, 31st DECEMBER, 19 9.**

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

(These rates are expressed in Australian currency.)

To—	From—				
	Brisbane.	Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane ..	..	83 0	..	90 0	..
Sydney ..	..	..	..	82 0	..
Melbourne ..	..	90 0	82 0	..	..
Adelaide ..	..	98 0	90 0	82 0	..
Fremantle ..	..	100 0(a)	103 0	90 0	..
Hobart ..	..	174 0(b)	81 0	74 0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie ..	..	174 0(b)	81 0	65 0	..
Auckland ..	..	100 0	..	100 0	223 0
Wellington ..	..	100 0(c)	..	100 0(c)	223 0(c)
Lyttelton ..	..	100 0	170 10(c)	100 0	170 10(c)
Dunedin ..	..	100 0	170 10(c)	100 0	170 10(c)
New Hebrides—Vila ..	..	180 0	..	..	..
Norfolk Island ..	..	100 0	..	..	..
Papua—					
Port Moresby ..	140 0	140 0	..	..	..
Samara ..	140 0	140 0	..	..	..
Territory of New Guinea—					
Lae and Madang ..	180 0	180 0	..	..	..
Katua ..	180 0	180 0	..	..	..

(a) Plus 10s. per ton if trans-shipped.
Harbour Improvement Charges.

(b) Trans-shipped at Sydney.

(c) Plus Wellington

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
IMPORTS.					
New South Wales	53,088	87,068	94,378	151,017	178,119
Victoria	40,403	61,828	70,475	120,000	145,573
Queensland	9,070	12,246	13,658	22,560	32,484
South Australia	6,070	10,007	13,600	22,554	30,467
Western Australia	6,137	5,509	9,464	17,155	22,038
Tasmania	1,202	1,307	1,812	4,282	6,256
Northern Territory	34	197	89	278	267
Total	116,754	178,857	209,485	339,746	415,104

EXPORTS.(a)					
New South Wales	45,003	76,841	116,580	134,750	176,754
Victoria	30,810	75,916	88,611	115,904	136,459
Queensland	28,052	27,085	43,105	48,312	99,122
South Australia	14,841	20,154	32,512	52,002	69,631
Western Australia	17,070	10,458	23,042	48,670	48,295
Tasmania	8,198	8,612	6,082	9,283	12,490
Northern Territory	13	222	17	73	22
Total	140,406	223,288	309,029	409,954	542,073

(a) In this table goods are shown against the State from which they were finally despatched.

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

Year	Total Trade	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head of Population.					
			Aust. Produce.			Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			Total.
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	
	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£A'000. f.o.b.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
1938-39 ..	257,250	116,754	135,476	5,020	140,496	37 2 0	16 10 9	19 10 9	0 14 6	20 5 3	
1945-46 ..	402,145	178,857	218,921	4,467	223,288	54 2 5	24 1 5	29 9 0	0 12 0	30 1 0	
1946-47 ..	518,514	209,485	304,454	4,675	309,029	68 19 1	27 17 2	40 9 0	0 12 2	41 1 11	
1947-48 ..	719,700	339,746	404,716	5,238	409,954	97 4 3	44 1 1	52 9 7	0 13 7	53 3 2	
1948-49 ..	957,867	415,104	537,570	5,103	542,673	122 16 5	53 4 9	68 18 7	0 13 1	69 11 8	
1949-50 (6 months)	500,095	241,170	256,668	2,257	258,925	..	..	..	..	..	

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of ships' stores in £A'000 were 1938-39, £2,100; 1945-46, £6,332; 1946-47, £4,507; 1947-48, £5,510; 1948-49, £7,815; and 1949-50 (six months), £3,650.

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Year	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
1938-39 ..	113,217	3,537	116,754	121,383	18,903	140,486	8,316	15,426	23,742
1945-46 ..	177,905	1,762	178,857	190,444	26,864	223,288	19,323	25,102	44,425
1946-47 ..	208,343	1,142	209,485	308,909	120	309,029	16,566	1,022	17,588
1947-48 ..	338,085	1,601	339,746	404,088	4,966	409,054	66,933	3,305	70,238
1948-49 ..	414,056	1,138	415,194	541,103	1,570	542,673	127,447	432	127,479
1949-50 (6 months)	240,224	946	241,170	258,355	570	258,925	18,131	— 376	17,755

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes excess of imports.

**IMPORTS INTO AUSTRALIA OF THE PRODUCE OR MANUFACTURE OF THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE
THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.**

(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Borneo (British).	Canada.	Ceylon.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Bahrain Islands.	Belgium.	China.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin	85		8		3		144		76			1
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	203	57		2,139	604	67	50	10	1			14
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	216		2									1
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof	1,161				23				9		1	
5. Live animals	30					3	41					
6. Animal substances (mainly un-manufactured) not food-stuffs	33		1		102	2	155		3			100
7. Vegetable substances and fibres	282	2	30	62	663	28	77	1	80		2	3
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel	10,255		222	6	4,850	17	2	12			116	66
9. Oils, fats and waxes	80	676	1		200	40	21	1,773	38	1,041	1	50
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes	155						6				19	
11. Rocks and minerals	120		23	6	149	7	4		107			2
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery	28,715		2,020		1	11	37	3	391		382	
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof	1,069		2	8	2	617	19	4				
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured	110	117	805		2	35	102	3			1	9
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c.	1,303		57		2		28	1			100	1
16. Pulp, paper and stationery	2,108		352				24		1		1	2
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces	970			3	12		6		66		3	3
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments	918		78				2				6	
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	1,422		64	3	2	2	6		7		54	10
20. Miscellaneous	1,087		15		8	3	44	9	5		18	13
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie							283					
Total	50,015	852	3,249	2,228	6,629	832	1,120	1,615	874	1,041	709	277

Imports into Australia of the Produce or Manufacture of the Undermentioned Countries during the Three Months ended September, 1949—continued.
(£A'000 l.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	Czechoslovakia.	Egypt.	France.	Italy.	Netherlands.	Netherlands Dutch East Indonesia.	Norway.	Persia.	Sweden.	Switzerland.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries (a)
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ...	6	...	7	1	1	...	70	...	...	...	75	555
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ...	...	...	3	31	35	6	...	...	...	...	46	4,376
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ...	...	...	26	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	206
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ...	...	1	...	...	80	19	...	...	...	...	324	1,828
5. Live animals ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	87
6. Animal substances (mainly unmanufactured) not foodstuffs ...	...	...	6	1	...	...	21	...	22	...	13	530
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ...	...	37	7	39	3	6	5	5	...	46	200	2,087
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ...	514	1	482	1,163	433	1	2	...	1	68	413	25,473
9. Oils, fats and waxes ...	...	...	1	6	13	3,114	...	1,050	4	...	1,248	10,522
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ...	...	...	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	436
11. Rocks and minerals ...	...	...	...	4	2	...	2	...	4	...	417	1,099
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ...	141	...	624	305	114	...	168	...	291	470	7,704	44,503
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ...	3	...	5	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	205	1,962
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ...	...	...	49	2	1	...	73	1	358	1	490	2,123
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ...	117	...	22	11	1	...	2	...	11	...	62	1,897
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ...	18	...	0	6	45	1	317	...	1,082	3	224	4,574
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ...	70	...	174	19	3	...	5	...	1	130	13	1,556
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ...	...	...	35	25	3	...	...	...	1	30	285	1,453
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ...	...	...	191	28	41	1	...	...	24	39	309	3,052
20. Miscellaneous ...	26	15	33	55	12	1	1	...	20	3	191	1,815
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	402
Total ...	805	54	1,675	1,765	771	3,149	665	1,062	1,823	810	12,371	111,265

(a) Excludes outside packages, £A2,202,000.

EXPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNDERMENTIONED COUNTRIES DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	United Kingdom.	Canada.	Ceylon.	Eire.	Hong Kong.	India.	Malaya, Federation of.	New Zealand.	Singapore.	Union of South Africa.	Belgium.	China.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin ..	11,019	60	200	3	318	252	219	24	642	134	37	1
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin ..	13,607	1,836	1,103	269	450	10,344	574	1,790	652	16	11	6
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors ..	65	34	1	..	3	1	5	52	8	..	..	..
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
5. Live animals ..	2	..	..	..	10	1	..	10	60	..	..	..
6. Animal substances (mainly un-manufactured) not food-stuffs ..	17,080	863	..	..	16	54	1	52	1	11	3,504	43
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	19	..	1	..	1	1	2	91	6	7	1	..
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	67	28	..	..	116	7	8	209	17	14	..	..
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	556	..	3	..	18	127	3	34	8	8	..	..
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	1	..	4	..	10	9	1	47	4	..	..	..
11. Rocks and minerals ..	1,342	2	..	..	..	8	1	32	1	..	122	..
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	2,063	23	42	..	60	130	47	906	301	231	46	..
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	125	2	..	1	156	3	3	37	43	14	..	..
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	152	5	22	..	1	..	4	167	4	56	5	..
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	9	..	..	..	..	..	2	61	12	7	..	..
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	32	2	..	..	6	1	1	122	10	2	..	..
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	3	1	1	..	3	3	..	28	9	2	..	..
18. Optical surgical and scientific instruments ..	70	1	2	..	5	5	..	136	4	6	..	..
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers ..	30	..	6	..	34	33	24	190	56	7	1	..
20. Miscellaneous ..	250	17	48	..	50	5	8	169	76	42	1	..
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie ..	150	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	48,212	2,698	1,403	273	1,284	10,888	923	4,157	1,914	655	3,818	50

Exports from Australia to the Undermentioned Countries during the Three Months ended September, 1949—*continued*.
(£A'000 f.o.b.)

Classes of Goods.	Egypt.	France.	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Nether- lands Dutch- Indonesia.	Persia.	Poland.	Soviet Russia.	Sweden.	United States of America.	Total, All Countries.
1. Foodstuffs of animal origin . .	302	5	83	1	3	2	82	4	..	..	101	16,054
2. Foodstuffs of vegetable origin .	800	196	..	227	10	..	78	..	..	261	4	36,038
3. Spirituous and alcoholic liquors	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	237
4. Tobacco and preparations thereof ..	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
5. Live animals ..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	110
6. Animal substances (mainly un- manufactured) not food- stuffs ..	54	7,660	1,534	997	669	..	16	2,160	..	771	3,415	42,886
7. Vegetable substances and fibres ..	1	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	64	298
8. Manufactured fibres, textiles, and apparel ..	13	..	1	..	1	1	5	..	..	..	1	748
9. Oils, fats and waxes ..	..	..	2	2	14	..	..	..	..	..	19	937
10. Pigments, paints, varnishes ..	6	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	115
11. Rocks and minerals ..	..	6	2	..	8	..	..	..	..	69	210	1,834
12. Metals, metal manufactures and machinery ..	4	21	..	38	81	23	5	..	..	2	192	6,705
13. Rubber and leather and manufactures thereof ..	..	..	1	..	3	..	..	..	..	4	10	470
14. Wood and wicker, raw and manufactured ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	470
15. Earthenware, cements, china, glass, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125
16. Pulp, paper and stationery ..	..	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	5	223
17. Fancy goods, jewellery and timepieces ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	83
18. Optical, surgical and scientific instruments ..	..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	5	330
19. Drugs, chemicals and fertilizers	6	14	..	1	5	1	..	..	..	..	17	656
20. Miscellaneous ..	1	4	3	186	2	1	1	3	..	1	61	1,009
21. Gold, silver and bronze specie	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	183
Total ..	1,260	7,934	1,630	1,457	790	38	167	2,179	..	1,102	4,127	100,278

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—EXPORT PRICE.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Average for Year.(a)
Wool, Greasy ..	lb.	1948-49	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
		1949-50	3 11.4	3 6.7	3 0.2	3 10.9	3 5.9	3 11.7	4 0.3	4 7.0	4 8.7	4 3.2	3 11.4	3 3.7	3 11.8
Wool, Scoured	lb.	1948-49	4 10.5	4 6.5	3 0.2	4 6.4	4 4.0	4 0.0	4 6.7	4 8.4	4 10.9	4 11.4	3 10.1	5 0.7	4 7.2
		1949-50	4 7.7	4 8.7	4 4.1	6 1.3	5 1.1	5 7.3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	No.	1948-49	18 5.0	13 0.2	17 10.3	16 9.5	13 0.9	15 1.4	14 5.0	13 0.8	11 6.8	11 8.1	10 11.7	11 1.7	13 0.5
		1949-50	11 10.7	14 1.9	17 0.2	16 8.2	17 4.1	11 2.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wheat ..	bushel	1948-49	18 0.3	18 3.0	16 3.2	16 7.0	15 10.9	16 5.5	14 2.1	15 10.7	15 0.1	15 2.5	16 2.1	14 3.2	16 1.4
		1949-50	13 4.7	14 5.1	14 9.3	14 8.4	14 11.1	10 1.4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Butter ..	lb.	1948-49	2 3.8	2 4.1	2 3.5	2 5.5	2 7.3	2 6.6	2 7.8	2 9.1	2 7.5	2 8.5	2 0.1	2 5.9	2 7.1
		1949-50	2 8.5	2 7.4	2 5.0	2 10.5	2 10.3	2 9.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Raisins ..	lb.	1948-49	0 6.5	0 6.8	0 6.7	0 7.5	0 7.3	0 8.7	0 8.0	0 8.3	0 9.8	0 8.2	0 6.0	0 6.0	0 6.8
		1949-50	0 7.4	0 6.0	0 6.4	0 9.3	0 8.8	0 10.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wine (b) ..	gal.	1948-49	12 0.5	10 1.1	11 0.5	12 5.2	10 0.6	10 6.6	0 9.4	8 10.9	10 5.7	8 5.8	0 7.8	8 7.7	10 7.0
		1949-50	10 9.3	7 10.1	8 4.8	0 4.3	7 7.9	8 3.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Beef, Frozen ..	lb.	1948-49	0 6.7	0 7.0	0 6.6	0 7.1	0 8.0	0 8.4	0 8.7	0 8.8	0 8.6	0 8.3	0 9.3	0 7.0	0 7.3
		1949-50	0 8.1	0 8.4	0 8.0	0 8.1	0 8.0	0 8.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lamb, Frozen ..	lb.	1948-49	1 1.8	1 3.1	0 11.4	0 9.1	0 8.8	0 9.5	0 10.0	0 9.7	0 10.4	0 9.8	0 11.7	0 11.2	0 9.7
		1949-50	0 11.4	0 11.2	0 11.2	0 10.2	0 11.1	0 10.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mutton, Frozen	lb.	1948-49	0 7.4	0 11.7	0 10.7	0 9.0	0 7.1	0 5.8	0 5.8	0 5.7	0 5.4	0 5.1	0 5.3	0 6.4	0 5.7
		1949-50	0 5.7	0 7.3	0 6.6	0 6.8	0 5.8	0 6.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Flour ..	cwtal	1948-49	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
		1949-50	2 3 10	2 3 9	2 2 5	2 2 1	2 3 0	2 1 10	1 10 7	2 0 7	2 3 2	2 0 10	1 10 0	1 13 7	2 1 2
Tallow (Inedible)	cwt.	1948-49	4 15 6	4 9 10	5 10 0	5 18 4	6 1 0	6 15 0	6 0 4	6 9 3	6 11 7	7 4 7	6 1 6	9 2 7	0 15 10
		1949-50	5 5 0	6 12 8	4 18 9	4 10 1	3 4 6	3 10 11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lead (Pig) ..	cwt.	1948-49	5 9 3	5 9 0	5 13 6	6 2 3	6 7 3	6 10 8	7 1 8	7 6 2	6 19 10	6 8 3	6 1 11	6 19 3	6 8 3
		1949-50	5 11 2	6 18 10	5 10 2	4 18 7	5 3 3	5 1 1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zinc Bars, Blocks,	cwt.	1948-49	3 10 11	4 0 5	4 7 1	4 2 10	5 10 0	4 0 4	6 0 9	4 18 1	5 12 0	6 0 5	5 17 10	6 9 9	4 12 11
		1949-50	3 10 4	5 7 4	4 13 4	4 19 2	3 3 7	4 0 7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sugar, Raw ..	ton	1948-49	32 0 0	31 10 5	32 0 7	32 0 0	31 10 10	32 0 0	32 0 0	32 0 0	32 0 1	32 0 1	32 2 10	32 0 11	31 15 10
		1949-50	32 8 4	32 9 11	29 6 8	31 16 11	32 11 0	32 0 4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

(a) Average price of total exports for the year.

(b) In bulk over 27 per cent. proof.

EXPORTS OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES FROM AUSTRALIA IN EACH MONTH—QUANTITIES.

Item.	Unit of Quantity.	Year.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	Total for Year.
Wool, Greasy ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	84,167 82,980	31,827 54,896	29,260 38,148	82,611 100,830	101,819 110,842	118,077 104,593	72,842 86,700	77,617 65,010	121,647 60,803	682,036			
Wool, Scoured, Tops, &c. ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	13,507 12,093	10,059 12,444	11,288 12,350	10,470 11,182	12,277 13,097	14,319 13,097	12,628 12,398	15,661 11,261	22,503 9,770	150,161			
Sheepskins (with Wool) ..	'000 No.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	472 984	691 1,381	619 967	599 852	1,020 1,101	674 1,223	1,019 1,008	1,451 946	1,500 1,394	11,255			
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	10,080 6,217	6,078 8,344	7,174 7,352	3,543 5,700	5,571 5,294	3,868 2,017	5,600 9,193	6,037 5,725	9,779 8,063	83,129			
Flour ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	1,074 1,282	1,779 1,167	2,199 1,660	1,251 1,845	1,518 904	1,026 1,506	802 1,764	1,232 1,524	1,201 1,216	17,036			
Butter ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	9,734 4,017	7,258 4,814	5,595 10,064	10,547 6,527	30,042 12,407	18,613 11,184	13,005 25,604	23,429 17,084	10,978 11,010	183,654			
Balsins ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	22,320 5,003	12,008 16,954	17,555 10,340	6,479 1,042	3,220 674	942 205	1,719 2,476	140 1,232	10,536 8,517	83,053			
Wines (all kinds)	'000 gal.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	108 52	96 83	325 128	292 67	227 95	202 103	133 70	214 85	69 191	1,878			
Beef, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	58,352 24,832	29,376 26,769	29,680 30,162	15,728 12,941	6,123 15,016	11,945 10,712	5,875 5,544	4,086 5,601	6,856 12,878	191,663			
Lamb, Frozen ..	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	250 1,165	284 2,140	632 4,064	8,160 9,149	7,953 15,282	10,028 24,784	10,974 19,753	12,818 6,374	2,123 2,007	87,355			
Mutton, Frozen	'000 lb.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	534 692	331 699	451 1,712	140 4,230	630 5,520	1,447 6,584	2,451 2,751	7,647 4,801	6,046 280	27,509			
Tallow, Inedible	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	9 37	5 34	0 34	21 7	7 16	13 19	13 6	13 10	16 20	142			
Lard (Pig) ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	73 108	348 94	161 91	160 70	411 281	162 257	182 230	294 125	80 287	2,540			
Zinc Bars, Blocks, etc ..	'000 cwt.	{ 1948-49 1949-50	18 1	137 85	51 52	23 6	53 159	152 159	3 133	2 77	62 43	701			
Sugar, Raw and Refined ..	'000 ton	{ 1948-49 1949-50	11 11	39 53	44 91	40 44	39 67	70 58	27 49	82 25	15 15	416			

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and from Individual Items to the Excise Tariff and Total Revenue collected during the December quarters of 19 8 and 19 9, the six months ended December, 1918 and 19 9, and the years ended June, 19 8 and 19 9.

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Division.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.		Year ended June.	
	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.	1918.	1919.
CUSTOMS.						
1. Alc. Spirits, and Beverages	327,280	414,102	619,535	750,578	942,730	1,178,699
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	4,187,352	4,954,374	8,011,420	9,407,070	11,995,984	15,555,821
3. Sugar	904	580	1,287	3,208	7,122	4,327
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	320,243	319,030	647,557	617,505	1,400,780	1,331,231
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire	1,010,361	1,014,120	2,204,544	3,604,010	5,802,888	8,825,286
6. Metals and Machinery	1,350,322	2,155,420	2,713,803	4,451,080	4,702,732	6,347,237
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	4,205,759	4,373,684	8,306,203	9,255,134	10,322,072	17,301,557
8. Earthenware, &c.	200,803	301,061	580,545	577,903	1,108,006	1,106,179
9. Drugs and Chemicals	70,031	94,051	173,028	105,500	455,409	364,236
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	230,072	311,424	442,170	607,245	607,106	1,017,000
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	334,500	313,338	617,100	826,124	974,850	1,248,690
12. Leather and Rubber	206,151	282,705	509,568	558,677	821,435	901,785
13. Paper and Stationery	122,326	118,050	223,021	252,903	770,458	655,120
14. Vehicles	775,150	2,187,141	1,736,338	3,480,307	2,773,155	4,012,523
15. Musical Instruments	15,000	24,000	32,723	43,124	50,800	78,870
16. Miscellaneous	509,884	324,435	1,161,620	770,839	2,063,218	2,187,747
Prinings	1,474,550	1,303,394	3,005,426	2,840,218	7,340,570	5,985,851
Slips' Stores	30,700	30,425	49,161	59,152	58,457	101,107
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	60,063	41,337	208,030	85,212	745,206	311,020
Total Customs	16,173,072	19,064,870	32,500,177	38,573,381	50,917,909	60,439,494
EXCISE.						
Beer	8,722,140	9,343,710	15,992,059	15,889,444	27,062,418	31,817,084
Cigarette Papers	222,031	255,188	460,311	505,398	1,000,000	897,541
Coal		36,533		36,533		
Malches	275,393	334,151	614,285	859,573	1,305,770	1,227,692
Petrol	577,834	711,246	1,117,719	1,405,529	1,835,258	2,240,163
Playing Cards	17,785	15,900	35,150	34,190	58,170	67,413
Spirits	1,741,437	1,719,203	3,064,446	3,771,045	6,704,216	7,058,315
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff	5,161,819	5,403,203	9,088,633	10,457,938	19,716,474	16,179,891
Other Excise, including Licences	102,333	95,732	187,025	130,302	300,785	330,023
Total Excise	16,821,678	17,014,006	31,780,898	32,600,781	58,103,163	62,828,022
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	32,995,350	37,870,845	64,280,785	71,273,162	118,021,072	129,267,516
Refunds and Drawback paid	695,474	836,051	1,517,076	1,736,083	2,410,678	3,070,023
TOTAL NET REVENUE	32,299,876	37,042,804	62,763,809	69,536,109	115,610,394	126,197,493

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

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IMPORTS.

(£A'000 l.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in tins	480	284	1,720	488
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c. .. .	302	208	491	387
Meats—				
Preserved in tins	5	12	5	19
Potted or Concentrated	3	5	12	10
Sausage Casings	105	15	139	104
Other	2	1	2	1
Milk and Cream	8	3	11	5
Other Animal Foodstuffs	60	93	99	172
Total, Class I.	905	621	2,470	1,186
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter	165	309	388	513
Cocoa and Chocolate	172	365	920	1,104
Coffee and Chicory	68	247	237	335
Confectionery	91	42	158	86
Fruits, Dried, including Dates	68	8	74	10
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i., preserved in liquid	10	67	11	84
Ginger	3	7	5	19
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	27	143	341	274
Prepared	3	5	2	11
Liquorice	13	9	21	11
Mustard	..	1	..	1
Nuts, Edible	139	229	349	545
Pickles and Sauces	12	14	23	38
Sago and Tapioca	38	21	74	63
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape	9	6	12	14
Spices	76	121	160	236
Sugar and Sugar Products	15	22	31	31
Tea	1,811	2,320	3,483	4,816
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	40	166	63	286
Total, Class II.	2,760	4,102	6,352	8,477
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer and Porter	51	106	95	155
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy	27	14	58	25
Gin	16	11	24	29
Rum	3	2	5	7
Whisky	123	144	218	299
Other including Liqueurs and Bitters	21	11	41	26
Wine, Fermented—				
Sparkling	32	4	47	10
Other	7	7	10	14
Total, Class III.	280	299	498	565

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes	831	1,092	1,728	2,244
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	90	108	159	213
Unmanufactured	1,234	1,714	2,294	2,285
Total, Class IV.	2,155	2,914	4,181	4,742
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	110	41	209	128
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Glue Pieces and Sinews	..	6	6	6
Gut—Imitation and Natural	5	6	11	10
Hair and Fibre	102	98	189	220
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	17	23	46	39
Sheep	13	1	43	3
Other	231	185	507	367
Silk, Raw	180	2	300	21
Wool	101	29	156	179
Other Animal Substances	57	42	104	77
Total, Class VI.	706	302	1,362	922
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	251	472	545	823
Cork and Cork Manufacturers	88	42	162	109
Fibre—				
Cotton, Raw and Waste	1,430	983	3,066	1,544
Flax, Hemp, &c.	169	179	635	338
Kapok	160	88	382	176
Synthetic Fibres and Filaments	155	37	274	76
Other	80	80	388	266
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture, Mats, &c.	33	20	87	76
Gums and Resins	155	139	361	267
Plastic Materials	446	324	809	743
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	62	149	114	244
Linseed	846	186	1,055	402
Other	50	33	106	43
Tanning Substances	54	51	126	150
Other Vegetable Substances	42	37	69	60
Total, Class VII.	4,021	2,820	8,179	5,507
CLASS VIII.—(a) YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	51	..	148	13
Corn and Flour	2,776	3,280	5,140	6,199
Woolpacks	594	981	850	1,440
Other	35	23	36	27
Cordage and Twines	172	92	309	204
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	493	411	1,258	814
Yarns—				
Cotton	958	489	2,543	967
Rayon	1,115	708	2,542	1,748
Silk	1	1	1	1
Wool	65	154	128	320
Other	91	53	223	91
Total, Class VIII. (a)	6,351	6,192	13,178	11,824

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	2,105	2,435	4,424	4,471
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys	54	37	108	60
Handkerchiefs, Serviettes, Tablecloths	436	485	1,127	806
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	283	305	685	670
Cotton and Linen	7,181	6,566	15,622	13,833
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	525	460	1,279	1,006
Silk, including Rayon	3,679	3,718	8,749	7,780
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	146	246	340	301
Woollens	969	1,466	1,704	2,586
Other	578	652	1,096	1,139
Quilts, Bed-linen, &c.	93	77	194	160
Towels and Towelling	532	689	1,153	1,271
Other Textiles	211	299	426	561
Total, Class VIII. (b)	16,792	17,435	36,907	34,734
CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL.				
Blouses, Shirts, Costumes, &c.—				
Not knitted	75	169	140	288
Knitted	208	225	352	390
Boots and Shoes	267	222	439	455
Buttons	36	41	68	79
Furs and Other Skins	18	14	30	32
Gloves	133	133	278	242
Hats and Caps	147	113	338	262
Socks and Stockings	730	674	1,239	1,305
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	78	74	148	128
Trimnings and Ornaments	552	660	1,128	1,277
Other Apparel and Attire	444	443	789	852
Total, Class VIII. (c)	2,688	2,768	4,940	5,310
Total, Class VIII.	25,831	26,395	55,034	51,808
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	154	110	354	222
Oils—				
Kerosene	1,131	767	2,280	1,879
Linseed	741	37	1,480	197
Lubricating (Mineral)	655	1,366	1,770	2,450
Olive	74	21	213	28
Petroleum	5,016	6,009	10,068	11,718
Residual	2,517	2,475	4,924	3,907
Turpentine and Substitutes	138	132	264	251
Other	686	1,044	1,240	1,743
Total, Class IX.	11,112	11,961	22,608	22,483
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	396	436	861	866
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	6	7	16	14
Total, Class X.	402	443	877	879

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.

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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	124	118	277	140
Stones—				
Abrasives	80	203	238	254
Other	11	11	24	18
Other Minerals, &c.	550	1,214	1,044	2,233
Total, Class XI.	774	1,546	1,583	2,645
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	83	217	224	482
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	242	603	672	1,012
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	36	102	74	183
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	234	1,706	450	3,027
Beams, Girders, Joists, &c.	4	257	4	347
Pig and Scrap	..	21	1	24
Pipes and Tubes	75	317	153	468
Plate and Sheet—				
Galvanized	..	837	2	1,004
Plain	216	903	450	1,883
Tinned	1,553	1,513	3,030	3,945
Nails	17	121	34	182
Nails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	..	158	..	167
Wire	155	1,061	334	1,953
Lamps and Lampware	108	154	201	330
Leaf and Foil	110	110	183	199
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	132	179	346	328
Platedware and Cutlery	332	461	854	779
Tools of Trade	505	762	1,068	1,425
Vehicles—				
Aircraft and Parts	611	538	1,108	846
Cycles and Cycle Parts	160	177	338	326
Motor Vehicles—				
Bodies and Parts	1,062	4,041	2,152	6,977
Chassis and Parts	5,748	12,723	12,713	21,818
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	491	722	980	1,410
Other Vehicles and Parts	259	598	511	1,026
Other Metals and Manufactures	2,049	3,161	3,870	7,608
Total, Class XII. (a)	14,182	32,168	29,761	57,549
CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Batteries and Accumulators	25	130	63	186
Cable and Wire, covered	881	1,002	1,013	2,812
Dynamo Electric Machines	814	995	1,603	2,127
Lamps, Filament	138	155	205	200
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c.	807	1,266	1,028	2,307
Other Electrical Appliances	1,221	1,395	2,492	2,769
Total, Class XII. (b)	3,886	5,443	8,084	10,491

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c. ..	230	452	480	729
Dairying	128	136	263	267
Metal-working	675	1,015	1,549	1,908
Mining	260	1,021	484	1,878
Motive power (except Electric) ..	3,065	6,284	5,846	11,735
Printing	322	476	593	967
Machines—				
Sewing	528	409	916	889
Sheep-shearing	11	31	22	46
Weighing	34	41	69	82
Textile-working and Appliances ..	684	813	1,330	1,763
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings ..	331	467	695	1,005
Other Machines and Machinery ..	2,430	4,188	4,756	8,138
Total, Class XII. (c)	8,703	15,333	16,783	29,407
Total, Class XII.	26,771	52,944	54,628	97,447
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c. ..	1,032	866	2,150	1,510
Rubber Manufactures—				
Elastics, &c.	130	110	296	239
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	403	1,244	683	2,196
Other	140	146	277	265
Total, Class XIII. (a)	1,705	2,366	3,406	4,210
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	53	53	131	108
Leather Manufactures, &c.	35	80	61	143
Total, Class XIII. (b)	88	133	192	251
Total, Class XIII.	1,793	2,499	3,598	4,461
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	417	327	646	688
Undressed	1,247	1,429	2,529	2,848
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	211	341	416	684
Total, Class XIV.	1,875	2,097	3,591	4,220
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS, CHINA, ETC.				
Crockery and Household Ware	739	881	1,803	1,534
Glass and Glasware	612	777	1,391	1,548
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone-ware	503	617	1,007	1,090
Total, Class XV.	1,854	2,275	4,001	4,172

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
(£A'000 L.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XVI.—(a) PULP, PAPER AND BOARD.				
Paper—				
Parchment	97	37	178	63
Printing	1,297	2,006	2,393	3,536
Wrapping	689	176	1,338	305
Writing and Typewriting	411	118	951	279
Other Paper	331	351	721	696
Pulp for Paper-making	317	192	1,335	578
Millboards and other Boards	322	248	647	638
Total, Class XVI. (a)	3,464	3,128	7,563	6,185
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	677	751	1,271	1,518
Pens and Pencils	330	430	601	784
Price Lists, Catalogues, Circulars, &c.	40	71	82	119
Other Stationery	323	314	694	662
Total, Class XVI. (b)	1,370	1,566	2,648	3,083
Total, Class XVI.	4,834	4,694	10,211	9,268
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Articles for Games	95	93	209	173
Fancy Goods—				
Toys, &c.	231	381	448	810
Other	263	318	502	598
Precious Stones, unset	194	289	460	436
Jewellery	143	155	322	300
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	333	573	678	1,048
Total, Class XVIII.	1,269	1,809	2,619	3,365
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	217	232	478	524
Instruments—				
Optical and Meteorological	205	201	379	368
Surgical and Dental	294	336	593	598
Talking Machines—Phonographs, &c.	249	113	420	100
Other Instruments	547	607	1,004	1,262
Total, Class XVIII.	1,512	1,489	2,874	2,942
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	73	57	163	162
Argol	16	11	19	26
Creom of Tartar and Substitutes		16		16
Cyanides of Potassium and Sodium	26	43	98	92
Drugs, and Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	262	289	508	572
Other	166	168	284	288
Dyes	433	205	879	447
Fertilizers	702	1,112	1,363	2,204
Insecticides, Disinfectants, &c., Washes and Dips	12	21	26	48
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	61	54	130	100
Perfumery and Toilet Preparations	97	100	181	204

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Imports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—continued.				
Potassium Salts	23	10	77	48
Salt	29	18	58	39
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	116	2	210	35
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	109	21	235	63
Other	70	90	182	131
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	7	4	14	11
Other	17	17	106	45
Other Drugs and Chemicals	844	786	1,592	1,535
Total, Class XIX.	3,043	3,014	6,122	6,066
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	1,083	372	1,546	806
Articles of Celluloid, and Celluloid Sheets, &c. . .	42	39	70	75
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c. . .	102	164	203	306
Brushware	77	83	149	152
Goods imported per parcel post	51	40	90	92
Musical Instruments, &c. . .	126	178	287	332
Outside Packages	1,797	2,624	3,717	4,826
Packings for Engines	123	132	257	272
Passengers' Effects	498	501	903	1,010
Vessels (Ships), including Fittings	449	116	510	119
All other Articles	227	606	381	891
Total, Class XX.	4,575	4,864	8,102	8,881
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including gold in matte	535	481	690	937
Silver, including silver in matte	7	3	8	9
Total, Class XXI.	542	484	698	946
TOTAL IMPORTS.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	41,327	47,480	84,962	94,067
Victoria	34,360	45,762	71,148	84,230
Queensland	7,799	11,957	15,837	21,933
South Australia	7,293	11,759	14,382	21,690
Western Australia	4,894	8,499	10,588	14,719
Tasmania	1,500	1,831	2,861	4,051
Northern Territory	1	415	88	480
Total { Merchandise	96,632	127,219	190,168	240,224
{ Bullion and Specie	542	484	698	946
GRAND TOTAL	97,174	127,703	190,866	241,170

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—continued.

EXPORTS.
(£A'000 l.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	7,660	4,295	10,282	6,694
Margarine	164	105	273	319
Cheese	1,114	579	1,758	1,295
Eggs	2,584	2,628	3,513	3,789
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	445	351	676	667
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	179	220	395	388
Potted or Concentrated	177	97	343	261
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	1,087	1,384	4,391	4,357
Lamb	882	2,211	944	2,596
Mutton	58	430	111	531
Pork	93	118	255	429
Rabbit and Hares	346	862	1,541	3,216
Preserved in tins	1,888	2,453	4,332	4,969
Sausage Casings	111	285	181	493
Other	842	1,013	1,939	2,286
Milk and Cream	1,962	2,148	2,677	2,900
Other Animal Foodstuffs	578	449	1,004	1,068
Total, Class I.	20,160	19,634	34,615	36,258
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c.	28	39	47	66
Biscuits, Cakes and Puddings, &c.	555	886	699	1,567
Confectionery	187	86	275	225
Fodders	70	85	226	147
Fruit Juices and Syrups	277	224	781	596
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	19	7	283	163
Raisins	334	78	1,795	999
Other	176	220	218	343
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	51	23	599	367
Citrus	286	238	403	491
Other	8	5	40	46
Fruits, preserved in liquid	1,270	963	2,504	2,138
Fruits, pulped	128	52	209	304
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	997	411	2,853	1,169
Oats	2,394	88	4,746	137
Wheat	10,550	10,556	31,828	26,165
Other	133	631	400	894
Prepared—				
Breakfast Foods	403	348	909	682
Flour (Wheaten)	8,043	7,338	20,270	14,189
Rice	523	272	803	632
Other	1,347	169	2,811	448
Jams and Fruit Jellies	831	735	1,324	1,814
Sugar	5,119	5,151	8,129	10,016
Tea	29	39	64	80
Vegetables—				
Dried, &c.	3	..	7	1
Fresh	126	118	307	323
Preserved or Pulped	280	438	531	826
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	554	310	918	720
Total, Class II.	34,701	29,510	83,979	65,548

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
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Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry	11	11	26	21
Spirits (Beverages)	166	106	308	202
Wine	343	105	624	235
Total, Class III.	510	221	958	458
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff	24	92	30	104
Tobacco	105	52	148	91
Total, Class IV.	129	144	178	195
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	10	12	18	18
Horses	24	46	50	78
Sheep	60	52	100	114
Other Animals	7	10	21	22
Total, Class V.	101	120	189	230
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Glue Pieces and Sinews	1	..	1	..
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	463	442	824	847
Fox	3	1	5	1
Kangaroo and Wallaby	195	102	286	127
Opossum	2	36	4	36
Rabbit	659	483	2,747	1,106
Sheep	1,726	2,594	3,023	4,918
Other	1	10	5	19
Pearl-shell	108	152	327	219
Trochus-shell	18	16	46	41
Wool—				
Greasy	57,730	70,457	86,907	101,481
Scoured and Tops	8,388	10,084	16,000	18,434
Other Animal Substances	59	70	105	115
Total, Class VI.	69,440	81,457	110,340	127,343
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	..	..	45	..
Fibres	13	38	50	61
Seeds	70	74	169	173
Tanning Substances	81	59	182	149
Other Vegetable Substances	67	71	133	157
Total, Class VII.	231	242	579	540
CLASS VIII.—MANUFACTURED FIBRES ; TEXTILES ; AND APPAREL.				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns	360	225	741	446
Piece Goods	371	326	718	588
Other Textiles	122	88	219	160
Boots and Shoes	14	23	26	35
Other Apparel and Attire	270	156	448	317
Total, Class VIII.	1,143	708	2,152	1,546

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.
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Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	350	137	652	331
Oils	163	180	368	289
Tallow, Edible and Inedible	232	378	402	1,012
Total, Class IX.	754	695	1,322	1,632
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS AND VARNISHES ..	130	166	256	281
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.				
Coal	15	75	48	95
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	393	1,604	965	2,755
Zinc	665	680	1,127	852
Other	474	713	896	1,178
Other Rocks and Minerals	75	34	117	60
Total, Class XI.	1,532	3,106	3,183	4,940
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Iron and Steel	612	376	1,416	695
Lead	6,821	2,843	11,023	4,068
Metal Scrap	50	10	91	37
Platinum, Osmium, &c.	..	3	..	3
Tin Ingots	..	..	4	1
Vehicles	220	284	548	612
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	769	887	1,636	1,615
Other Metals and Manufactures	608	588	1,635	1,167
Electrical Appliances and Equipment	359	315	705	666
Machines and Machinery	1,163	1,055	2,802	2,302
Total, Class XII.	10,701	6,361	19,860	12,066
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	33	55	67	99
Leather	399	353	764	780
Leather Manufactures, &c.	27	14	44	39
Total, Class XIII.	459	422	875	898
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	533	609	959	1,026
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	52	53	93	107
Total, Class XIV.	585	662	1,052	1,132
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE	108	167	225	282
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	37	36	93	65
Stationery	199	208	368	412
Total, Class XVI.	236	244	461	477

Value of Principal Articles, &c.—Exports—continued.
(£A'000 l.o.b.)

Particulars.	December Quarter.		Six Months ended December.	
	1948.	1949.	1948.	1949.
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Precious Stones, Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	64	52	70	60
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	72	75	130	150
Total, Class XVII.	136	127	200	210
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	52	74	97	147
Photographic Goods, &c.	50	83	135	186
Talking Machines, &c.	27	23	41	40
Other Instruments	129	70	193	197
Total, Class XVIII.	207	250	466	570
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Fertilizers	11	13	12	13
Medicines	381	222	600	458
Oils—				
Eucalyptus	43	32	77	67
Other ..	16	24	38	34
Perfumery and Preparations	61	65	146	130
Other Drugs and Chemicals	381	308	718	598
Total, Class XIX.	893	724	1,591	1,300
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	470	486	1,239	956
Goods Exported per parcel post	141	204	217	384
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	60	81	124	155
Personal and Household Effects	201	150	356	329
Vessels transferred abroad	219	10	332	59
All other Articles	315	280	562	566
Total, Class XX.	1,406	1,220	2,830	2,449
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER, AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold	2	..	2	1
Silver, including Silver in matte	414	387	893	599
Bronze Specie	..	..	35	..
Total, Class XXI.	416	387	930	570
TOTAL EXPORTS.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	48,831	51,962	88,090	91,223
Victoria	34,022	37,822	61,592	62,944
Queensland	26,270	26,689	52,949	48,754
South Australia	20,770	16,899	37,364	27,126
Western Australia	12,189	14,164	22,282	24,392
Tasmania	1,772	2,107	3,945	4,481
Northern Territory	2	4	19	5
Total { Australian Produce	142,956	148,507	263,393	256,668
{ Other Produce	1,100	1,140	2,848	2,257
Total { Merchandise	143,640	149,260	266,311	258,356
{ Bullion and Specie	416	387	930	570
GRAND TOTAL	144,056	149,647	266,241	258,925
Value of Australian Gold Production	2,499	3,545	5,246	5,969

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

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.			
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork
QUANTITY. (Centsals.)						
1938-39	2,295,428	359,236	17,391	2,719,638	1,864,885	307,164
1945-46	1,376,113	327,662	117,138	1,107,913	565,747	307,729
1946-47	1,330,423	535,553	66,400	1,863,385	1,613,029	187,053
1947-48	1,847,738	509,445	54,835	2,371,501	1,224,829	37,281
1948-49	1,833,556	582,533	66,192	1,916,530	1,488,632	201,259
1949-50 (six months)	491,028	164,203	32,096	1,270,317	771,863	63,911

VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b.)						
1938-39	12,892	1,074	120	4,324	4,807	882
1945-46	12,272	1,680	1,039	2,834	1,540	1,205
1946-47	12,570	2,643	578	4,582	4,544	844
1947-48	20,629	3,253	533	6,192	4,248	208
1948-49	23,811	4,097	674	5,823	4,184	1,199
1949-50 (six months)	6,694	1,295	388	4,357	3,127	429

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wool.	
	Vine.	Tree.				Greasy.	Scoured (b)

QUANTITY.							
	Centsals.	Centsals.	Centsals.	Bushels.	Centsals.	Centsals.	Centsals.
1938-39	1,642,128	39,152	812,788	63,129,023	14,501,304	7,033,845	708,812
1945-46	880,989	30,721	367,344	12,481,156	10,377,511	7,113,581	945,167
1946-47	915,144	41,800	716,887	12,175,513	15,301,958	10,191,503	1,008,264
1947-48	929,030	39,561	847,967	60,173,560	15,687,411	7,742,229	1,635,748
1948-49	1,131,574	47,860	1,030,056	82,702,168	17,039,055	9,811,468	1,568,607
1949-50 (6 months)	415,076	40,392	675,507	35,913,695	8,313,673	4,982,192	703,287

VALUE. (£A'000 f.o.b.)							
1938-39	2,747	118	1,267	8,735	4,540	37,305	5,324
1945-46	1,951	198	892	6,223	11,337	56,390	12,870
1946-47	2,157	273	2,114	6,338	22,535	96,830	20,274
1947-48	2,264	279	2,763	52,813	31,823	118,617	30,121
1948-49	3,094	343	3,694	66,767	35,987	195,795	35,869
1949-50 (6 months)	1,162	327	2,138	26,165	14,189	101,481	18,433

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nolls and Waste.

**PRINCIPAL AGRICULTURAL, PASTORAL AND DAIRY PRODUCE OF AUSTRALIAN
ORIGIN EXPORTED TO VARIOUS COUNTRIES.**

Country to which Exported.	BUTTER.				CHEESE.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	71,554	8,601	40,850	5,382	21,218	1,371	11,709	816
Australian Territories ..	186	26	212	34	37	4	40	5
Ceylon ..	960	114	927	143	581	37	228	28
Cyprus ..	117	16	83	12	14	1	49	6
Ghana (British) ..	464	63	533	92	375	22	149	15
Hong Kong ..	584	77	603	108	447	20	245	24
India ..	74	10	212	35	386	37	351	43
Malaya, Federation of ..	316	49	350	60	227	16	170	20
Malta ..	448	54	331	50	201	19	202	20
Rhodesia, Southern ..	224	20	246	35	102	7	39	4
Singapore ..	1,100	142	446	60	170	18	470	73
Trinidad and Tobago ..	988	132	590	84	441	34	388	32
Other British Countries	3,201	583	1,656	202	385	37	826	71
Belgian Dependencies—								
Belgian Congo ..	100	20	273	48	15	2	24	3
Burma ..	144	23	205	55	15	2	—	—
Egypt ..	441	64	361	50	79	8	341	36
Philippines Republic ..	167	24	271	51	191	19	373	45
Poland ..	96	13	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Foreign Countries	1,111	165	745	131	902	73	514	54
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	2,782	395	4,485	846	654	61	549	58
Victoria ..	37,442	4,008	14,970	1,949	13,765	950	7,545	630
Queensland ..	32,874	3,037	22,301	3,127	3,846	273	1,581	147
South Australia ..	3,756	410	2,784	385	7,319	434	6,741	459
Western Australia ..	3,931	440	2,796	354	402	27	4	1
Tasmania ..	1,634	204	1,731	230	—	—	—	—
Total ..	82,383	10,282	49,103	6,614	25,986	1,764	16,420	1,205

Country to which Exported.	BACON AND HAMPS.				BEEF (Including Veal)—Frozen and Chilled.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	1,199	45	431	59	128,425	4,567	103,768	3,375
Australian Territories ..	115	14	78	10	374	22	404	31
Bermuda ..	184	23	63	14	603	36	874	61
Ceylon ..	87	10	150	18	389	16	383	18
Gibraltar ..	14	2	—	—	1,619	16	1,518	23
Hong Kong ..	513	64	513	64	4,770	148	3,929	135
Malta ..	4	1	30	3	4,504	125	3,302	112
Singapore ..	678	78	619	71	4,271	142	4,217	155
Trinidad and Tobago ..	278	33	203	36	1,591	78	1,062	100
Other British Countries	396	45	431	59	789	37	1,555	80
Egypt ..	202	29	273	31	2,106	91	4,543	185
Japan ..	42	4	—	—	93	4	52	2
Philippines Republic ..	237	31	154	22	—	—	—	—
Other Foreign Countries	155	16	106	19	1,562	94	530	41
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	924	109	789	101	5,025	184	1,890	88
Victoria ..	1,260	78	480	55	1,873	97	997	37
Queensland ..	1,475	159	1,149	175	129,530	3,765	105,441	3,057
South Australia ..	182	17	182	24	253	12	211	6
Western Australia ..	323	32	310	33	14,532	335	18,441	571
Total ..	4,164	395	3,210	388	151,213	4,391	127,032	4,357

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country to which Exported.	MUTTON AND LAMB—FROZEN.				PORK.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	23,504	855	70,741	2,853	3,028	148	4,895	314
Bermuda ..	343	23			107	11	125	16
Ceylon ..	375	20	404	21	137	7	11	1
Singapore ..	1,058	48	1,013	42	260	17	373	28
Other British Countries	1,753	72	1,982	92	524	30	634	43
Egypt ..	640	27	2,845	106	557	39	335	26
Other Foreign Countries	167	10	161	13	36	3	18	1
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	9,895	376	15,202	641	492	38	440	38
Victoria ..	7,459	290	47,987	1,808	459	30	851	69
Queensland ..	429	15	64	3	3,252	161	4,627	284
South Australia ..	6,354	247	10,144	480	63	4	327	27
Western Australia ..	3,702	127	4,160	197	383	22	107	8
Tasmania ..							33	3
Total ..	27,839	1,055	77,186	3,127	4,649	255	6,391	429

Country to which Exported.	DRIED VINE FRUITS—CURRANTS.				DRIED VINE FRUITS—RAISINS (including Sultaninas and Lexias).			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	4,065	79	619	17	21,008	501	1,124	38
Canada ..	6,189	154	3,854	91	32,108	960	25,952	683
New Zealand ..	1,318	31	1,451	39	8,216	252	6,727	223
Singapore ..	471	11	56	2	105	4	67	3
Other British Countries	252	6	267	9	778	29	603	27
Sweden ..					1,129	45	448	15
Other Foreign Countries	62	2	103	4	102	4	347	11
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	19	1	18		35	1	18	1
Victoria ..	8,954	200	2,397	62	56,042	1,592	501	898
Queensland ..							1	
South Australia ..	2,740	67	3,330	84	6,331	198	2,588	104
Western Australia ..	644	15	594	16	87	4		
Tasmania ..			1					
Total ..	12,357	283	6,340	162	63,435	1,795	35,108	1,000

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—*continued*.

Country to which Exported.	DRIED TREE FRUITS.				FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 lb.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	1,000	101	1,734	99	52,324	1,738	43,080	1,042
Canada ..	56	1	..	..	7,130	318	7,911	385
Hong Kong ..	20	1	13	1	415	15	585	24
New Zealand ..	526	40	1,012	141	5,136	170	0,701	270
Singapore ..	21	2	05	6	1,365	52	898	31
Other British Countries ..	307	20	321	17	2,070	84	4,518	237
Belgium ..	..	..	..	..	325	20	5	..
Egypt ..	04	0	103	3	472	18	1,409	56
Germany ..	..	..	..	..	757	27	652	24
Japan ..	21	4	..	..	0	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	551	42	761	00	1,337	65	1,780	69
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	568	44	1,350	79	11,151	421	0,538	365
Victoria ..	170	13	1,481	100	54,860	1,705	46,726	1,234
Queensland ..	9	1	20	1	4,808	258	8,990	451
South Australia ..	281	22	891	60	1,000	37	1,214	50
Western Australia ..	61	5	265	18	56	2	440	15
Tasmania ..	2,048	182	903	63	468	21	761	23
Total ..	3,106	217	4,939	327	71,352	2,504	67,551	2,138
Country to which Exported.	WHEAT.				FLOUR.			
	Six Months ended December—							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 bushels.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 bushels.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	15,809	18,021	0,307	6,100	2,732	6,745	703	1,001
Aden ..	..	..	..	..	700	1,472	104	152
Ceylon ..	7	1	4	3	1,033	3,438	1,028	2,870
Sierra ..	1,337	1,410	321	207	..	..	..	..
India ..	7,803	7,450	19,863	14,170	099	1,558	2,900	4,870
Malaya, Federation of ..	8	7	67	63	1,265	2,651	507	900
New Zealand ..	3,506	1,250	3,176	2,334	..	..	..	..
Pacific Islands ..	1	1	1	1	110	237	155	214
Rhodesia, Southern ..	..	300	303	331	72	149	..	..
Singapore ..	28	25	32	32	208	438	131	222
Union of South Africa ..	1,023	1,039	..	..	..	..	5	9
Other British Countries ..	283	258	800	555	350	761	1,331	2,218
Belgium ..	703	740	..	..	100	510	6	10
Brazil ..	..	..	1,404	970	650	1,364	56	67
Egypt ..	004	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
France ..	954	952	..	..	..	..	..	..
French Dependencies—								
Indo-China ..	..	..	..	..	60	140	2	4
Madagascar ..	..	..	..	..	51	150	..	..
Tunisia ..	334	355	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other ..	1	1	1	1	146	335	70	130
Iran ..	345	294	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lebanon ..	19	17	..	..	250	611	81	137
Netherlands ..	352	372	..	..	..	..	..	..
Persia (Iran) ..	1,372	1,334	99	70	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	746	766	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Foreign Countries ..	834	000	1,410	1,250	241	630	638	1,159
States of Final Ship- ment—								
New South Wales ..	10,402	10,005	10,167	7,209	3,031	6,485	2,892	4,017
Victoria ..	2,770	2,210	0,701	7,120	3,070	6,642	2,945	4,016
Queensland ..	972	422	2,207	1,710	105	233	45	74
South Australia ..	8,129	7,103	4,540	3,613	1,715	3,028	1,189	2,073
Western Australia ..	5,851	6,179	9,209	6,423	1,527	3,282	1,283	2,209
Total ..	37,222	31,828	35,014	20,165	9,446	20,270	8,314	14,189

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported to Various Countries—continued.

Country to which Exported.	WOOL—GREASY.				WOOL—SCOURED, TOPS, NOILS AND WASTE.			
	Six Months ended December —							
	1948.		1949.		1948.		1949.	
	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.	'000 centals.	£A'000. f.o.b.
United Kingdom ..	1,528	27,813	1,753	35,941	236	4,805	346	7,085
Canada ..	15	300	21	515	64	1,405	57	1,415
Hong Kong ..	..	..	..	..	4	164	1	44
India ..	6	78	..	6	24	500	2	48
New Zealand ..	2	34	2	46	3	114	4	140
Other British Countries ..	..	3	6	111	2	26	1	32
Belgium ..	457	6,008	603	8,871	40	630	50	1,030
China ..	..	13	..	..	17	587	1	43
Denmark ..	3	58	..	..	16	309	18	479
Egypt ..	2	30	1	11	5	179	2	87
France ..	1,204	20,004	812	14,919	141	3,204	64	1,431
Germany ..	26	605	264	5,731	1	40	23	618
Italy ..	473	8,884	210	3,677	50	955	23	611
Japan ..	64	1,503	315	7,123	..	..	..	6
Korea ..	..	..	..	..	5	136	..	..
Mexico ..	8	195	14	380	2	67	1	51
Netherlands ..	43	1,080	32	737	11	230	21	539
Poland ..	130	3,117	171	4,633	1	23	2	59
Soviet Union (U.S.S.R.)—								
Baltic and Northern Ports ..	28	769	67	2,158	..	..	..	..
Black Sea Ports ..	169	2,758	41	1,173	2	66	..	..
Pacific Coast Ports ..	24	670	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sweden ..	10	222	8	202	30	535	30	802
United States of America ..	340	8,300	545	12,608	45	1,056	85	2,178
Other Foreign Countries ..	82	1,009	108	2,459	28	780	32	935
States of Final Shipment—								
New South Wales ..	1,717	29,306	2,487	46,776	223	4,635	279	6,203
Victoria ..	876	17,320	839	19,063	218	4,732	216	5,119
Queensland ..	1,105	23,678	800	17,430	90	2,868	81	2,033
South Australia ..	473	8,680	451	9,660	104	2,397	75	2,008
Western Australia ..	413	8,184	423	9,206	57	1,145	89	2,156
Tasmania ..	2	33	1	6	18	283	23	525
Total ..	4,616	86,907	4,982	101,481	710	16,000	783	18,494

Section V.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

(£'000.)

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1940-41.	1947-48.	1948-49.	6 months ended December, 1949.
TAXATION					
Customs	31,161	45,871	57,507	63,465	36,879
Rolls	16,472	50,375	58,068	62,735	32,075
Sales Tax	9,308	30,290	34,728	39,729	20,177
Flour Tax	1,869	1,747	985	1	—
Land Tax	1,469	3,079	3,041	3,032	962
Income Tax(es)	11,883	207,765	232,009	272,347	86,564
Pay-roll Tax	—	14,647	16,595	19,893	10,775
Gold Tax	—	556	11	—	—
Estate Duty	1,915	4,019	4,555	4,740	2,693
Gift Duty	—	345	781	882	372
Entertainments Tax	—	—	5,198	5,299	2,324
Wood Levy(s)	74	12	—	—	—
Wood Contributory Charge(s)	—	4,197	1,424	1,929	570
Wheat Export Charge(s)	—	5,560	5,730	18,066	7,242
Stevedoring Industry Charge(s)	—	—	260	670	209
Total, Taxation	74,111	385,616	422,413	490,813	291,832
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366	20,802	31,390	33,307	18,255
Railways—					
Trans-Australia	331	692	754	888	402
Central Australia	134	395	384	679	423
North Australia	50	34	37	20	15
Australian Capital Territory	7	9	15	9	8
Total, Railways	522	1,130	1,190	1,605	848
Broadcasting Services	(d)	(d)	(d)	(d)	992
Total, Business Undertakings	17,888	30,936	32,580	34,912	20,095
TERRITORIES(s)	356	571	696	739	405
OTHER REVENUE—					
Colliage	128	—	497	635	—
Infirmary	151	250	218	352	158
Civil Aviation	0	361	1,565	1,098	705
Health	18	16	14	20	12
Attorney-General	111	155	178	170	92
Unemployment	6	24	—	235	7
Shipping and Fuel	152	14	176	478	114
Net Profit, Air Route	767	720	4,087	4,490	2,318
Other	1,307	(f) 8,778	(g) 3,505	(h) 19,550	(i) 8,048
Total	2,796	14,113	10,240	27,913	11,454
GRAND TOTAL	95,065	431,256	465,005	554,367	333,746
PER HEAD OF POPULATION(j)—					
Taxation	£ s. d. 10 13 9	£ s. d. 53 5 7	£ s. d. 55 5 9	£ s. d. 62 18 8	£ s. d. 25 17 7
Business Undertakings	2 11 7	4 2 4	4 5 3	4 9 6	2 11 6
Other	0 8 16	1 19 6	1 8 7	3 13 6	1 10 5
Total	13 14 2	57 6 11	60 19 7	71 1 8	29 19 6

(a) Includes Social Services Contribution, War-time (Company) Tax, Undistributed Profits Tax and Super Tax. (b) For Publicity and Research. (c) Paid to Trust Fund for assistance to industry concerned. (d) Part included with Postmaster-General's Department. Balance included in Wireless Broadcasting Trust Account revenue. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Includes £7,075,000 surplus from Wool Committee operations. (g) Includes Wool Committee operations surplus £125,000, and Eggs—War-time Control surplus £650,000. (h) Includes Wool Committee operations surplus £104,000, Eggs—War-time Control surplus £170,000 and surplus balances of Trust Accounts £17,000,000. (i) Includes surplus balances of Trust Accounts £20,700,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) indicates an excess of refunds or transfers from one head of receipts to another.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—continued—Expenditure.
(£'000.)

Heads of Expenditure.	1938-39.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	6 months ended December, 1949.
Administrative and Miscellaneous Services	5,703	21,127	34,027	58,805	21,023
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	3,835	3,172	3,170	3,487	1,817
Capital Works and Services, n.e.c.(b)	1,093	13,004	18,031	27,269	19,390
National Welfare Fund and Social Services(c)	10,428	14,047	88,043	110,058	40,033
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	9,005	9,030	9,032	8,979	4,357
War Pensions	8,227	9,302	9,504	11,245	5,832
Other Services	1,365	918	1,078	1,423	820
Total, War (1914-18), &c.	10,257	19,250	10,674	21,647	11,009
Defence Services(d)	7,506	116,375	68,330	55,994	18,163
War (1939-45) and Repatriation Services—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	—	46,070	48,233	48,792	25,304
War Pensions	—	6,762	7,604	8,024	5,288
Other Services	—	20,270	52,595	76,757	Cr. 6,064
Total, War (1939-45), &c.	—	73,102	108,432	134,563	33,688
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General's Department—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	2,887	3,271	3,238	3,252	1,718
Capital Works and Services	3,701	7,161	8,260	12,520	6,503
Other	12,141	23,485	28,933	37,632	19,443
Total, Postmaster-General's Department	18,729	33,917	40,431	53,404	27,664
Railways—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	525	632	507	501	311
Capital Works and Services	142	114	148	223	42
Other	890	1,369	1,582	2,093	1,133
Total, Railways	1,403	2,085	2,237	2,817	1,486
Broadcasting Services—					
Capital Works and Services	—	—	—	—	59
Other	—	—	—	35	1,250
Total, Broadcasting Services	—	—	—	35	1,309
Total, Business Undertakings	20,222	35,952	42,668	56,236	30,459
Territories(e)—					
Interest and Sinking Fund Payments(a)	375	353	357	358	233
Capital Works and Services	539	1,220	1,448	1,628	1,435
Other—					
Northern Territory	323	752	793	1,037	564
Australian Capital Territory	349	662	763	956	409
Papua-New Guinea	48	1,520	2,271	3,409	1,930
Norfolk Island	5	4	4	5	2
Total, Territories	1,839	4,517	5,638	8,595	4,033
Payments to or for the States—					
Interest on States' Debt(f)	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	3,792
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,478	1,636	1,732	1,852	989
Special Grants	2,020	(g) 6,881	6,042	7,450	6,204
Grants for Federal Aid Roads and Works	4,200	4,805	6,707	7,030	4,517
Tax Reimbursement Grants	—	39,464	44,588	53,488	24,884
Other	300	10	6	560	(h) 8,104
Total to or for the States	15,540	60,381	60,660	78,004	48,550
Primary Production—Self-balancing Items	2,015	(i) 18,920	(i) 8,014	(i) 19,329	7,821
Grand Total	91,437	431,256	464,485	554,377	233,780
Per Head of Population(j)	£ s. d. 19 12 5	£ s. d. 57 6 11	£ s. d. 60 15 11	£ s. d. 71 1 8	£ s. d. 29 10 6

(a) Includes exchange on interest payments. (b) Includes Defence Services, excludes Business Undertakings and Territories. (c) For expenditure on Social Services, see page 51. (d) Expenditure on the Departments of Defence, Navy, Army, Air and Supply and Development (Munitions, &c.). Excludes Capital Works and Services. (e) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (f) Excludes balance of interest payable on States Debt (recoverable from States). (g) Includes Income Tax Reimbursement—Special Grants, £39,500. (h) Includes Coal Strike—Emergency Grant, £4,000,000. (i) In addition, the following amounts for assistance to primary producers were provided under War Services:—1946-47, £7,729,000; 1947-48, £16,808,000; and 1948-49, £8,248,000. (j) Based on mean population for each financial year.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE ON SOCIAL SERVICES.

(£'000.)

Item.	1938-39.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	6 months ended December, 1949.
Age and Invalid Pensions	15,992	29,417	36,526	41,694	21,686
Funeral Benefits	..	209	210	253	139
Child Endowment	..	19,863	19,426	24,323	16,086
Widows' Pensions	..	3,366	3,304	4,388	2,384
Maternity Allowances	437	3,026	2,854	2,829	1,469
Unemployment and Sickness Benefits ..	..	1,650	1,217	1,070	1,834
Hospital Benefits	..	4,380	4,448	5,881	2,929
Tuberculosis Benefits	..	110	28	156	90
Pharmaceutical Benefits	..	..	..	149	108
Community Rehabilitation	..	..	..	34	101
Mental Institutions	..	..	..	..	57
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	40
Total	16,429	62,021	68,613	80,777	46,933

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE FROM GENERAL LOAN FUND.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.	Total to 30th June, 1949.
War (1914-18) and Repatriation Services ..	..	..	..	..	..	372,990
Defence and War (1939-45) Services and Post-war Charges	..	152,948	37,894	..	Cr. 18,733	1,559,430
Works and Services —						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites	1,912	..	..	..	..	8,694
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	213
Ship- Yards and Docks	Cr. 305	..	..	Cr. 105	Cr. ..	7,894
Lighthouses, Works and Services	Cr. 1	..	..	..	..	684
River Murray Water Act	..	..	..	..	..	2,106
Postmaster-General's Department	Cr. 1	..	..	Cr. 1	Cr. 1	40,539
Health Buildings, Laboratories and Services	..	..	..	..	..	102
War Service Homes(a)	..	..	..	..	..	7,329
Railways	..	..	..	..	..	13,760
Territories(b)	Cr. 7	Cr. 9	Cr. 12	Cr. 9	Cr. 6	8,769
Other	..	..	..	..	..	3,109
Assistance to States —						
Housing	..	8,795	11,015	13,305	14,492	45,007
Other	1,996	..	..	..	..	13,943
Wheat Bounty	..	..	..	..	..	3,480
Total Additions. New Works, Buildings, &c.	3,594	6,779	11,001	13,126	14,489	155,929
GRAND TOTAL	3,594	159,727	48,895	13,126	Cr. 4,253	2,098,849

(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.

PUBLIC LOANS RAISED IN AUSTRALIA FOR WAR (1939-45) AND OTHER PURPOSES.(a)

Month of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of sub- scribers.	Allocation of Proceeds.				Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			Commonwealth.		States.			
			Defence, War (1939-45) and Post-war Changes.	Other Purposes.				
	£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%		
1939-40—March ..	18,000	14,390	7,676	1,410	9,079	3½, 3½	1945, 1950-56	
May ..	20,000	32,702	20,583	..	..	2½, 3½	" "	
1940-41—November ..	28,000	21,840	20,005	982	7,018	"	" "	
April ..	35,000	57,217	27,872	1,910	6,900	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56	
1941-42—October ..	30,000	43,370	34,154	..	..	"	1946-46, 1950-57	
February ..	35,000	244,506	44,311	..	..	"	1945-46, 1950-58	
June ..	35,000	100,443	37,373	..	..	"	1946-47, 1950-58	
1942-43—November ..	77,300	454,590	82,664	..	..	"	" "	
March ..	100,000	432,084	101,805	..	..	"	1947-48, 1950-59	
1943-44—October ..	125,000	567,379	126,109	..	..	"	" "	
March ..	150,000	452,000	150,549	..	..	"	1948-49, 1950-60	
1944-45—September ..	112,479	421,498	115,947	..	..	"	" "	
March ..	100,000	422,583	107,302	..	..	"	1949-50, 1950-61	
1945-46—September ..	85,000	299,254	87,229	..	..	"	" "	
March ..	70,994	183,400	78,470	..	..	2, 3½	1949, 1955-58	
1946-47—October ..	64,920	194,859	61,270	..	8,500	"	" "	
April ..	25,000	72,292	7,450	5,440	16,925	2, 3½	1950, 1956-59	
1947-48—October ..	48,000	95,445	21,613	13,012	20,000	3½	1956-1959	
April ..	35,000	87,452	6,624	7,045	29,928	"	1957-1960	
1948-49—September ..	15,000	84,090	54	..	15,000	"	1962	
March ..	43,233	54,804	30,474	7,140	24,145	2, 3½	1952, 1960-63	
1949-50—September ..	25,155	63,489	..	..	46,187	"	1953, 1960-63	
Total ..	1,276,217	..	1,172,950	37,583	187,522	..	..	

(a) Excludes Redemption and Conversion Loans.

COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC DEBT.

For a summary of Commonwealth Public Debt as at 31st December, 1949, see page 62.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1949.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1949.		Pensions Paid during 1948-49. (a)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Total Age and Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
New South Wales	131,941	35,521	167,462	421	113	s. d.	s. d.	£	s. d.
Victoria	81,753	15,575	97,328	382	73	80 1	82 4	17,499,106	113 6
Queensland	43,681	12,469	56,150	380	108	82 2	81 11	10,544,332	106 11
Western Australia	29,258	4,987	34,245	326	73	82 8	83 8	5,911,139	104 9
South Australia	23,740	4,340	28,080	346	81	81 2	81 9	3,584,078	105 9
Tasmania	10,952	3,164	14,116	436	117	79 7	82 0	2,921,040	111 10
Total	321,327	76,056	397,383	406	96	81 2	82 6	41,693,680	106 11

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioners inmates of these institutions and allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population. (a)		Pension Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.
	Age.	Invalid.	Total.	Age.	Invalid.		
1911	75,502	7,151	82,653	164	17	£ 1,847,440	s. d. 19 1
1912	70,071	10,703	80,774	170	23	2,140,959	19 0
1913	82,913	13,739	96,652	172	20	2,301,575	19 6
1914	87,789	16,865	104,654	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,839	19 5
1916	91,783	23,459	115,242	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917	93,072	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,054,135	24 3
1918	95,387	29,942	125,329	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919	95,908	31,900	127,808	185	62	3,936,826	24 2
1920	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921	102,417	37,981	140,398	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922	109,906	39,010	148,916	189	70	5,480,034	28 9
1923	107,359	40,004	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	6,092,065	33 8
1926	120,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	6,252,387	38 7
1927	134,234	52,309	186,543	215	85	6,144,580	38 6
1928	150,307	55,817	206,124	221	88	6,709,946	38 5
1929	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38 5
1930	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	38 5
1931	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,053	38 1
1932	184,317	72,292	256,609	279	110	11,125,956	43 3
1933	179,425	75,742	255,167	266	110	10,771,001	31 10
1934	187,453	79,212	266,665	281	110	10,063,690	33 8
1935	197,126	76,802	273,928	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936	206,748	80,487	287,235	295	119	12,707,726	34 8
1937	215,890	83,396	299,286	316	122	13,098,703	36 8
1938	214,154	86,096	300,250	325	125	13,798,687	36 6
1939	222,830	88,812	321,642	334	127	15,091,782	38 5
1940(c)	272,806	58,660	331,502	388	83	16,459,245	38 6
1941	276,760	58,921	335,681	389	83	17,369,396	(d) 1 5
1942	275,456	59,497	334,953	384	84	19,257,452	(d) 4 4
1943	295,208	58,081	353,289	369	80	22,292,835	(d) 1 1
1944	297,180	57,912	355,092	352	79	21,609,100	(d) 5 11
1945	252,034	58,281	310,315	342	70	21,701,327	51 5
1946	264,835	62,808	327,643	355	84	26,002,429	(d) 6 8
1947	290,173	64,277	354,450	383	90	29,416,673	62 8
1948	302,854	73,073	375,927	393	93	30,529,395	(d) 7 11
1949	321,327	76,056	397,383	406	96	41,693,680	(d) 8 5

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioners inmates of these institutions, and from 1943 to 1944 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) At 30th June, all invalid pensioners qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list. (d) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1949, were as follows:—28s. December, 1949; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 3s. April, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 11s. July, 1945; 10s. July, 1947; 10s. October, 1948. Rate £4 5s. from 21st October, 1948. On 6th April, 1944 adjustment provision made on retail price index-numbers was abolished.

COMMONWEALTH CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

State.	Endowed Families.		Number per 10,000 of Population.		Amount paid during 1948-49.	
	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c)	247,027	426,091	788	1,362	0,313,400	60 5
Victoria	157,625	285,672	738	1,243	6,153,050	58 3
Queensland	64,206	177,120	818	1,571	4,024,422	70 11
South Australia (d)	53,827	90,239	784	1,311	2,011,816	59 4
Western Australia	45,164	79,893	849	1,466	1,800,928	60 4
Tasmania	22,972	44,170	849	1,640	1,008,526	75 2
Abroad	68	103			1,611	
Total 1948-49	620,819	1,068,094	785	1,370	24,328,413	62 5
1947-48	586,415	1,029,777	760	1,385	19,125,518	60 10

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—21,305 in 309 institutions at 30th June, 1949; 20,580 in 356 institutions at 30th June, 1948. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—From 1st July, 1941, the scheme provided for payment of 5s. per week (increased to 7s. 6d. per week from 26th June, 1945, and to 10s. per week from 9th November, 1948) for each child in excess of one under sixteen years of age maintained in a family, and for each child under sixteen years of age in an approved institution.

COMMONWEALTH WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1949.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Number of Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Fortnightly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1948-49.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.(c)
					£	s. d.
New South Wales(d)	17,402	56	7,751	3 19 10	1,761,978	11 5
Victoria	11,164	52	3,016	3 18 8	1,120,589	10 7
Queensland	6,479	60	3,025	4 1 7	719,521	12 8
South Australia (e)	3,514	51	1,328	3 18 11	394,211	10 9
Western Australia	2,883	54	1,213	4 0 3	280,360	10 7
Tasmania	1,409	52	658	3 18 6	141,809	10 7
Total 1948-49	43,251	56	17,891	3 19 8	4,388,468	11 3
1947-48	43,026	56	17,732	3 8 11	3,904,086	10 3

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942. (b) Excludes eleven (1948-49) and six (1947-48) pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (e) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCES.

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.	£
1939	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	8,940		80,916	456,614
1944 (b)	37,792	38,633	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000
1945	61,755	40,882	26,432	14,361	10,909	6,846	(c)	189,621	2,542,801
1946	60,730	40,901	25,291	13,736	9,912	5,796	(c)	158,446	2,492,466
1947	75,110	50,730	29,002	17,860	13,750	7,542	(c)	191,994	3,028,469
1948	68,118	46,927	27,020	15,856	12,653	7,074	(c)	177,566	2,854,018
1949	67,534	46,300	27,570	16,381	13,107	6,984	(c)	177,955	2,828,849
Total since 10. 10. 1912	1,793,186	1,144,380	667,335	385,511	280,395	185,561	1,124	4,400,582	32,746,567

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the means test was abolished. From 1st July, 1947, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years, £15; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years, £16 (iii) three or more other children under 16 years, £17 10s. Where more than one child is born at a birth the allowance is increased by £5 in respect of each additional child born at that birth. (c) Included with South Australia. (d) Includes 20 claims paid abroad. (e) Includes 70 claims paid abroad. (f) Includes 60 claims paid abroad.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

For particulars of persons on benefit and benefits paid see page 77.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1949.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
New South Wales(a)	62,552	10,881	84,808	164,241	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Victoria	44,025	13,480	55,797	113,248	2 0 7	1 3 11	1 12 7
Queensland	19,905	5,943	27,110	51,957	2 8 7	1 7 0	1 15 10
South Australia(b)	14,959	3,744	22,581	41,284	2 5 0	1 2 0	1 11 4
Western Australia	10,935	4,231	25,619	40,785	2 11 2	1 3 0	1 13 3
Tasmania	9,372	1,620	9,595	17,593	2 3 11	1 0 10	1 9 1
United Kingdom	1,486	1,103	1,659	4,248	3 5 11	1 5 10	2 0 4
Elsewhere	392	144	823	1,359	2 19 2	2 12 2	2 14 5
Total 1948-49	166,116	46,558	227,441	440,115	2 8 0	1 4 0	1 13 6
1947-48	158,773	46,303	210,435	415,511	2 1 7	1 2 11	1 10 1

(ii) Service Pensions.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—							
Age (Members of Forces)	2,766	1,576	1,201	579	782	130	7,070
Permanently Unemployable							
Members of Forces	1,283	1,072	887	536	570	296	4,613
Dependants	1,024	1,028	576	467	428	176	3,999
80%+ from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	115	88	28	17	10	4	271
Dependants	158	120	50	28	28	3	385
Total 1948-49	5,376	3,896	2,718	1,047	1,832	555	16,018
1947-48	5,217	3,085	2,562	1,054	1,715	527	15,060
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces	3 10 3	3 16 10	3 17 3	3 18 8	3 11 3	3 16 2	3 16 3
Dependants	2 3 0	2 3 1	2 4 8	2 3 5	2 2 7	2 6 0	2 3 5
All Pensioners 1948-49	3 8 11	3 6 11	3 10 0	3 8 1	3 4 2	3 6 5	3 7 11
1947-48	3 0 0	2 18 1	3 1 5	3 0 0	2 16 0	2 18 8	2 19 3

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(£.)

Place of Payment.	1943-44.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
(i) War Pensions.						
New South Wales(a)	1,061,182	4,068,399	4,874,706	5,063,520	5,084,610	6,713,900
Victoria	3,022,522	3,245,020	3,610,003	4,081,224	4,439,021	5,240,205
Queensland	1,177,089	1,201,869	1,466,574	1,610,412	1,793,090	2,074,951
South Australia(b)	763,350	851,527	1,043,768	1,213,008	1,402,474	1,717,225
Western Australia	911,924	1,082,734	1,284,951	1,277,953	1,400,821	1,758,028
Tasmania	529,075	551,350	624,354	720,210	782,474	908,734
Elsewhere	258,807	330,490	337,891	297,140	363,377	332,369
Total	10,348,609	11,397,385	13,258,217	15,055,440	16,262,773	18,754,402
Includes War (1939-45)	1,730,471	2,763,798	4,003,409	6,743,192	7,578,512	8,092,884

(ii) Service Pensions.

New South Wales(a)	210,001	109,585	253,274	275,948	446,404	441,541
Victoria	193,377	160,710	206,276	239,659	288,084	322,660
Queensland	113,143	113,447	141,065	155,988	198,257	226,079
South Australia(b)	69,523	69,851	85,803	102,037	121,636	142,015
Western Australia	72,000	72,154	80,339	95,765	144,830	150,376
Tasmania	24,592	27,080	31,223	33,811	38,793	46,286
Total	652,534	648,990	894,880	994,120	1,238,112	1,328,955
Includes War (1939-45)	6,403	7,528	11,372	15,786	25,315	30,830

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1947-48. (a)

Grade of Actual Income.	Taxpayers.		Actual Income.		Net Tax Assessed.		
	No.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount.	Per cent. of Total Individuals.	Amount per Taxpayer.
Individuals—			£'000.		£'000.		£ s. d.
Under £201 ..	467,884	20.40	77,320	8.22	3,026	2.10	0 1 7
£201-£500 ..	1,585,054	64.94	525,541	56.01	51,188	37.08	32 5 11
£501-£1,000 ..	277,534	11.30	179,048	19.11	29,417	21.31	108 2 2
£1,001 and over	86,624	3.30	150,582	16.06	54,407	39.42	674 10 8
Total Individuals	2,440,706	100.00	940,086	100.00	(b) 138,038	100.00	56 11 1
Companies ..	18,082	..	107,022	..	(c) 65,750	..	3,636 4 8
Grand Total ..	..	..	1,138,008	..	203,788	..	..

(a) Assessed on income for year 1946-47.

(b) Includes Net Social Services Contribution.

£62,152,252.

(c) Includes Super Tax, £1,205,094, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £13,371,074.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment Year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners ..	21,028	20,056	21,393	21,050	21,021
Absentee Owners ..	2,584	2,560	2,365	2,502	2,450
TOTAL ..	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,552	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Resident ..	225,775	228,207	234,273	244,513	244,228
Absentee ..	2,000	2,048	1,893	1,665	1,444
TOTAL ..	227,775	230,255	236,166	246,178	245,672
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident ..	257,347	257,277	272,109	277,242	275,280
Absentee ..	2,106	2,197	2,080	1,902	1,580
TOTAL ..	259,515	259,474	274,189	279,234	276,860
TAX ASSESSED ON—	£	£	£	£	£
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,740	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,807,108
Absentee Owners ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,500	20,333
TOTAL ..	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,827,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	384,763	784,293	849,028
Absentee Owners ..	3,267	3,842	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL ..	342,754	376,555	389,011	790,406	854,232
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,204,226	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners ..	13,349	14,515	15,572	26,613	25,537
TOTAL ..	1,217,575	1,432,819	1,599,581	3,264,834	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED (a)	1000 ac.	1000 ac.	1000 ac.	1000 ac.	1000 ac.
TAX ASSESSED ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1 427d.	1 505d.	1 640d.	2 085d.	3 426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Land-estates.

NOTE.—Figures for later years have not been compiled.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1948-49.

Grade of Dutiable Value.		Number of Estates (a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	£	No.	£'00.	£'00.	£
1-1,000 ..	..	3,067	8,364	1,000	47,740
1,001-2,000 ..	..	1,890	6,852	2,001	85,891
2,001-3,000 ..	..	1,205	5,760	3,100	94,421
3,001-4,000 ..	..	804	4,895	3,004	83,728
4,001-5,000 ..	..	682	4,548	3,049	80,472
5,001-10,000 ..	..	1,731	16,409	12,979	356,040
10,001-20,000 ..	..	1,120	18,678	14,851	677,390
20,001-50,000 ..	..	571	20,097	16,432	1,316,844
50,001 and over ..	..	121	13,008	10,834	2,146,213
Total ..	..	12,350	90,717	68,840	4,002,352

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1948-49.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable—Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.	Taxable Sales.			Total.	Sales Tax Payable.
		7½ per cent.(b)	10 per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(e)		
1946-47.						
April	87,260	18,983	2,007	21,350	2,491	
May	70,180	21,053	2,405	23,458	2,707	
June	70,670	19,313	2,102	21,415	2,457	
Total, June Quarter ..	214,110	59,349	6,574	66,223	7,655	
Total, Year	801,003	38,151	222,268	34,538	294,957	35,782
1947-48.						
July	78,297	21,471	2,733	24,204	2,830	
August	75,104	21,382	2,693	24,075	2,787	
September	70,188	23,800	2,477	26,277	3,008	
Total, September Quarter ..	223,589	66,743	7,843	74,586	8,636	
October	81,464	25,409	1,278	26,777	2,870	
November	80,554	25,106	1,485	26,591	2,861	
December	79,441	25,507	1,304	26,811	2,892	
Total, December Quarter ..	241,459	76,202	4,127	80,329	8,653	
January	63,505	20,134	711	20,845	2,101	
February	70,611	25,762	936	26,698	2,791	
March	82,035	20,363	1,125	21,488	2,018	
Total, March Quarter ..	222,241	72,259	2,772	75,031	7,900	
April	87,515	29,102	1,000	30,102	3,175	
May	81,184	25,457	1,013	26,470	2,709	
June	85,206	20,903	820	21,723	2,808	
Total, June Quarter ..	253,905	81,462	2,802	84,364	8,672	
Total, Year	954,258	266,606	17,644	314,710	34,000	
1948-49.						
July	90,657	29,494	1,937	30,531	3,209	
August	91,318	28,420	1,040	29,460	3,102	
September	97,204	30,384	1,007	32,081	3,373	
Total, September Quarter ..	279,169	88,898	3,174	92,072	9,684	
October	92,633	28,940	1,105	30,105	3,185	
November	97,446	30,175	1,455	31,630	3,381	
December	90,920	29,729	1,230	30,959	3,280	
Total, December Quarter ..	281,005	88,844	3,850	92,694	9,846	
January	73,887	21,981	946	22,637	2,360	
February	100,673	27,920	932	28,852	3,025	
March	101,450	33,452	1,091	34,543	3,618	
Total, March Quarter ..	276,010	83,353	2,669	86,022	9,003	
April	90,611	28,609	973	29,572	3,103	
May	104,308	31,341	1,041	32,382	3,394	
June	95,705	29,588	837	30,425	3,168	
Total, June Quarter ..	290,624	89,528	2,851	92,378	9,665	
Total, Year	1,120,647	350,623	12,544	363,167	38,108	
1949-50.						
July	88,227	28,262	885	29,147	3,047	
August(d)	95,800	31,200	1,100	32,300	3,395	
September(d)	108,500	37,500	1,000	37,500	3,442	
Total, September Quarter ..	(d) 292,527	(e) 27,500	68,462	2,985	98,047	9,884

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade and exclude sales of vendors trading only in exempt goods. They also do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (b) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. From 15th November, 1946, it was exempted. (c) The 10 per cent. rate came into operation on 15th November, 1946, and superseded the general rate of 12½ per cent., which, together with the 25 per cent. rate, operated from 1st May, 1942. On 8th September, 1949, the general rate was reduced to 8½ per cent. (d) Partly estimated. (e) 8½ per cent.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways, and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. However, the following adjustments have been made to the Budget figures for 1948-49 to obviate duplications within the combined accounts and to obtain uniformity with the other States:—(i) The payment to the Railways from Consolidated Revenue Fund to meet losses on developmental lines, £800,000 and (ii) Commonwealth Hospital Benefits, £1,780,000, paid to the Consolidated Revenue Fund and then distributed to Hospitals have been deducted from the Budget Revenue total of £28,912,000 and from Expenditure of £100,018,000. In addition, the following adjustments have been made on account of debit charge groups to Consolidated Revenue Fund from business undertakings—a deduction of £230,000 from revenue in respect of previous years and a deduction of £2,420,000 from expenditure in respect of the current year. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund.

STATE REVENUES, 1948-49.

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)	10,453	8,870	4,042	2,878	(c) 1,395	1,550	27,288
Railways	39,664	17,283	14,009	5,821	5,181	..	82,838
Tramways (d)	8,741	(e) 150	..	..	592	..	9,483
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	1,509	3,024	1	2,508	1,975	5	9,143
Land	2,887	950	1,673	258	553	146	6,476
Interest n.e.f.	501	1,955	782	910	689	584	5,481
Commonwealth Payments (f)	25,014	14,290	10,004	8,220	8,000	2,932	60,069
All other Sources	7,103	2,302	1,508	1,190	1,590	423	14,272
Total Revenue ..	96,082	46,842	32,079	21,845	20,561	5,740	224,049
Total Revenue per head (g) ..	£ s. d. 31 7 2	£ s. d. 22 3 4	£ s. d. 29 1 3	£ s. d. 32 16 10	£ s. d. 39 7 6	£ s. d. 21 8 0	£ s. d. 28 16 11

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1945-46 TO 1948-49.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939	51,098	29,085	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,282
1946	71,229	35,181	24,774	18,343	14,408	(a) 3,932	165,878
1947	72,782	37,359	25,033	17,193	14,941	(a) 4,507	171,855
1948	86,082	41,728	26,820	18,843	17,711	(a) 4,816	190,000
1949	96,082	46,842	32,079	21,845	20,561	(a) 5,740	224,049

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1948-49.

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	15,327	8,608	8,443	5,378	4,497	1,574	41,815
Railways	34,590	17,021	13,687	6,691	6,705	7	78,764
Tramways (d)	8,465	..	..	..	885	..	9,150
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	801	2,002	1	1,473	1,752	(A) 652	6,741
Education	11,422	7,232	3,638	2,258	2,077	1,151	27,778
Hospitals	6,065	3,099	2,482	1,454	1,164	635	15,803
Other Charities	1,036	931	881	298	304	292	4,642
All other Expenditure ..	16,342	8,181	5,797	4,574	4,014	1,724	41,632
Total Expenditure ..	95,918	48,225	32,029	22,130	21,378	5,845	226,425
Total Expenditure per head (g) ..	£ s. d. 31 6 1	£ s. d. 22 16 5	£ s. d. 29 0 5	£ s. d. 33 5 5	£ s. d. 40 18 0	£ s. d. 21 15 10	£ s. d. 29 3 0

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1945-46 TO 1948-49.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939	53,558	27,773	19,416	12,791	11,170	3,641	128,159
1946	70,858	35,185	24,760	18,343	14,408	(a) 4,031	165,588
1947	74,682	37,354	25,017	17,222	15,028	(a) 4,573	173,857
1948	86,204	42,282	26,914	19,156	18,002	(a) 6,102	197,720
1949	95,918	48,225	32,029	22,130	21,378	(a) 5,845	226,425

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also paid to the Commission's Fund. See note (h). (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1948-49, see p. 61. Excludes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes omnibuses. (e) Contribution to revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (f) Includes Commonwealth tax reimbursements. (g) Based on mean population for the financial year. (A) Losses of Transport Commission.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLE ON THIS PAGE AND PREPARED FROM INFORMATION FURNISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

(£'000.)

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Six States.	Common- wealth.	Grand Total. (b)
Six months ended December, 1948.									
Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments (c)	10,204	5,872	4,070	3,320	3,832	1,243	28,540		
Taxation (d)	5,185	3,165	1,829	1,281	673	826	12,958	188,203	
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	19,757	8,260	6,044	2,785	2,628		41,463	646	
Other	4,800 (f)	31	1,363	1,226			7,420 (g)	16,427	
Other	5,120	2,427	1,900	974	1,350	498	12,278	11,147	
Total	45,066	19,784	15,852	9,713	9,709	2,571	102,695	206,725	299,716
Expenditure—									
Payments to States								(A)32,714	
Debt Services	7,658	4,300	3,167	2,669	2,410	789	20,991	33,103	
Business Undertakings (i)—									
Railways	17,040	8,400	6,873	3,287	3,324 (j)	235	39,205	929	
Other	4,474 (f)	208	855	772			6,107 (g)	16,002	
Other	16,691	10,210	6,112	3,987	3,724	1,718	42,451	142,087	
Total	45,901	23,131	16,152	10,598	10,230	2,742	108,754	226,725	305,775
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	—835	—3,347	—300	—885	—521	—171	—6,059		—6,059

Six months ended December, 1949.

Revenue—									
Commonwealth Payments (c)	11,579	8,507	5,939	5,435	5,495	1,934	38,979		
Taxation (d)	5,096	3,513	2,431	1,917	739	910	14,216	201,832	
Business Undertakings—									
Railways	20,711	9,116	8,093 (e)	2,800	2,956		43,670	848	
Other	5,450 (f)	61	1,458	1,245			8,219 (g)	19,247	
Other	9,234	2,382	1,900	1,138	1,527	588	16,689	11,859	
Total	52,250	23,669	18,462	12,149	11,902	3,432	121,950	233,789	311,862
Expenditure—									
Payments to States								(h)48,550	
Debt Services	7,636	4,567	3,304	2,737	2,574	811	21,689	33,400	
Business Undertakings (i)—									
Railways	18,041	9,648	7,460	4,000	3,742 (j)	440	43,391	1,133	
Other	5,602 (f)	145	835	803			6,850 (g)	20,693	
Other	23,556	12,269	7,471 (e)	4,607	4,480	2,296	54,056	129,010	
Total	54,235	26,629	18,325	12,309	11,070	3,517	126,586	233,786	315,827
Surplus (+) or Deficit (—)	—1,985	—2,960	+137	—860	+292	—85	—4,636		—3,965

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department, Road Transport and Traffic Fund, and recoups 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, Special Grants, grants for prices, &c., control reimbursement and Coal Strike emergency grant, also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government. (c) Includes Special Grants and amounts received in accordance with the *Financial Agreement Act 1927* and the *State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1946-1948, &c.* (d) Includes arrears of State Income tax as State collections. (e) Excludes Treasury transfers to Railway Revenue, £1,867,000. (f) State Fuel Mines. (g) Postmaster-General's Department and Broadbenting. (h) Includes payment to State Trust Funds. (i) Excludes interest, &c., charges. (j) Losses by Transport Commission. (k) Includes Defence Services (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1948, £20,286,000; 1949, £18,465,000.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(£'000.)

Six months ended December—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Common- wealth.(a)	Grand Total.
1948	8,855	3,450	2,330	1,250	1,495	1,653	18,842	8,137	26,979
1949	12,161	7,470	2,803	2,019	3,101	1,893	30,407	50,208	80,614

(a) Includes expenditure on War and Repatriation (1939-45) Services.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1948-49.(a).
(£'000.)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (n.e.s.)	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Licensing).	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
New South Wales ..	..	143	2	4,872	2,810	3,958	1,355	1,272	14,412
Victoria ..	..	71	370	2,574	1,656	2,617	1,402	743	9,463
Queensland ..	..	20	371	1,202	1,268	1,408	165	786	5,373
South Australia ..	..	8	255	772	438	1,108	316	113	3,038
Western Australia ..	..	15	132	359	501	960	210	194	2,099
Tasmania ..	..	2	94	252	158	335	118	1,028	2,005
Total States ..	..	257	1,257	10,001	6,829	10,250	3,568	4,134	86,390
Commonwealth ..	126,200	272,347	3,033	4,740	..	..	5,299	79,195	490,813
Grand Total ..	126,200	272,604	4,280	14,831	6,829	10,250	8,865	83,329	527,203

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

(£ s. d.)

[E. S. W.]																												
New South Wales	..	0	0	11	..	1	11	10	0	18	4	1	5	10	0	8	10	0	8	4	4	14	1					
Victoria	..	0	0	8	0	3	6	1	4	4	0	15	8	1	5	1	0	13	3	0	7	1	4	3	7			
Queensland	..	0	0	4	0	6	7	1	2	3	1	2	4	1	6	5	0	2	11	0	13	10	4	14	8			
South Australia	..	0	0	3	0	8	7	1	3	3	0	13	1	1	13	4	0	9	6	0	3	4	4	11	4			
Western Australia	..	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	13	9	0	19	2	1	6	5	0	8	1	0	7	6	4	0	5			
Tasmania	..	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	18	0	0	11	9	1	6	5	0	8	10	3	16	7	7	9	6			
Total States	..	0	0	8	0	3	3	1	6	0	0	17	7	1	6	5	0	9	2	0	10	7	4	13	8			
Commonwealth	..	16	3	8	34	18	4	0	7	0	0	12	2	..	..	..	0	13	7	10	3	2	82	18	8			
Grand Total	..	16	3	8	34	19	0	0	11	0	1	18	0	0	17	6	1	6	4	1	2	9	10	18	9	67	12	0

(a) Includes taxes paid to Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 49 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under the State Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act 1948-49. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.
(£'000.)

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.		
1938-39 ..	47,633	11,883	9,308	5,287	74,111	50,507	124,618
1945-46 ..	77,961	214,594	36,600	27,956	353,211	(a) 25,089	378,271
1946-47 ..	102,246	297,705	36,265	30,340	365,616	(a) 28,426	414,042
1947-48 ..	115,605	292,900	34,728	39,180	422,413	(a) 32,132	454,545
1948-49 ..	126,200	272,347	39,029	53,237	490,813	(a) 30,390	527,203

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

(£ s. d.)

Year.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.	(a)	Total Taxes.
1938-39 ..	6 17 5	1 14 3	1 6 10	0 15 3	10 13 9	7 6 1	17 19 5
1945-46 ..	10 9 10	28 17 8	4 10 5	3 12 10	47 10 9	(a) 3 7 8	50 18 3
1946-47 ..	13 11 11	27 12 7	3 16 5	5 4 8	51 5 7	(a) 3 15 11	55 1 3
1947-48 ..	15 2 7	30 9 8	4 10 11	5 2 7	55 5 9	(a) 4 4 5	59 0 11
1948-49 ..	16 3 8	34 18 4	5 0 1	6 16 7	62 18 8	(a) 4 13 8	67 12 0

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Tax Reimbursement Acts. (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, 1948-49.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Tax Reimbursement ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
State Tax Collections ..	21,878	12,027	8,413	4,023	4,482	1,095	53,488
	14,412	9,463	5,373	3,038	2,099	2,005	36,390
Total ..	36,290	21,490	14,186	7,061	6,581	3,670	89,878
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	11 10 11	10 3 5	12 10 0	11 10 4	12 12 1	13 13 7	11 11 8

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£'000 (Aust.)	£'000 (Stg.)	£'000 (a)	£'000 (b)
War (1914-18)	156,748	(c) 8,334	..	165,082
War (1939-45)	1,517,204	5,775	..	1,523,000
Works and other Purposes	100,969	51,017	15,770	168,356
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	1,775,011	65,729	15,770	1,856,507
Per Head of Population (d)	£22 10 6	£8 3 3	£1 10 2	£230 1 11
State—				
Debts of the States	727,694	304,967	24,571	1,057,232
Per Head of Population (e) ..	£9 15 3	£38 0 0	£3 1 4	£131 17 4
Total Public Debt ..	2,502,705	370,693	40,341	2,913,739
Per Head of Population (d) ..	£310 17 3	£46 0 10	£5 0 3	£361 18 4

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£ (Aust.)	£ (Stg.)	£ (a)	£ (f)
War (1914-18)	5,749,563	(c) 251,611	..	6,001,176
War (1939-45)	39,485,162	231,000	..	39,716,162
Works and other Purposes ..	2,995,757	1,702,783	603,855	5,392,395
Total—Commonwealth Pur- poses	48,230,484	2,185,394	603,855	51,109,733
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 14 5	£3 6 6	£4 8 0	£2 15 2
State—				
Debts of the States	23,171,218	9,528,968	908,438	33,608,624
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£3 3 0	£3 2 6	£3 13 11	£3 3 7
Grand Total	71,401,702	11,714,362	1,602,293	84,718,357
Average Rate per cent. (g) ..	£2 17 2	£3 3 2	£3 19 6	£2 18 3

(a) Payable in dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1. (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States, without adjustment or account of differences in currency (see footnote (a)).

(c) Excludes debt (£79,724,220) and interest payable (£3,910,774) due to United Kingdom Government under the *Funding Arrangements Act 1921*. Repayment of this debt and payment of interest were suspended in 1931 by arrangement with the United Kingdom Government. (d) Based on estimated population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) at 31st December, 1949. (e) Based on estimated aggregate population of the six States at 31st December, 1949. (f) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange. (g) Overdue debt, and War and National Savings Stamps are excluded for calculating average rate.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)
(£'000.)**

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June —								Six months ended December, 1949.
		1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	
Commonwealth	Australia £A.	80,481	259,250	143,280	343,280	343,280	278,280	208,280	123,280	178,280
	London £Stg.	3,470	3,230	2,970	2,730	2,470	2,230	1,970	1,730	1,470
State	Australia £A.	45,083	39,200	33,075	330	330	22,868	22,868	22,868	1,500
	London £Stg.	24,679	24,730	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total	Australia £A.	125,564	298,450	176,355	343,610	343,610	278,580	208,580	123,580	179,780
	London £Stg.	28,349	26,960	25,838	25,598	25,336	25,088	24,838	24,598	24,338

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable or Payable.	At 30th June —				
		1939.	1940.	1947.	1948.	1949.
TOTAL DEBT. (£'000.)						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	175,194	159,308	158,742	154,046	153,000
	London £Stg. d	11,020	10,645	10,845	10,645	10,645
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	—	1,510,023	1,531,532	1,508,195	1,485,877
	London £Stg. d	—	5,775	5,775	5,775	5,775
Works, &c. . .	Australia £A.	43,303	54,106	65,098	77,006	92,433
	London £Stg. d	72,007	53,535	53,285	52,991	52,741
	New York £(b)	15,013	15,700	15,708	15,855	15,798
Total	Australia £A.	218,497	1,723,587	1,755,372	1,740,147	1,732,210
	London £Stg. d	83,117	69,955	69,705	69,411	69,161
	New York £(b)	15,013	15,700	15,708	15,855	15,798
Total	..	317,527	1,809,232	1,840,875	1,825,413	1,817,169
State	Australia £A.	485,179	542,645	568,141	611,763	666,873
	London £Stg. d	384,328	337,593	335,300	326,190	317,347
	New York £(b)	26,205	25,113	24,802	24,849	24,004
Total	..	897,712	905,351	928,240	962,802	1,008,224
Grand Total	Australia £A.	703,676	2,266,232	2,323,513	2,351,010	2,399,083
	London £Stg. d	467,445	407,548	403,011	397,001	386,508
	New York £(b)	44,178	40,903	40,990	40,704	40,402
Total	..	1,215,299	2,714,683	2,767,514	2,790,215	2,826,053

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth—						
War (1914-18)	Australia £A.	35 2 10	21 7 0	20 18 10	19 19 7	19 9 0
	London £Stg. d	1 11 8	1 8 6	1 8 1	1 7 7	1 6 11
War (1939-45)	Australia £A.	—	202 4 11	202 0 6	195 12 2	187 10 2
	London £Stg. d	—	0 15 5	0 15 3	0 15 0	0 14 7
Works, &c.	Australia £A.	6 4 4	7 5 1	8 11 9	10 2 1	11 13 8
	London £Stg. d	10 0 11	7 3 5	7 0 7	6 17 5	6 13 4
	New York £(b)	2 5 8	2 3 4	2 1 8	2 1 2	1 19 11
Total	Australia £A.	31 7 2	230 17 0	231 11 1	225 13 10	218 18 10
	London £Stg. d	11 18 7	9 7 4	9 3 11	9 0 0	8 14 10
	New York £(b)	2 5 8	2 2 4	2 1 8	2 1 2	1 19 11
Total	—	45 11 5	242 6 8	242 16 8	236 15 0	229 13 7
State	Australia £A.	49 16 4	72 18 9	75 4 5	79 13 4	84 12 11
	London £Stg. d	55 0 1	45 7 6	44 2 7	42 14 9	40 5 7
	New York £(b)	4 1 4	3 7 6	3 5 8	3 4 9	3 2 7
Total	—	129 3 9	123 13 9	122 12 8	125 12 10	128 1 1
Grand Total	Australia £A.	100 19 8	303 10 6	306 10 0	305 0 9	303 4 7
	London £Stg. d	67 1 8	54 11 8	53 3 3	51 11 4	48 17 1
	New York £(b)	6 6 10	3 9 7	5 7 1	5 5 7	5 2 3
Total	—	174 8 2	361 11 9	365 0 4	361 17 8	357 3 11

ANNUAL INTEREST PAYABLE.
(£'000.)

Grand Total Commonwealth and State	Australia £A.	25,545	63,042	55,781	67,578	69,446
	London £Stg. d	18,396	14,147	13,696	13,133	12,594
	New York £(b)	2,219	2,029	1,732	1,614	1,608
Total(c)	—	46,160	79,218	71,209	82,325	83,648

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.
(£ s. d.)

Commonwealth and State	Australia	3 12 9	2 15 8	2 16 8	2 17 6	2 18 0
	London	3 18 7	3 9 5	3 8 0	3 6 1	3 3 7
	New York	5 0 6	4 18 9	4 5 4	3 19 4	3 19 6
Total(d)	—	3 16 0	2 18 4	2 18 9	2 19 0	2 19 1

(a) See footnote (c), page 62.
and interest payable, page 62.
taking no account of exchange
of exchange.

(b) See footnote (a) to table on Commonwealth and State Public Debt.
(c) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest payable.
(d) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable, taking no account
of exchange.

(D.) BANKING.

CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

(i) Average Liabilities within Australia. (a)

('000.)

Period.	Inter- mittent Deposits or Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Circu- lation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills payable and all other Li- abilities.	Total Li- abilities.
		Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(b)								
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	..	47,770	12,702	60,568	..	205	7,156	68,019
" " Dec., 1948	..	51,200	13,741	64,941	..	1,018	8,469	74,428
" " Mar., 1949	..	53,521	13,608	67,129	..	9,295	8,354	84,778
" " June, 1949	..	56,887	12,715	69,602	..	10,444	7,000	87,055
" " Sept., 1949	..	60,483	12,755	73,238	..	12,300	7,610	99,208
" " Dec., 1949	..	78,407	14,300	92,707	..	13,921	8,043	114,571
1948—Month of Oct.	..	50,579	12,039	62,618	..	293	7,304	71,306
" " Nov.	..	50,648	14,088	64,736	..	299	8,888	73,880
" " Dec.	..	52,146	14,377	66,523	..	2,175	8,366	77,364
1949—Month of Oct.	..	72,090	12,876	85,566	..	13,151	7,519	106,236
" " Nov.	..	80,032	14,151	94,183	..	13,902	8,078	116,063
" " Dec.	..	82,091	15,385	97,476	..	14,839	8,525	121,040
NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.(c)								
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	..	729	562,810	563,539	158	32,293	9,198	745,546
" " Dec., 1948	..	729	554,100	554,829	158	23,083	10,754	692,481
" " Mar., 1949(d)	..	729	509,731	510,460	158	30,461	10,444	651,100
" " June, 1949	..	729	608,611	609,340	158	43,440	11,875	661,374
" " Sept., 1949(d)	..	729	582,131	582,860	158	30,674	10,010	623,473
" " Dec., 1949	..	729	618,194	618,923	158	19,737	13,410	690,953
1948—Month of Oct.	..	729	530,810	531,539	158	20,995	10,705	774,850
" " Nov.	..	729	530,791	531,520	158	24,527	10,438	793,958
" " Dec.	..	729	575,661	576,390	158	25,030	11,127	828,552
1949—Month of Oct.	..	729	619,034	620,763	158	20,216	12,026	856,133
" " Nov.	..	729	644,145	644,874	158	21,106	13,011	901,236
" " Dec.	..	729	662,383	663,112	158	17,968	13,901	946,421
OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(e)								
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	..	20,795	14,012	34,807	..	700	628	45,721
" " Dec., 1948	..	20,591	16,916	37,507	..	363	706	48,770
" " Mar., 1949	..	20,358	21,101	41,459	..	180	770	50,162
" " June, 1949	..	20,491	20,579	41,070	..	204	969	49,998
" " Sept., 1949	..	20,498	18,812	39,310	..	126	1,195	48,348
" " Dec., 1949	..	20,341	19,840	40,181	..	173	1,155	50,225
1948—Month of Oct.	..	20,725	16,035	36,760	..	358	740	45,201
" " Nov.	..	20,722	16,709	37,431	..	502	703	45,772
" " Dec.	..	20,579	17,738	38,317	..	256	682	49,224
1949—Month of Oct.	..	20,400	18,068	38,468	..	112	1,155	48,835
" " Nov.	..	20,499	19,986	40,485	..	309	1,146	50,340
" " Dec.	..	20,107	20,960	41,067	..	180	1,166	51,472
ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.								
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	..	21,524	565,528	587,052	158	33,198	16,942	857,286
" " Dec., 1948	..	21,320	622,222	643,542	158	25,364	19,091	922,659
" " Mar., 1949	..	21,087	671,353	692,440	158	39,016	13,572	981,109
" " June, 1949	..	21,230	684,380	705,610	158	54,088	29,741	1,018,325
" " Sept., 1949	..	21,227	667,736	688,963	158	49,166	19,415	960,729
" " Dec., 1949	..	21,070	716,750	737,820	158	35,831	22,608	1,055,749
1948—Month of Oct.	..	21,454	597,454	618,908	158	21,616	19,249	891,357
" " Nov.	..	21,451	618,308	639,759	158	25,325	20,029	919,610
" " Dec.	..	21,108	645,248	666,356	158	28,370	29,475	959,140
1949—Month of Oct.	..	21,219	701,306	722,525	158	33,500	21,309	1,010,204
" " Nov.	..	21,178	744,083	765,261	158	35,477	22,867	1,067,610
" " Dec.	..	20,830	795,136	815,966	158	32,697	25,592	1,118,953

(a) Averages of liabilities at close of business on Wednesday in periods. (b) Includes the General Banking Division and the Rural Credits, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments. (c) Computed from returns lodged under Banking Act 1945. See page 66 for earlier periods for Nine Trading Banks. (d) Technical adjustments in the method of compiling advances and deposits were made by two banks from January, 1949, and by another from July, 1949. The effect was to reduce both deposits and advances by approximately £9,000,000 in January, 1949, and £2,000,000 in July, 1949.

Cheque-paying Banks—continued.
(ii) Average Assets within Australia.(a)
(£'000.)

(£ 000.)									
Period.	Cash and Cash Balances. (b)	Special Account with C'w'ith Bank.	Balances with other Banks. (c)	Australian Public Securities.		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA(d)									
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	9,657	..	300	750	31,807	51	41,340	1,814	82,859
" " Dec., 1948	7,955	..	366	750	31,987	62	40,074	1,787	80,001
" " Mar., 1949	7,321	..	372	340	37,377	75	52,709	1,565	90,856
" " June, 1949	5,630	..	538	..	39,381	78	56,807	1,504	100,938
" " Sept., 1949	18,331	..	422	..	31,260	76	63,183	1,512	114,790
" " Dec., 1949	22,863	..	362	..	33,535	73	69,559	1,573	130,165
1948—Month of Oct.	7,525	..	..	750	31,529	51	44,168	1,750	86,096
" " Nov.	8,570	..	307	750	31,529	57	45,900	1,795	89,471
" " Dec.	7,805	..	497	750	32,720	73	47,237	1,878	91,471
1949—Month of Oct.	21,253	..	454	..	31,573	74	67,100	1,529	122,073
" " Nov.	25,700	..	522	..	31,271	73	69,345	1,561	131,476
" " Dec.	29,028	..	710	..	31,071	73	72,196	1,631	136,621

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS(e)

Quarter ended Sept., 1948	47,448	274,045	12,403	15,173	59,452	1,789	362,322	20,539	793,171
" " Dec., 1948	50,778	288,457	14,060	28,585	60,109	287	372,545	20,543	836,230
" " Mar., 1949(f)	60,689	345,114	14,301	30,623	62,012	364	391,977	20,483	906,443
" " June, 1949	43,147	483,005	15,308	14,062	63,344	528	377,544	19,297	916,375
" " Sept., 1949(f)	46,513	325,357	13,698	13,793	72,814	490	391,929	18,507	883,141
" " Dec., 1949	55,441	321,453	18,998	33,177	73,398	334	401,222	18,805	927,888
1948—Month of Oct.	52,888	260,078	12,753	20,912	58,356	262	372,587	20,760	814,516
" " Nov.	49,312	286,791	14,306	28,550	60,468	281	373,047	20,514	833,890
" " Dec.	60,293	304,573	17,265	29,950	61,225	297	371,525	20,394	855,492
1949—Month of Oct.	51,797	306,953	15,936	25,090	75,870	339	400,712	18,018	895,525
" " Nov.	56,296	320,253	20,617	30,680	75,001	311	404,628	19,136	927,984
" " Dec.	58,016	337,453	20,036	44,375	77,498	330	403,073	18,476	960,157

OTHER CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS(g)

Quarter ended Sept., 1948	3,859	1,079	1,320	1,163	13,699	154	38,450	2,152	61,515
" " Dec., 1948	4,011	1,149	1,778	2,323	12,676	103	39,060	2,839	63,496
" " Mar., 1949	5,241	1,300	1,389	2,392	14,073	175	39,085	3,171	67,792
" " June, 1949	3,578	1,505	950	1,611	15,220	175	41,630	3,312	67,990
" " Sept., 1949	3,022	1,640	1,010	1,07	19,280	181	43,510	3,044	65,774
" " Dec., 1949	3,763	1,717	1,231	346	17,878	239	45,329	3,718	68,212
1948—Month of Oct.	3,849	1,055	1,027	2,550	12,072	155	38,723	2,438	62,769
" " Nov.	3,077	1,223	1,059	2,123	12,191	155	39,054	2,452	61,195
" " Dec.	4,168	1,167	1,546	2,360	12,768	179	39,350	2,087	64,129
1949—Month of Oct.	3,269	1,717	1,097	209	11,938	198	44,919	3,055	67,017
" " Nov.	3,918	1,717	1,388	209	11,771	244	45,256	3,587	68,111
" " Dec.	4,024	1,717	1,170	675	11,760	245	45,837	3,914	69,532

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

Quarter ended Sept., 1948	57,984	275,124	14,323	17,085	101,388	1,994	442,112	24,535	937,515
" " Dec., 1948	62,744	289,666	17,130	31,658	104,472	512	457,045	24,999	986,636
" " Mar., 1949	63,151	346,420	14,962	33,361	104,562	614	451,042	25,219	1,054,031
" " June, 1949	52,339	384,379	16,896	15,673	114,946	781	475,991	24,103	1,065,383
" " Sept., 1949	67,806	326,997	15,139	13,990	117,680	747	498,622	23,063	1,063,705
" " Dec., 1949	82,095	328,170	20,791	33,524	125,811	637	518,130	24,156	1,126,266
1948—Month of Oct.	61,202	271,003	15,086	30,212	101,918	488	455,478	24,974	963,361
" " Nov.	61,839	288,014	16,571	31,425	101,387	493	458,691	24,671	985,821
" " Dec.	62,236	300,740	19,278	33,090	106,730	547	458,612	24,959	1,011,092
1949—Month of Oct.	70,319	308,670	17,187	25,490	119,181	671	512,815	24,132	1,081,615
" " Nov.	80,944	321,071	22,927	39,890	122,418	648	519,229	24,284	1,127,300
" " Dec.	81,608	329,170	21,925	45,000	126,622	648	522,000	24,921	1,166,310

(a) Averages of assets at close of business on Wednesdays in periods. (b) Coin, bullion, Australian notes and cash with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (d) See footnote (b), page 64. (e) Computed from returns lodged under Banking Act 1945. See page 66 for quarterly periods for Nine trading Banks. (f) See footnote (d), page 64. (g) Includes Rural and Industrial Bank of Western Australia account with State Treasury and from July, 1949, includes deposit with State Treasury, South Australia.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA. (c)
Average Liabilities and Assets within Australia.
(£'000.)

Year.	Liabilities.				Assets.				
	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.	Cash and Cash Balances.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	Total Assets.
	Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.			Treasury Bills.	Other.		
1945-46 (b)	35,775	21,101	56,876	59,329	7,368	5,370	35,240	20,533	70,187
1946-47	41,372	17,574	58,946	61,577	7,176	3,131	36,488	25,698	74,443
1947-48	44,549	18,878	63,427	62,454	7,482	1,189	32,662	33,338	76,728
1948-49	52,346	13,214	65,560	78,795	6,871	462	34,461	40,230	93,163

(a) See footnote (b) page 64.

(b) Ten months ended June, 1946.

NINE TRADING BANKS.
(Excludes Commonwealth Bank.)
(i) Average Liabilities within Australia.
(£'000.)

Year.	Intermin-able Deposits of Deposit Stock.	Deposits.			Notes in Cir-culation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Bills Payable and all other Li-abilities.	Total Li-abilities.
		Not Bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.				
1938-39	2,844	118,868	198,793	317,661	167	921	(b) 5,005	324,396
1945-46	1,064	385,923	220,415	606,362	166	1,194	6,938	615,739
1946-47	880	429,740	206,862	636,511	159	1,748	7,792	647,199
1947-48	793	471,064	201,892	673,096	158	11,933	8,423	694,743
1948-49	729	565,140	211,262	776,492	158	32,522	10,576	820,387

(ii) Average Assets within Australia.
(£'000.)

Year.	Cash and Cash Balances. (c)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Balances with Other Banks. (d)	Australian Public Securities. (e)		Other Securities.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	All Other Assets.	Total Assets.
				Treasury Bills.	Other.				
1938-39	33,507		3,938	21,533	20,477	(f)	288,109	(h) 9,421	377,075
1945-46	36,462	234,097	8,748	59,782	116,272	(f)	214,401	(h) 8,802	684,565
1946-47	37,928	204,001	10,302	28,831	95,026	164	261,140	14,280	709,662
1947-48	41,391	207,258	12,254	18,089	65,656	1,874	329,850	17,154	751,475
1948-49	48,618	324,670	13,267	22,111	61,454	742	368,582	20,213	888,055

(a) Includes Other Liabilities. (b) Excludes Other Liabilities—see footnote (a). (c) See footnote (b), page 65. (d) Includes notes, cheques and bills of other banks. (e) Government and Municipal Securities prior to September, 1945. (f) Included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted. (g) Includes other assets—see footnotes (f) and (h). (h) Landed and house property only. Other assets included with Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.
Central Banking Business (Including Note Issue Department).
(Average of weekly figures.)
(£A.'000.)

Period.	Notes on Issue.			Special Accounts of Trading Banks.	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserve Funds).	Gold and Balances Held Abroad.	Government and Other Securities (including Treasury Bills).
	Held by—		Total.					
	Banks.	Public.						
Year 1945-46(a)	16,908	176,905	193,813	241,842	26,464	144,285	181,594	478,266
Year 1946-47	18,741	180,681	199,422	266,951	24,063	122,101	217,642	392,217
Year 1947-48	22,245	175,845	198,090	262,688	28,078	142,411	190,094	419,857
Year 1948-49	24,912	178,649	203,561	323,939	29,764	174,647	304,175	536,280
Quarter ended Sept., 1948	23,318	178,325	191,643	275,124	26,447	172,440	270,299	367,891
" " Dec., 1948	23,116	176,866	199,982	283,697	22,739	184,971	324,631	339,490
" " Mar., 1949	27,287	179,588	206,875	340,829	32,974	164,021	357,466	370,070
" " June, 1949	25,749	184,838	210,587	384,570	29,622	176,255	392,309	346,752
" " Sept., 1949	25,491	187,879	213,370	396,997	26,566	183,064	391,672	371,718
" " Dec., 1949	28,324	193,682	222,006	423,170	33,521	178,068	395,562	371,706
1948—Month of Oct.	23,808	178,922	192,730	271,032	35,526	186,912	393,881	345,089
" " Nov.	24,541	174,874	199,415	288,014	31,281	186,575	322,036	338,176
" " Dec.	27,143	180,862	208,005	303,749	30,090	182,113	342,091	355,341
1949—Month of Oct.	26,877	190,081	216,958	308,679	30,408	211,290	381,755	365,274
" " Nov.	27,347	191,518	218,865	321,979	35,695	226,746	397,654	379,070
" " Dec.	31,013	199,988	231,001	339,170	34,217	194,837	406,778	368,934

(a) Ten months ended June, 1946.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

All Cheque-paying Banks.

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Year 1945-46(b)	52,887	48,791	14,870	8,661	5,855	2,880	95	131,057
Year 1945-47	65,690	55,433	16,752	10,457	7,189	3,374	119	159,284
Year 1947-48(c)	78,383	64,285	20,019	12,722	8,746	3,917	149	188,214
Year 1948-49	91,090	77,699	24,546	13,493	10,770	4,699	205	225,402
Qtr. ended Sept., 1948	83,031	71,531	23,215	13,710	9,403	4,271	175	206,026
" " Dec., 1948	92,467	76,709	24,220	15,516	11,071	4,578	176	224,731
" " Mar., 1949	89,418	78,859	24,624	16,112	11,065	4,762	213	225,058
" " June, 1949	102,441	88,794	29,724	16,692	10,852	5,185	257	245,796
" " Sept., 1949	99,442	84,149	25,981	15,977	11,237	5,191	253	239,140
" " Dec., 1949	115,883	103,055	30,261	19,523	14,018	5,179	232	288,161
1948—Month of Oct.	90,417	74,291	24,687	15,407	10,558	4,367	160	210,296
" " Nov.	80,085	72,099	23,809	14,909	11,080	4,132	171	216,065
" " Dec.	96,094	82,457	24,656	16,121	11,474	5,102	188	236,092
1949—Month of Oct.	100,857	93,462	27,835	17,995	12,658	5,082	212	264,091
" " Nov.	118,461	99,156	30,087	19,667	14,769	5,122	230	267,701
" " Dec.	121,687	117,531	32,990	20,621	14,439	5,346	243	312,773

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under Banking Act 1945. Average of weeks ended last Monday in periods to December, 1948; thereafter average of weeks ended last Wednesday in periods. (b) Ten months ended June, 1946. (c) From January, 1948, debits to customers' accounts relating to the transfer of accounts from the Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in voluntary liquidation) to the National Bank of Australasia Ltd. have been excluded.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES. AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.(a)

(£'000.)

Weekly Average.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capitals.
Year 1938-39..	17,832	15,415	4,212	2,953	2,055	623	43,090
" 1944-45..	28,556	27,839	6,495	5,127	2,777	1,032	72,226
" 1945-46..	30,868	31,398	7,154	5,693	3,257	1,185	79,556
" 1946-47..	38,580	35,031	7,978	6,469	3,928	1,510	93,594
" 1947-48..	41,786	41,237	9,259	8,038	4,892	1,543	108,784
" 1948-49..	53,519	48,870	11,131	9,663	6,030	1,778	131,000
1949—							
20th September to 27th October	55,191	49,677	10,689	9,657	5,890	1,715	132,819
28th October to 24th November	51,128	45,531	11,420	10,197	6,410	1,590	129,185
25th November to 31st December	55,227	50,948	10,627	9,878	6,660	1,743	135,083
1949—							
20th September to 26th October	60,016	58,126	12,650	11,279	6,896	2,011	150,978
27th October to 30th November	67,042	60,822	13,337	12,329	7,822	1,858	163,210
1st December to 31st December	67,748	68,651	15,295	12,258	8,392	2,034	173,668

(a) Average of weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)
(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,307	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,887
1945 ..	194,203	182,149	80,094	56,095	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	565,964
1946 ..	236,242	211,326	90,093	65,865	28,290	20,447	349	973	665,564
1947 ..	231,368	216,107	85,662	67,960	30,225	20,856	537	1,020	667,016
1948 ..	236,961	220,411	81,830	73,613	35,181	21,622	649	1,100	681,314
1949 ..	244,483	229,246	87,442	81,103	37,535	22,413	720	1,211	714,219
1948—									
Oct. ..	237,831	227,810	85,474	75,321	36,213	21,836	686	1,128	686,424
Nov. ..	238,031	228,581	85,828	75,975	36,456	21,817	691	1,136	688,515
Dec. ..	237,924	228,472	85,801	76,394	36,298	21,710	699	1,129	686,416
1949—									
Oct. ..	247,019	243,815	89,020	82,800	38,384	23,219	773	1,315	727,881
Nov. ..	248,356	244,501	89,738	83,193	38,367	23,139	795	1,325	729,504
Dec. ..	249,019	246,015	89,947	83,516	38,291	23,227	787	1,325	735,127

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Included with South Australia.

NOTE.—Sales of War Savings and Savings Certificates were discontinued after 31st January, 1949, except for sales to wind up savings groups, &c. The net amount outstanding at the end of December, 1949, was £58,131,000.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.
(£'000.)

Amount on deposit at end of—	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total
June—									
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	8,167	12,396	2,358	93	319	147,100
1945 ..	194,202	36,933	80,094	10,545	31,763	6,066	(a)	846	386,350
1946 ..	236,242	47,093	90,093	12,665	34,289	7,861	349	973	434,036
1947 ..	231,368	47,956	85,662	12,892	36,825	7,947	537	1,020	423,956
1948 ..	236,961	48,620	84,810	12,493	36,181	8,028	649	1,100	429,373
1949 ..	244,483	51,887	87,442	14,587	37,535	8,362	720	1,211	446,233
1948—									
Oct. ..	237,831	48,800	85,474	13,419	36,343	8,063	686	1,123	431,742
Nov. ..	238,031	48,998	85,828	13,484	36,456	8,050	691	1,136	432,680
Dec. ..	237,924	49,031	85,801	13,582	36,298	8,045	679	1,129	432,480
1949—									
Oct. ..	247,019	53,437	89,020	15,159	38,384	8,604	773	1,315	455,217
Nov. ..	248,356	53,677	89,738	15,200	38,367	8,551	795	1,325	456,105
Dec. ..	249,019	54,325	89,947	15,309	38,291	8,593	787	1,325	457,686

(a) Included with South Australia.

(E.) NOTE ISSUE.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING.
(£'000.)

Denomination.	25th December, 1939.	30th December, 1945.	31st December, 1947.	29th December, 1948.	28th December, 1949.
10s. ..	4,806	8,230	8,586	8,704	8,904
£1 ..	25,805	71,016	69,107	69,357	70,569
£5 ..	15,254	82,464	81,756	88,570	90,743
£10 ..	6,013	44,695	46,204	50,590	60,103
£20 ..	36	9	8	8	8
£50 ..	1,563	191	85	70	69
£100 ..	2,613	182	102	150	77
£1,000 ..	523	733	145	144	..
Held by banks ..	13,009	22,716	24,805	29,245	32,947
.. public ..	44,266	184,714	180,338	185,360	206,616
Total ..	57,275	207,430	205,143	214,605	239,563

Section VI.—Railways, Aviation, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

(A.) RAILWAYS

RAILWAYS (GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE) OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Note.—The mileage of private lines is shown in brackets and refers to lines available for general traffic only.

(Miles.)

Government.	1938-39	1945-46	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114 (60)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)	6,128 (54)
Victoria ..	4,750 (25)	4,748 (13)	4,748 (13)	4,725 (13)	4,697 (13)
Queensland ..	6,567 (183)	6,566 (136)	6,568 (136)	6,560 (136)	6,560 (136)
South Australia ..	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,376 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,348 (277)	4,348 (277)	4,321 (277)
Tasmania ..	658 (116)	642 (117)	641 (117)	614 (117)	614 (117)
Total ..	27,234 (721)	27,213 (648)	27,179 (648)	27,123 (648)	27,008 (648)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

('000.)

Government.	1938-39.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49 (g)
Commonwealth ..	17,033	18,090	18,266	18,198	..
New South Wales ..	147,617	154,976	157,231	165,330	..
Victoria ..	62,440	53,290	53,704	51,134	..
Queensland ..	38,419	40,689	41,007	41,506	..
South Australia ..	29,733	30,647	30,073	31,178	..
Western Australia ..	26,022	26,752	27,062	27,197	..
Tasmania ..	2,140	3,008	3,151	2,931	..
Total(b)	315,860	329,968	333,903	344,030	..

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,128	6,128	6,128	6,128
Victoria ..	4,751	4,748	4,748	4,725	4,697
Queensland ..	6,567	6,566	6,568	6,560	6,560
South Australia ..	2,547	2,547	2,547	2,547	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,381	4,348	4,348	4,321
Tasmania ..	658	642	641	614	614
Total ..	27,227	27,213	27,179	27,123	27,008

TRAFFIC TRAIN MILES RUN.(c)

('000 miles)

Government.	1938-39	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	(d)
Commonwealth ..	902	1,818	1,513	1,602	1,666
New South Wales ..	30,106 (e)	38,060 (e)	37,900	38,958	40,502
Victoria ..	17,890	16,311	15,539	16,819	17,352
Queensland ..	14,927	15,807	16,115	14,883	17,270
South Australia ..	6,177	6,354	6,010	6,131	6,050
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,304	6,591	7,111	7,037
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,220	2,215	2,212	2,235
Total ..	77,483	86,656	85,516	87,719	92,117

PASSENGER JOURNALS.

('000.)

Government.	1938-39	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	(d)
Commonwealth ..	117	347	223	216	217
New South Wales ..	186,720	267,423	261,614	263,047	262,660
Victoria ..	142,121	196,118	170,165	182,210	174,554
Queensland ..	21,630	38,200	51,188	29,327	32,191
South Australia ..	17,529	23,110	19,827	19,067	18,210
Western Australia ..	11,415	17,136	13,879	13,928	12,623
Tasmania ..	2,297	3,413	3,252	2,974	3,295
Total ..	381,811	545,756	503,178	510,767	501,070

(a) Capital was reduced during the period 1st July, 1927 to 1st July, 1937 by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £22,500,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000).
 (b) Includes £2,447,000 Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.
 (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages.
 (d) Subject to revision.
 (e) Estimated. (f) Partly estimated. (g) Not yet available.

Government Railways—continued.

Government.	1935-36.	1945-46.	1946-47.	1947-48.	1948-49.
GOODS AND LIVESTOCK CARRIED. ('000 tons.)					
Commonwealth ..	186	276	343	423	(a) 547
New South Wales ..	15,417	16,885	17,591	18,518	17,173
Victoria ..	5,976	7,220	7,562	8,410	8,870
Queensland ..	5,234	5,758	5,750	5,523	6,591
South Australia ..	2,640	2,970	3,215	3,560	3,815
Western Australia ..	2,850	2,728	2,577	2,858	2,737
Tasmania ..	844	880	806	817	801
Total ..	33,166	36,726	37,937	40,139	40,545
GROSS REVENUE. (£'000.)					
Commonwealth ..	747	1,565	1,099	1,237	(a) 1,673
New South Wales ..	19,946	32,113	31,153	37,706	50,927
Victoria ..	9,284	14,675	13,577	16,322	17,274
Queensland ..	7,798	11,917	11,033	11,532	11,927
South Australia ..	3,119	4,871	4,593	5,079	5,885
Western Australia ..	3,599	4,167	4,046	4,562	5,215
Tasmania ..	487	928	893	958	1,050
Total ..	44,780	79,176	66,394	77,396	85,651
WORKING EXPENSES. (£'000.)					
Commonwealth ..	612	1,502	1,224	1,439	(a) 1,813
New South Wales ..	14,643	21,933	25,885	31,015	35,739
Victoria ..	8,000	12,531	12,916	13,225	18,078
Queensland ..	6,193	10,425	10,191	10,641	13,798
South Australia ..	2,931	5,108	5,015	5,917	7,269
Western Australia ..	2,911	4,927	4,424	5,515	6,702
Tasmania ..	678	1,209	1,254	1,455	1,189
Total ..	35,958	59,736	60,929	71,267	81,888
NET EARNINGS. (£'000.)					
Commonwealth ..	-95	63	-125	202	(a) -110
New South Wales ..	5,403	7,180	5,267	6,691	3,888
Victoria ..	1,224	2,144	601	1,697	804
Queensland ..	1,665	1,491	812	891	1,129
South Australia ..	188	297	-152	868	1,281
Western Australia ..	688	80	-378	983	-1,187
Tasmania ..	-191	-281	-256	-497	-430
Total ..	8,822	10,440	5,455	6,129	763
PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(b)					
Commonwealth ..	-0.56	0.35	-0.68	-4.09	(d)
New South Wales ..	3.66	1.63	3.35	4.01	"
Victoria ..	2.33	1.92	1.23	2.01	"
Queensland ..	4.18	3.66	2.05	2.15	"
South Australia ..	0.63	-0.77	-1.16	-2.75	"
Western Australia ..	2.64	0.30	-1.40	-3.58	"
Tasmania ..	-8.91	-9.16	-11.44	-16.96	"
Total(c) ..	2.79	3.16	1.63	1.78	"

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

(a) Subject to revision. (b) See note (a) on page 69. (c) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane line (see note (b) on page 69). (d) Not yet available.

Government Railways—continued.

SUMMARY.—THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1948.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,725	6,401	2,547	4,348	614	27,054
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000. 111	'000. 3,302	'000. 1,674	'000. 915	'000. 308	'000. 270	'000. 48	'000. 9,724
Goods, including live- stock and minerals £	212	5,526	2,111	3,098	991	803	169	12,270
Miscellaneous £	31	(c) 700	209	(d)	108	85	2	(e) 1,225
Total Revenue £	354	(f) 9,518	4,094	4,013	1,407	1,224	219	20,919
Expenditure £	458	8,100	4,305	3,439	1,622	1,032	(g) 338	19,054
Train-miles run	467	9,664	4,013	4,665	1,555	(h) 1,789	(i) 537	22,600
Earnings per train-mile	15s. 2d.	19s. 11d.	20s. 4d.	17s. 2d.	18s. 1d.	13s. 8d.	8s. 2d.	18s. 5d.
Expenditure per train-mile	19s. 7d.	16s. 11d.	21s. 5d.	14s. 9d.	20s. 10d.	18s. 3d.	12s. 7d.	17s. 7d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings	129.17	84.84	105.40	85.69	115.24	133.35	154.48	95.38
Passenger journeys	'000. 51	'000. 61,641	'000. 43,178	'000. 8,322	'000. 4,647	'000. 3,220	'000. 673	'000. 124,732
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke	83	(j)	(j)	351	200	95	39	(j)
Other Minerals	2	(j)	(j)	127	115	62	(k)	(j)
Live-stock	24	(l) 322	(l) 146	207	66	41	5	805
Other Goods	42	4,610	2,074	1,317	604	487	153	9,303
Total Freight	151	4,938	2,214	2,002	981	685	207	11,188

SUMMARY.—THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER, 1949.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,113	4,697	6,491	2,547	4,321	614	26,984
Revenue—								
Coaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	'000. 110	'000. 2,847	'000. 1,512	'000. 870	'000. 272	'000. 283	'000. 36	'000. 5,930
Goods, including live- stock and minerals £	822	3,581	1,900	3,041	882	1,022	139	10,978
Miscellaneous £	25	(c) 652	309	(d)	100	72	5	(e) 1,182
Total Revenue £	467	(f) 7,080	3,811	3,911	1,263	1,387	171	18,090
Expenditure £	492	8,207	4,493	3,683	1,829	1,774	(g) 337	20,815
Train-miles run	893	6,585	5,007	4,554	1,291	(h) 1,491	(i) 376	18,997
Earnings per train-mile	25s. 9d.	21s. 6d.	20s. 4d.	18s. 9d.	17s. 7d.	18s. 7d.	9s. 1d.	20s. 0d.
Expenditure per train-mile	25s. 1d.	24s. 11d.	24s. 11d.	16s. 11d.	28s. 4d.	23s. 10d.	17s. 11d.	23s. 0d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings	105.43	115.92	117.00	94.16	144.88	127.90	197.35	115.07
Passenger journeys	'000. 40	'000. 56,647	'000. 40,140	'000. 8,008	'000. 3,361	'000. 2,713	'000. 629	'000. 111,544
Freight carried, tons—								
Coal and Coke	137	(j)	(j)	264	288	95	25	(j)
Other Minerals	2	(j)	(j)	98	87	63	(k)	(j)
Live-stock	16	(l) 191	(l) 137	199	40	31	4	618
Other Goods	33	2,767	1,805	1,425	413	462	95	7,050
Total Freight	188	2,928	2,092	1,986	828	651	124	8,707

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (d) Included with Coaching. (e) Incomplete. (f) Excludes Government contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes assistant and light miles. (i) Included with Coal and Coke. (j) Not available. (k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Estimated.

(B.) CIVIL AVIATION.

Particulars.	Year ended 30th June—				Quarter ended September, 1949.
	1939.(a)	1947.	1948.	1949.	
1.—REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES, ACCIDENTS, ETC.					
Registered Aircraft Owners No.	(b) 149	(b) 323	(b) 394	(b) 395	(f) 397
Registered Aircraft	(b) 296	(b) 643	(b) 670	(b) 748	(f) 770
Pilots' Licences—(b)					
Private	1,016	(d) 600	614	756	756
Commercial	346	(d) 409	495	481	481
Airline Transport		(d) 738	756	787	787
Navigators' Licences(b)	50				
Flight Navigator		(d) 72	84	118	118
Radio Operators' Licences—(b)					
Aircraft Radio Telegraph Operators	75				
Aircraft Radio Telephone Operators					
1st Class Flight Radio Telegraphy Operator		(d) 80	106	113	113
Radio Reception Operator		(d) 756	807	972	972
Flight Engineers' Licences—(b)					
Flight Engineer		(d) 8	18	47	47
Ground Engineers' Licences(b)	525	(d) 1,660	1,660	(e)	(e)
Aerodromes(b)—					
Government	No. 71	131	183	142	142
Public	213	243	240	222	222
Emergency	147	54	49	43	43
Flying Boat Bases	7	5	5	6	6
Accidents—					
Persons Killed	No. 38	15	18	42	18
Persons Injured	15	17	27	21	

2.—REGULAR INTERNAL SERVICES.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

Hours flown	No.	39,312	154,772	212,233	224,853	54,874
Miles flown	'000.	6,302	28,036	32,371	35,242	8,904
Paying passengers	No.	41,429	149,647	1,207,339	1,400,300	331,528
Paying passenger miles	'000.	22,423	366,150	503,494	560,038	131,315
Freight—						
Actual tons	No.	301	12,247	25,846	33,381	11,667
Ton miles	'000.	(e)	5,972	11,920	16,240	6,319
Mail—						
Actual tons	No.	(e) 64	1,120	1,248	1,580	1,267
Ton miles	'000.	(e)	621	674	789	685

3.—OVERSEA SERVICES—AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL.

SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS.

Route miles	No.	6,965	19,459	26,607	29,695	20,123
Hours flown	No.	12,680	37,633	39,488	40,262	9,356
Miles flown	'000.	1,730	5,321	7,555	7,982	2,009
Paying passengers	No.	31,665	31,665	41,124	45,296	11,300
Paying passenger miles	'000.	7,335	75,225	122,678	144,869	35,999
Freight—						
Actual tons	No.	6	349	660	765	218
Ton miles	'000.	(e)	976	2,030	2,806	616
Mail—						
Actual tons	No.	(e)	405	638	577	131
Ton miles	'000.	(e)	2,112	3,408	3,331	706

(a) Includes oversea services of Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. (b) At 30th June of year above each column. (c) Net weight. (d) At 1st April, 1948; new categories in accordance with Standards of the International Civil Aviation Organization. (e) Not available. (f) At 31st December, 1949.

2. OVERSEA SERVICES—AUSTRALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL.

DETAILS OF OPERATIONS DURING THE THREE MONTHS ENDED SEPT., 1949.

Service.	Route Miles.	Hours Flown.	Miles Flown ('000).	Paying Passen- gers.	Paying Passen- ger-miles ('000).	Freight.		Mail.	
						Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).	Actual Tons.	Ton-miles ('000).
International Services— British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines— Sydney-Vancouver Auckland-Vancouver	8,383 1,320 (6,401)	1,001 739	425 198	2,308 968	0,475 3,280	12 4	80 14	10 1	66 8
Qantas Empire Airways Ltd.— Sydney-London Sydney - Norfolk Island Sydney-Lae Sydney-Suva Sydney - Hong Kong	12,061 1,048 2,153 (2,335) 2,812 (1,060)	2,510 63 1,808 180 286	608 13 288 27 58	2,890 148 2,885 112 216	15,513 155 3,591 194 869	47 2 57 1 4	361 7 68 2 10	54 .. 9	475 .. 14 .. 1
International Services to Australia— British Overseas Air- ways Corporation— Singapore-Sydney(a) Tasman Empire Airways Ltd.— Auckland - Sydney Pan-American Airways— San Francisco-Sydney (b) Canadian Pacific Air Lines Ltd.— Vancouver - Sydney (b)	(4,070) 1,340	930 1,131	206 186	.. 2,174	.. 2,913	59 27	235 87	25 32	102 42
Total(c)	29,123	9,356	2,009	11,306	35,909	218	818	131	706

(a) Particulars beyond Singapore not available. (b) Particulars not yet available. (c) Incomplete.

NOTE.—Route miles in brackets are not included in totals.

(C.) TELEPHONES.

NUMBER OF LINES AND INSTRUMENTS CONNECTED.

Particulars.	At 30th June—				At 31st December, 1949.
	1939.	1947.	1948.	1949.	
Lines connected	487,535	647,876	648,348	734,427	762,407
Instruments connected	681,906	905,017	963,154	1,028,134	1,096,385

(D.) WIRELESS.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.(a)

In force at—	N.S.W. (b)	Victoria.	Q'land. (c)	S. Aust. (d)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1939	433,929	327,579	133,217	117,507	79,262	30,392	1,120,796
" " 1947	679,505	499,044	224,066	149,909	121,149	61,074	1,771,247
" " 1948	690,250	505,106	239,342	197,326	128,703	63,080	1,832,816
" " 1949	700,452	531,722	261,054	212,116	139,290	64,088	1,910,022
31st Dec., 1949	727,918	554,082	268,371	219,832	145,823	70,154	1,986,180

(a) From 30th June, 1943, includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Papua. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

MOTOR VEHICLES.

(E.) MOTOR VEHICLES.

(EXCLUDING DEFENCE SERVICE VEHICLES.)

REGISTRATIONS, LICENCES AND GROSS REVENUE, 1948-49.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				No. of Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax.	Drivers' and Riders', &c., Licences.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
New South Wales ..	236,309	143,411	36,379	416,100	637,582	£ 3,044,046	£ 329,483	£ 635,226	£ 4,008,755
Victoria ..	189,445	130,277	31,706	351,428	487,407	£ 2,310,321	£ 121,882	£ 289,009	£ 2,721,179
Queensland ..	86,633	86,257	16,177	187,067	240,893	£ 1,061,201	£ 96,840	£ 847,332	£ 1,965,373
South Australia ..	78,007	38,372	17,087	133,466	171,019	£ 974,518	£ 96,863	£ 48,120	£ 1,119,501
Western Australia ..	40,187	38,734	10,584	89,505	110,121	£ 587,056	£ 44,812	£ 64,285	£ 696,153
Tasmania ..	22,486	11,659	4,709	38,854	44,422	£ 276,383	£ 22,211	£ 57,723	£ 356,317
Northern Territory ..	722	2,350	193	3,265	3,229	£ 6,045	£ 1,066		£ 7,111
Australian Capital Territory ..	2,110	1,077	298	3,485	5,359	£ 15,921	£ 2,652	£ 116	£ 18,689
Total 1948-49 ..	655,497	452,147	117,339	1,224,983	1,700,908	£ 8,276,780	£ 713,599	£ 1,442,706	£ 10,433,085
Total 1947-48 ..	603,077	414,072	100,190	1,117,339	1,691,304	£ 7,437,294	£ 660,294	£ 855,798	£ 9,043,386
Total 1938-39 ..	562,271	258,025	79,237	899,533	1,298,497	£ 6,318,436	£ 508,987	£ 237,662	£ 7,064,474

NUMBER OF REGISTRATIONS AT 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars	251,280	205,801	91,344	84,331	43,259	23,315	722	2,310	702,380
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	152,248	107,215	89,204	40,702	41,577	12,006	2,850	1,167	478,023
Motor Cycles	39,576	33,186	17,812	18,506	11,346	4,724	193	389	125,770
Total at 31st December, 1949 ..	443,112	346,202	198,360	143,539	96,221	40,105	3,205	3,872	1,301,773
Total at 31st December, 1948 ..	399,611	319,955	170,868	127,456	85,110	37,100	3,254	3,276	1,173,043
Total at 31st December, 1938 ..	314,797	250,656	125,088	95,735	61,020	25,418	1,249	2,136	892,099

(a) At 30th June, 1949.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING SIX MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total. (a)
Motor Cars	16,975	13,579	6,028	5,780	4,250	1,428	155	48,202
Commercial Vehicles, &c.	8,799	6,310	3,549	2,489	2,487	711	70	26,105
Motor Cycles	4,104	3,555	1,904	2,295	1,180	436	63	13,110
Total six months ended 31st December, 1949 ..	29,878	23,444	11,481	10,567	7,923	2,576	288	87,717
Total six months ended 31st December, 1948 ..	22,134	17,858	8,296	6,720	4,859	2,445	212	62,624
Total six months ended 31st December, 1938 ..	15,171	12,041	7,070	4,144	1,787	1,430	172	42,116

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above taxis and hire cars are included with motor cars, and particulars of primary producers' vehicles in Victoria are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

Section VII.—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.	Australa.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	810	(a) 880
1944	180	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a) 780
1945	184	139	110	112	132	71	4	15	767	(a) 769
1946	183	139	110	111	130	69	4	15	760	(a) 762
1947	183	137	110	111	130	70	7	16	784	(a) 787
1948	178	130	112	115	130	77	7	16	771	(a) 778
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1939	508	398	312	178	201	69	—	1	1,769	(b) 2,199
1944	501	382	307	173	208	71	—	1	1,733	(b) 2,144
1945	501	382	307	173	208	71	—	1	1,733	(b) 2,139
1946	501	382	307	173	208	71	—	1	1,733	(b) 2,131
1947	504	390	310	174	209	72	—	1	1,746	(b) 2,153
1948	521	397	302	178	209	80	—	1	1,785	(b) 2,238
NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,082	761	1,085	915,470	915,470
1944	502,832	314,952	192,085	101,897	67,617	26,039	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778
1945	501,845	306,649	192,087	97,829	71,512	27,114	1,406	1,931	1,200,305	1,200,305
1946	527,734	324,886	199,710	101,505	77,622	28,514	1,997	2,299	1,293,658	1,293,658
1947	555,097	317,502	218,062	100,288	80,872	33,175	2,422	2,230	1,380,457	1,380,457
1948	582,162	363,661	234,480	115,764	85,875	35,742	2,244	2,211	1,423,150	1,423,150

(a) Allowing for interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations 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)	
1939 Year	306	476,918	45,967	0.7	
1945	385	675,750	7,864	1.2	
1946	384	672,121	9,125	1.4	
1947	381	718,020	8,432	1.2	
1948	380	761,704	6,535	0.9	
1949	377	799,630	(d) 15,342	2.0	
1932—June	Quarter(e)	306	413,742	124,008	30.0
1946—March		385	692,296	9,062	1.4
June		385	691,432	8,757	1.3
September		384	672,999	9,212	1.4
December		384	692,546	9,468	1.4
1947—March		381	699,155	9,880	1.4
June		384	713,455	9,240	1.2
September		381	725,286	7,970	1.1
December		381	734,489	9,637	0.9
1948—March		381	744,391	6,484	0.9
June		380	752,225	5,549	0.9
September		380	769,959	5,813	0.9
December		380	777,332	6,267	0.8
1949—March		380	785,408	5,998	0.8
June		380	792,428	6,337	0.8
September		374	776,195	(d) 43,030	(d) 5.5
December		375	808,428	6,103	0.8

(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 persons out of work through sickness, but exclude 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 101. (c) Peak of unemployment. (d) Includes all members of reporting unions indirectly affected by the dispute in the coal-mining industry; those directly affected are, however, excluded.

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent approximately 55 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 25 and 30 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.
1939 Year	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1945 "	1.5	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.2	1.0	1.2
1946 "	1.5	1.3	0.9	1.4	1.6	2.0	1.4
1947 "	1.3	1.2	0.7	1.0	1.2	2.3	1.2
1948 "	1.0	0.8	0.4	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9
1949 "	3.2	0.7	0.0	2.8	0.9	0.6	2.0
1932—June Quarter(b)	33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1944—December	1.0	0.9	0.6	0.9	1.2	0.7	1.2
1945—March	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.2	1.0	0.7	1.1
June	1.5	0.8	0.5	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2
December	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.5	1.6	1.2
1946—March	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.4
June	1.0	1.1	0.9	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.3
September	1.5	1.3	0.8	1.3	1.5	2.3	1.4
December	1.5	1.3	1.0	1.1	1.6	2.3	1.4
1947—March	1.5	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.4	2.2	1.4
June	1.4	1.1	0.9	1.0	1.1	2.4	1.2
September	1.1	1.2	0.8	1.0	1.1	2.5	1.1
December	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.8	1.1	2.3	0.9
1948—March	1.0	0.8	0.5	0.9	1.0	0.5	0.9
June	1.0	0.8	0.5	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.9
September	0.9	1.0	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.9
December	0.9	0.7	0.3	1.1	0.7	1.0	0.8
1949—March	0.0	0.7	0.4	0.8	0.8	0.5	0.8
June	0.9	0.8	0.3	1.0	0.8	0.3	0.8
September	10.2	0.0	2.7	6.5	1.3	0.7	5.5
December	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.9	0.7	0.8	0.8

(a) See notes to table on page 75.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

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 unions in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

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

Industrial Group.	1932.	1945.			1949.		
	June Qtr.(b)	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
Manufacturing—							
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	39.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	8.7	0.5
II. Engineering, Metal works, &c.	33.9	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	5.4	0.6
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c.	19.3	2.5	2.2	1.4	1.5	6.5	1.2
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	22.6	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.7	2.1	0.5
V. Books, Printing, &c.	16.8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	1.3	0.1
VI. Other Manufacturing	43.0	1.0	1.3	1.6	2.0	7.2	1.7
VII. Building	42.1	0.9	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.7	0.9
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c.	34.2	2.7	2.4	2.4	2.1	4.1	2.2
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services	29.6	1.0	1.3	1.5	0.7	1.2	0.9
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV. Other and Miscellaneous (c)	22.2	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.8	2.4	0.5
All Groups	30.0	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	5.5	0.8

(a) See notes to table on page 75.
see page 63.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

(i) Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week. (a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	2,354	303	1,445	778	422	46	5,314
1946-47 "	1,734	1,578	4,065	200	1,095	79	9,371
1947-48 "	694	1,501	2,552	51	408	33	3,939
1948-49 "	270	32	1,100	14	126	31	1,573
1947-48 December Quarter	644	147	1,531	56	425	33	2,936
March "	470	91	4,222	35	355	24	5,177
June "	308	56	2,241	19	198	24	2,846
1948-49 September "	281	42	712	21	193	31	1,278
December "	311	30	632	10	113	23	1,138
March "	253	23	1,840	9	114	28	2,269
June "	252	33	1,215	17	94	29	1,630

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
SICKNESS BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	2,177	1,559	814	596	431	255	5,832
1946-47 "	3,088	2,232	1,165	851	715	386	8,437
1947-48 "	3,366	2,501	1,445	977	764	426	9,489
1948-49 "	3,260	2,865	1,629	961	863	451	10,500
1947-48 December Quarter	3,731	2,500	1,431	970	775	484	9,951
March "	3,225	2,668	1,329	947	746	419	9,434
June "	3,40	2,407	1,477	958	739	425	9,803
1948-49 September "	3,942	2,743	1,531	1,019	890	467	10,592
December "	3,737	2,716	1,611	951	768	444	10,277
March "	3,757	2,789	1,689	928	811	424	10,462
June "	4,066	3,212	1,650	946	832	464	11,110

(a) In addition, an average of 118 persons (Australian total) were in receipt of Special Benefit at the end of each week during 1945-46; 386 during 1946-47; 861 during 1947-48; and 2,023 during 1948-49.
(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Benefits Paid. (a)

(£)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	275,205	28,234	108,138	73,226	35,440	8,827	525,070
1946-47 "	172,141	159,166	441,048	20,064	110,700	7,809	910,822
1947-48 "	61,409	16,639	245,237	4,038	37,192	2,964	309,629
1948-49 "	23,279	2,417	90,591	380	9,066	2,993	134,848
1947-48 June Quarter	6,557	1,001	81,557	308	4,409	460	95,191
1948-49 September "	6,548	1,123	12,487	197	4,488	1,221	25,064
December "	6,142	480	12,082	115	2,119	663	21,317
March "	4,569	392	38,541	82	2,109	578	46,211
June "	6,080	410	39,471	186	1,270	531	44,958
1949-50 September "	1,116,486	3,002	88,648	32,928	14,444	717	1,286,225
December "	6,865,108	1,306	5,501	6,225	1,465	551	67,75,673

SICKNESS BENEFIT.

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
SICKNESS BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	198,943	139,267	76,306	53,076	31,817	23,459	525,858
1946-47 "	276,782	182,184	166,731	74,471	66,050	33,246	711,364
1947-48 "	295,487	279,128	163,521	79,170	68,255	38,726	791,327
1948-49 "	302,298	196,548	118,789	76,620	82,059	39,002	755,826
1947-48 June Quarter	67,537	14,704	115,553	20,057	13,957	8,800	136,207
1948-49 September "	84,217	55,409	22,556	22,365	17,024	11,624	213,565
December "	78,807	46,502	31,638	18,911	16,676	9,377	201,811
March "	73,069	48,367	32,453	18,035	13,698	8,865	194,467
June "	65,965	40,570	32,241	17,309	13,711	9,066	169,969
1949-50 September "	76,094	61,065	21,270	22,250	13,005	11,007	277,531
December "	72,009	52,255	10,362	20,288	14,394	9,422	198,730

(a) In addition, £1,274 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1945-46; £27,939 during 1946-47; £28,518 during 1947-48 and £153,754 during 1948-49. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

NOTE.—The Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944, which came into operation on 1st July, 1945 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII. of the Social Services Consolidation Act 1947-1949), provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal earnings have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is 25s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, 10s. 2s. for dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is 15s. if under 18 years and 25s. if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases 20s. per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND SICKNESS BENEFITS.

(i) Average Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each week. (a)

Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	2,524	393	1,445	778	422	42	5,514
1946-47 " " " " " "	1,754	1,678	4,965	200	1,095	79	9,371
1947-48 " " " " " "	664	130	2,632	51	469	33	3,939
1948-49 " " " " " "	270	32	1,160	14	120	31	1,673
1947-48—December Quarter ..	644	147	1,631	56	427	33	2,938
March " " " " " "	470	91	4,000	35	335	24	5,177
June " " " " " "	308	56	2,241	19	198	24	2,816
1948-49—September " " " " " "	281	42	711	21	183	31	1,273
December " " " " " "	311	30	632	10	113	33	1,132
March " " " " " "	253	33	1,840	9	174	28	2,569
June " " " " " "	232	33	1,215	17	94	29	1,620
SICKNESS BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	2,177	1,559	814	596	431	255	5,832
1946-47 " " " " " "	3,088	2,232	1,155	951	715	386	8,437
1947-48 " " " " " "	3,366	2,303	1,443	977	704	436	9,829
1948-49 " " " " " "	3,880	2,865	1,620	901	803	451	10,500
1947-48—December Quarter ..	3,731	2,509	1,431	970	775	484	9,951
March " " " " " "	3,025	2,068	1,129	947	746	419	9,434
June " " " " " "	3,749	2,457	1,477	958	739	471	9,853
1948-49—September " " " " " "	3,942	2,743	1,531	1,019	800	467	10,502
December " " " " " "	3,737	2,716	1,611	951	738	444	10,227
March " " " " " "	3,757	2,789	1,689	928	811	428	10,402
June " " " " " "	4,005	3,212	1,650	946	832	464	11,110

(a) In addition, an average of 118 persons (Australian total) were in receipt of Special B benefit at the end of each week during 1945-46; 396 during 1946-47; 863 during 1947-48; and 2,023 during 1948-49.
(b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

(ii) Benefits Paid. (a)

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Period.	N.S.W. (b)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	275,205	28,234	108,138	78,226	86,440	8,827	525,070
1946-47 " " " " " "	172,141	156,060	441,048	20,064	110,700	7,809	910,822
1947-48 " " " " " "	61,439	16,639	248,357	4,008	35,192	2,904	399,639
1948-49 " " " " " "	23,270	2,417	109,591	580	9,986	2,993	138,846
1947-48—June Quarter	6,000	1,307	81,737	308	4,409	469	93,831
1948-49—September " " " " " "	8,548	1,123	12,487	197	4,488	1,221	28,064
December " " " " " "	5,112	480	12,002	115	2,110	683	21,517
March " " " " " "	4,509	392	38,541	82	2,109	578	46,211
June " " " " " "	6,980	418	36,171	186	1,270	531	44,954
1949-50—September " " " " " "	1,146,486	3,002	88,548	32,028	14,444	717	1,280,225
December " " " " " "	1,786,108	1,706	5,361	17,228	1,405	531	807,773
SICKNESS BENEFIT.							
1945-46 Year	198,943	139,207	76,306	53,076	84,817	23,459	525,808
1946-47 " " " " " "	258,782	182,184	1,06,581	74,471	86,050	33,246	711,304
1947-48 " " " " " "	302,387	176,128	103,521	79,119	56,272	39,250	791,227
1948-49 " " " " " "	302,228	190,548	118,569	76,020	62,689	39,002	790,836
1947-48—June Quarter	87,557	44,566	31,553	20,057	13,928	8,806	166,227
1948-49—September " " " " " "	81,517	55,409	22,556	22,365	17,024	11,694	213,565
December " " " " " "	78,807	46,502	31,538	15,911	10,676	9,377	201,811
March " " " " " "	73,069	48,367	32,453	18,035	13,098	8,465	194,487
June " " " " " "	65,905	40,270	32,242	17,369	15,171	9,066	185,063
1949-50—September " " " " " "	76,894	61,065	21,278	22,290	15,965	11,007	207,531
December " " " " " "	72,009	52,256	30,382	20,288	14,394	9,422	198,730

(a) In addition, £4,274 (Australian total) was paid in Special Benefits during 1945-46; £27,939 during 1946-47; £30,518 during 1947-48 and £145,754 during 1948-49. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory.

Note.—The *Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1911*, which came into operation on 1st July, 1945 (from 1st July, 1917, Part VII. of the *Social Services Consolidation Act 1917-1949*), provides for the payment of benefit to persons whose normal activities have been interrupted through unemployment or sickness. The rate of benefit per week is 25s. for a married person or an unmarried adult, 20s. for a dependent spouse and 5s. for a dependent child. For unmarried juveniles the rate of benefit is 16s. if under 18 years and 20s. if 18 and under 21 years. In certain cases 20s. per week may be paid in respect of claimant's housekeeper.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—AUSTRALIA. (a)

(’000.)

Month.	Total Employment, (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Government Authorities, (b)	Private Employers.	Total	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories (c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communications.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services (d)	
MALES											
1939—July	849.8	943.3	1,793.1	52.2	391.5	149.7	185.9	250.7	133.6		
1941—July	875.3	988.1	1,863.4	54.6	490.9	144.2	192.0	102.3	117.4	128.9	
1942—June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	48.2	502.0	117.5	195.9	81.5	98.4	108.4	
1943—June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	45.2	529.7	91.8	195.7	71.7	80.3	100.1	
1944—June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	43.4	518.2	83.7	201.9	71.4	82.7	100.6	
1945—June	409.2	890.1	1,299.3	41.6	514.5	81.9	209.2	76.4	97.1	114.9	
1946—June	405.0	1,071.0	1,476.0	48.8	558.4	124.9	217.8	103.1	139.5	146.5	
1947—June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	51.0	593.2	135.7	256.4	116.0	151.9	155.9	
1948—June	494.0	1,256.9	1,750.9	51.7	625.0	167.8	269.9	123.3	161.7	163.3	
1949—Apr.	513.2	1,263.6	1,776.8	52.0	633.0	178.6	278.6	125.5	169.0	169.0	
May	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	52.3	635.9	180.9	281.7	125.6	169.9	169.3	
June	522.7	1,249.4	1,772.1	49.2	623.3	183.0	280.8	125.6	169.3	168.2	
July	522.6	1,195.2	1,667.8	33.0	567.0	181.0	279.0	124.4	165.5	165.3	
Aug.	526.3	1,228.1	1,754.4	48.7	622.1	182.8	276.8	125.1	167.7	167.2	
Sept.	531.0	1,279.0	1,810.0	52.5	631.2	187.1	284.0	125.3	170.7	167.8	
Oct.	532.1	1,285.5	1,817.6	52.5	636.2	187.1	282.3	125.0	171.8	167.8	
Nov.	535.8	1,274.8	1,810.6	53.2	639.1	189.0	282.3	127.4	174.1	168.7	
Dec.	540.5	1,275.7	1,816.2	53.0	638.0	188.5	282.3	131.2	174.5	169.2	
FEMALES											
1939—July	65.2	381.9	447.1	0.3	148.2	1.2	12.0	114.0	129.0		
1941—July	70.8	485.4	556.2	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.4	44.3	154.9	
1942—June	100.8	502.8	603.6	0.6	206.0	2.0	25.7	104.2	51.9	160.1	
1943—June	135.9	504.8	640.7	0.6	228.6	2.4	34.0	98.5	62.6	165.1	
1944—June	134.0	497.5	631.5	0.5	217.4	2.4	36.3	94.1	52.1	159.7	
1945—June	124.8	494.6	619.4	0.4	206.6	2.2	37.0	96.4	52.6	154.7	
1946—June	93.0	502.0	595.0	0.5	191.1	2.4	32.4	89.7	50.8	151.3	
1947—June	92.1	527.5	619.6	0.5	194.9	2.6	32.4	102.0	65.0	163.3	
1948—June	94.9	549.1	644.0	0.6	208.0	2.9	35.0	109.3	66.7	209.3	
1949—Apr.	98.3	564.1	662.4	0.7	215.2	3.1	36.4	110.9	59.6	205.6	
May	99.2	568.9	668.1	0.7	215.6	3.1	37.0	111.1	59.8	205.6	
June	100.2	557.7	657.9	0.7	210.3	3.2	37.2	110.7	59.8	204.8	
July	101.0	552.3	653.3	0.7	201.3	3.1	37.2	108.1	59.0	201.0	
Aug.	101.7	557.0	658.7	0.7	210.2	3.1	37.3	109.4	61.7	204.4	
Sept.	102.1	563.4	665.5	0.7	214.8	3.1	37.2	110.0	61.8	205.7	
Oct.	102.2	568.1	670.3	0.7	217.5	3.2	38.1	110.7	61.8	207.0	
Nov.	103.6	573.3	676.9	0.7	219.6	3.2	38.1	113.4	62.1	207.4	
Dec.	104.1	576.7	680.8	0.7	218.1	3.2	38.1	114.1	62.2	207.6	
PERSONS											
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	52.5	539.7	150.9	198.6	374.6	262.6		
1941—July	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	55.1	678.7	146.1	213.7	204.7	161.7	278.8	
1942—June	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	48.8	715.0	119.5	221.6	185.7	150.6	268.6	
1943—June	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	45.8	749.3	94.2	230.3	170.2	141.9	266.4	
1944—June	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	43.9	735.6	86.1	238.2	165.5	144.8	277.3	
1945—June	525.0	1,398.7	1,923.7	44.0	750.8	90.1	240.2	172.8	149.7	289.7	
1946—June	529.9	1,572.5	2,102.5	49.8	759.8	127.4	270.2	202.0	184.3	323.8	
1947—June	561.1	1,704.9	2,266.0	51.5	793.1	138.3	288.8	223.6	219.9	349.2	
1948—June	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	51.3	833.0	170.7	304.9	222.6	218.6	362.6	
1949—Apr.	611.5	1,827.7	2,439.2	52.7	814.2	181.7	315.0	230.4	228.6	374.6	
May	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	53.0	831.5	184.0	318.7	236.7	229.7	373.9	
June	622.9	1,807.1	2,430.0	49.9	833.6	186.2	318.0	236.3	229.1	374.0	
July	625.0	1,897.5	2,522.5	53.7	754.3	184.1	316.2	232.3	225.4	368.3	
Aug.	628.0	1,795.1	2,423.1	49.4	832.3	145.9	314.1	234.5	229.4	371.6	
Sept.	633.1	1,822.4	2,455.5	51.0	848.9	190.2	318.2	235.3	232.5	374.8	
Oct.	635.4	1,803.6	2,439.0	53.2	836.7	190.3	319.4	235.7	232.6	374.8	
Nov.	639.4	1,848.1	2,487.5	54.0	838.7	192.2	321.6	240.8	236.2	376.1	
Dec.	641.6	1,852.4	2,494.0	53.7	856.1	191.7	323.4	240.9	236.7	376.8	

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are included. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June, 1948) subject to revision. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates subject to revision. (d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

('000.)

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July	529.9	557.5	172.8	105.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,293.1
1941—July	547.7	603.4	176.3	118.4	82.4	38.6	3.6	3.1	1,363.4
1942—June	535.0	575.5	165.8	115.9	71.7	37.5	4.3	2.8	1,309.8
1943—June	525.1	555.2	167.3	110.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	3.2	1,278.8
1944—June	521.1	552.1	169.0	110.5	74.7	37.9	7.7	2.8	1,275.6
1945—June	526.5	559.7	168.4	109.2	75.9	39.9	4.1	3.2	1,296.3
1946—June	618.5	617.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,506.5
1947—June	671.8	652.6	220.2	140.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
1948—June	702.3	673.3	232.6	149.0	109.2	54.3	4.9	6.0	1,791.9
1949—April	717.9	686.0	237.4	154.5	112.7	57.3	4.1	7.0	1,776.8
May	721.4	689.3	239.8	155.0	112.8	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
June	705.5	689.9	240.5	153.6	113.0	58.2	4.3	7.3	1,772.1
July	634.6	647.5	233.2	134.2	111.5	56.6	4.4	7.1	1,667.6
August	701.2	680.0	239.7	153.8	113.0	56.4	4.5	7.3	1,744.4
September	715.9	692.0	242.9	156.5	113.9	57.0	4.6	7.2	1,790.0
October	730.2	694.6	242.9	157.3	114.6	57.2	4.5	7.3	1,797.6
November	723.2	697.3	244.1	158.5	116.1	57.6	4.5	7.3	1,810.6
December	726.9	699.4	244.9	159.7	117.5	58.9	4.5	7.3	1,816.2

FEMALES.

1939—July	168.0	142.9	55.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1941—July	214.3	186.0	60.5	45.3	31.2	15.2	0.4	1.3	556.2
1942—June	235.9	198.5	67.4	51.4	33.5	16.2	0.2	1.4	603.6
1943—June	234.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	33.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June	250.9	196.3	77.4	60.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—June	247.9	195.2	79.1	49.9	35.6	16.5	0.3	1.7	619.4
1946—June	342.3	183.7	71.2	45.8	34.4	16.6	0.4	1.6	695.0
1947—June	338.1	190.5	74.5	48.0	35.6	16.9	0.4	1.6	619.6
1948—June	361.8	196.7	77.9	50.7	37.0	18.0	0.6	1.8	644.0
1949—April	369.9	202.5	79.6	52.0	37.9	18.7	0.7	2.0	662.4
May	369.9	202.4	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
June	364.8	202.8	80.0	52.1	37.0	18.6	0.7	2.0	657.9
July	344.9	202.1	76.9	51.3	34.0	18.0	0.7	2.0	633.3
August	369.9	202.0	80.2	51.5	38.1	18.1	0.7	2.1	658.7
September	370.9	202.7	80.6	52.7	38.4	18.3	0.7	2.1	665.5
October	373.2	204.0	81.0	52.8	38.7	18.3	0.7	2.1	671.4
November	375.8	206.5	81.0	53.2	39.2	18.4	0.7	2.1	676.9
December	378.3	206.1	81.6	53.6	39.7	18.7	0.7	2.1	680.8

PERSONS.

1939—July	697.9	609.4	228.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,780.2
1941—July	706.0	589.4	226.8	161.7	113.6	53.8	3.9	4.4	1,919.6
1942—June	770.0	574.0	233.2	168.3	105.2	53.7	4.5	4.2	1,918.1
1943—June	779.5	580.6	241.4	183.5	105.9	53.6	6.7	3.7	1,918.9
1944—June	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.6	1,907.1
1945—June	764.8	552.2	244.1	158.4	111.5	56.7	4.4	4.9	1,915.7
1946—June	860.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.3	63.5	3.2	6.1	2,102.8
1947—June	923.9	645.1	294.7	189.9	139.6	65.0	3.6	7.1	2,269.0
1948—June	942.2	670.0	310.5	199.1	144.2	72.5	4.6	7.8	2,374.9
1949—April	946.9	688.5	316.9	206.6	150.5	76.0	4.8	9.0	2,439.2
May	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	76.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
June	969.3	692.7	320.3	207.7	150.9	71.8	5.0	9.3	2,470.0
July	880.6	659.6	310.1	202.5	149.2	74.9	5.1	9.1	2,321.1
August	907.0	661.0	319.9	204.8	151.1	74.5	5.2	9.4	2,428.1
September	985.9	694.7	323.5	209.2	155.8	79.3	5.3	9.3	2,455.6
October	1,007.4	698.2	323.9	210.1	156.3	75.2	5.2	9.4	2,468.0
November	1,001.0	701.8	325.1	211.7	155.8	76.9	5.2	9.4	2,487.5
December	1,005.2	706.5	323.5	213.3	157.2	76.7	5.2	9.4	2,497.0

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 78.

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period							Australia					Index av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	
	New South Wales	Vic- toria	Queens- land	South Aus- tralia	Western Aus- tralia	Tas- mania	Males	Fe- males	Per- sons				
Unad- justed	Ad- justed (a)												
1938-39(b)	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,027		
1941-42(b)	289.2	236.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	534.7	198.1	732.8	1,337	1,287		
1942-43(b)	306.4	255.0	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	577.7	221.1	798.8	1,405	1,339		
1943-44(b)	317.8	253.9	62.6	67.9	27.2	19.2	579.5	225.1	804.5	1,416	1,358		
1944-45(b)	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	570.5	211.7	782.2	1,383	1,298		
1945-46(b)	300.0	245.9	62.0	60.0	29.1	18.4	554.9	193.3	748.2	1,366	1,284		
1946-47(b)	321.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.2	197.4	775.6	1,475	1,387		
1947-48(b)	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.5	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397		
1948-49(b)(d)	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408		
1948-49(c)													
January	359.1	274.1	73.7	73.7	34.9	21.2	627.6	209.1	836.7	1,592	1,400		
February	362.2	276.2	75.1	73.8	34.0	21.2	630.1	213.3	843.4	1,604	1,407		
March	363.0	278.6	76.0	73.9	35.7	21.6	633.8	215.6	849.4	1,610	1,415		
April	361.6	277.3	77.1	74.4	35.8	22.0	633.0	215.2	848.2	1,613	1,409		
May	361.0	277.9	78.5	74.3	35.7	22.1	635.9	215.6	851.5	1,620	1,411		
June	346.1	277.2	78.9	74.0	35.6	21.8	623.3	210.3	833.6	1,586	1,377		
1949-50(b)													
July	284.2	276.1	72.9	69.1	34.6	21.4	567.0	191.3	758.3	1,449	1,248		
August	248.0	276.4	73.8	71.2	35.7	21.2	622.1	210.2	832.3	1,583	1,367		
September	337.3	277.2	80.7	73.5	35.1	21.5	631.2	214.8	846.0	1,600	1,386		
October	362.6	278.7	80.6	74.4	36.1	21.5	636.2	217.5	853.7	1,624	1,395		
November	364.0	280.8	80.6	74.9	36.3	21.5	639.1	219.4	858.7	1,633	1,399		
December	363.0	280.3	78.3	76.0	36.5	22.0	638.0	218.1	856.1	1,628	1,391		

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population, Government institutions and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards 1941-42, 78.8; 1941-43, 121.8; 1943-44, 116.9; and 1944-45, 89.1.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) Includes

(d) From July, 1948, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of employers whose principal activity is retail trade and who pay wages in excess of £1,040 per annum.

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States)
MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June	978	1,011	1,030	1,071	1,125	1,090	1,016
1947—June	1,119	1,119	1,143	1,231	1,246	1,173	1,142
1948—June	1,217	1,242	1,272	1,354	1,411	1,261	1,260
1949—July	1,280	1,290	1,285	1,404	1,522	1,200	1,315
August	1,300	1,290	1,290	1,400	1,520	1,270	1,324
September	1,293	1,312	1,301	1,416	1,513	1,281	1,326
October	1,304	1,304	1,293	1,423	1,524	1,287	1,323
November	1,327	1,321	1,328	1,444	1,536	1,313	1,351
December	1,339	1,345	1,365	1,455	1,610	1,333	1,394
FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June	997	948	1,069	1,070	1,054	1,095	1,005
1947—June	1,038	989	1,118	1,134	1,071	1,123	1,047
1948—June	1,139	1,063	1,215	1,201	1,157	1,219	1,136
1949—July	1,099	1,114	1,254	1,295	1,256	1,251	1,147
August	1,149	1,103	1,259	1,401	1,242	1,257	1,165
September	1,155	1,113	1,273	1,216	1,264	1,275	1,172
October	1,164	1,122	1,293	1,298	1,243	1,286	1,181
November	1,196	1,120	1,323	1,231	1,281	1,216	1,212
December	1,291	1,164	1,370	1,220	1,346	1,267	1,266
PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June	986	979	1,048	1,071	1,087	1,098	1,005
1947—June	1,078	1,053	1,132	1,181	1,153	1,148	1,089
1948—June	1,176	1,133	1,246	1,236	1,177	1,216	1,166
1949—July	1,101	1,095	1,271	1,301	1,291	1,256	1,225
August	1,124	1,099	1,290	1,299	1,296	1,258	1,238
September	1,123	1,111	1,288	1,312	1,277	1,281	1,243
October	1,127	1,112	1,292	1,311	1,275	1,280	1,243
November	1,161	1,125	1,327	1,333	1,292	1,315	1,275
December	1,140	1,123	1,367	1,342	1,270	1,350	1,283

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands. Excludes Working Proprietors.)

Period	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia			Index at 3 years ended Jan. 1949 = 1,000	
							Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unadjusted	Adjusted (a)
1938-39(b)	219.5	193.9	51.6	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,311	1,022
1941-42(b)	249.3	259.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	544.7	198.1	742.8	1,357	1,286
1942-43(b)	306.4	255.6	62.2	71.5	25.1	18.0	519.4	229.1	748.5	1,405	1,336
1943-44(b)	312.8	253.9	62.5	67.9	27.2	19.2	517.7	221.1	738.8	1,410	1,338
1944-45(b)	304.8	249.6	61.8	64.0	28.1	18.9	515.5	211.7	727.2	1,393	1,298
1945-46(b)	299.9	245.9	63.0	60.9	29.1	18.4	524.9	193.3	718.2	1,360	1,264
1946-47(b)	331.3	256.1	68.6	68.2	32.2	19.2	578.5	197.4	775.9	1,415	1,347
1947-48(b)	349.8	268.1	73.0	71.1	34.0	20.3	611.5	204.8	816.3	1,553	1,397
1948-49(b)(c)	358.8	274.9	76.8	73.4	35.2	21.2	628.0	212.3	840.3	1,598	1,408
1948-49(c) - January	350.1	274.1	73.7	73.7	34.9	21.2	627.6	209.1	836.7	1,562	1,400
February	362.2	276.2	75.1	73.8	34.9	21.2	630.1	213.3	843.4	1,594	1,407
March	363.0	278.6	76.6	73.9	35.7	21.6	633.8	215.6	849.4	1,616	1,415
April	361.0	277.3	77.1	74.4	35.8	22.0	633.0	215.2	848.2	1,613	1,409
May	361.0	277.9	78.5	74.3	35.7	22.1	635.9	215.6	851.5	1,620	1,411
June	346.1	277.2	78.9	74.0	35.0	21.8	623.3	210.3	833.6	1,586	1,377
1949-50(c) - July	281.2	276.1	72.9	69.1	34.6	21.4	567.9	191.3	759.3	1,442	1,248
August	348.0	276.4	79.8	71.2	35.7	21.2	612.1	210.2	822.3	1,566	1,367
September	357.3	277.2	80.7	73.5	36.1	21.2	631.2	214.8	846.0	1,600	1,386
October	362.6	278.7	80.6	74.4	36.1	21.3	636.2	217.5	853.7	1,624	1,395
November	364.6	280.8	80.6	74.9	36.3	21.5	639.1	219.0	858.1	1,632	1,399
December	363.0	280.3	78.3	76.0	36.5	22.0	638.0	218.1	856.1	1,628	1,391

(a) Divided by Index of Total Population.

(b) Average of monthly figures.

(c) Includes

government departments and aircraft establishments and naval dockyards 1941-42, 1948, 1949-43, 1941-8, 1944-4, 1946-9, and 1948-9, 49-1.

subject to revision.

(d) From July, 1948, monthly figures of estimates.

RETAIL STORES—EMPLOYMENT INDEX.

Compiled from numbers of employees on the last payroll of each month shown on pay-roll tax returns of employers whose principal activity is retail trade and who pay wages in excess of £1,040 per annum.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States)
MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June	978	1,011	1,030	1,071	1,125	1,090	1,016
1947—June	1,119	1,119	1,143	1,231	1,246	1,173	1,142
1948—June	1,212	1,242	1,272	1,354	1,411	1,361	1,269
1949—July	1,260	1,269	1,285	1,404	1,522	1,280	1,315
August	1,300	1,290	1,299	1,406	1,520	1,270	1,324
September	1,293	1,312	1,301	1,410	1,513	1,281	1,320
October	1,291	1,304	1,293	1,423	1,524	1,287	1,323
November	1,327	1,323	1,328	1,444	1,538	1,313	1,351
December	1,369	1,345	1,365	1,455	1,610	1,333	1,394
FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June	987	1,069	1,070	1,054	1,095	1,005	1,005
1947—June	1,058	1,089	1,118	1,134	1,071	1,123	1,047
1948—June	1,139	1,063	1,215	1,291	1,157	1,219	1,126
1949—July	1,099	1,114	1,254	1,295	1,256	1,261	1,147
August	1,149	1,105	1,259	1,308	1,262	1,257	1,165
September	1,155	1,113	1,271	1,316	1,264	1,275	1,172
October	1,164	1,122	1,293	1,308	1,284	1,280	1,184
November	1,190	1,150	1,326	1,331	1,281	1,318	1,213
December	1,231	1,164	1,370	1,376	1,346	1,367	1,266
PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT—(BASE: JULY, 1941 = 1,000).							
1946—June	985	979	1,049	1,071	1,087	1,068	1,005
1947—June	1,078	1,053	1,132	1,161	1,153	1,148	1,069
1948—June	1,153	1,131	1,271	1,354	1,277	1,256	1,166
1949—July	1,191	1,205	1,271	1,391	1,341	1,256	1,225
August	1,224	1,200	1,280	1,396	1,377	1,278	1,225
September	1,223	1,211	1,288	1,312	1,365	1,281	1,213
October	1,227	1,212	1,293	1,311	1,373	1,286	1,216
November	1,261	1,235	1,327	1,333	1,402	1,315	1,273
December	1,310	1,253	1,367	1,342	1,470	1,350	1,323

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT—STATES.(a)

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Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.
MALES.									
1939—July	529.9	347.5	172.8	106.7	82.9	37.4	2.1	3.8	1,298.1
1941—July	547.7	403.4	186.3	118.4	82.4	38.6	5.5	8.1	1,363.4
1942—June	533.9	353.5	165.8	116.9	71.7	37.5	4.3	2.8	1,309.5
1943—June	535.1	355.2	167.3	116.6	70.4	36.9	5.5	2.2	1,278.7
1944—June	524.1	352.1	168.0	110.3	73.7	37.9	5.7	2.8	1,275.5
1945—June	540.0	346.2	164.6	109.4	55.9	39.5	4.1	3.2	1,296.3
1946—June	519.5	417.9	192.4	129.6	93.9	46.9	2.8	4.5	1,500.5
1947—June	671.8	432.6	220.2	146.9	103.9	51.1	3.4	5.5	1,649.4
1948—June	702.3	473.1	227.6	149.0	109.2	54.5	4.0	6.0	1,739.0
1949—April	717.9	486.0	237.3	154.5	112.7	57.3	4.1	7.0	1,770.8
May	721.4	489.3	240.8	155.7	112.4	57.4	4.2	7.2	1,787.1
June	705.5	489.9	240.3	155.3	113.0	56.2	4.3	7.3	1,772.1
July	698.6	487.5	233.2	157.2	111.2	56.6	4.4	7.1	1,697.8
August	701.2	489.0	239.7	153.4	113.0	56.1	4.5	7.3	1,704.4
September	715.9	492.0	242.6	156.5	113.0	57.0	4.6	7.2	1,790.0
October	720.2	493.6	245.9	157.3	114.6	57.2	4.5	7.3	1,797.6
November	725.2	497.3	241.1	158.5	116.1	57.6	4.5	7.3	1,810.6
December	726.9	500.1	241.9	159.7	117.5	58.9	4.5	7.3	1,816.2

FEMALES

1939—July	168.0	142.9	55.2	34.0	26.2	11.6	0.2	1.0	437.1
1941—July	214.3	180.0	60.5	43.3	31.2	15.2	0.4	1.3	556.2
1942—June	235.9	198.5	67.4	51.4	33.5	16.2	0.2	1.4	605.6
1943—June	254.4	205.4	74.1	52.9	35.5	16.7	0.2	1.5	640.7
1944—June	259.9	198.3	77.4	57.3	35.9	16.8	0.2	1.7	631.5
1945—June	247.9	195.2	78.1	49.0	35.6	16.6	0.2	1.7	619.4
1946—June	242.3	193.7	71.2	45.8	34.4	16.1	0.4	1.6	595.0
1947—June	252.1	190.9	74.6	48.0	35.6	16.0	0.4	1.6	610.6
1948—June	261.9	196.7	77.9	50.1	37.0	18.9	0.6	1.8	614.0
1949—April	269.0	202.5	79.6	52.0	37.9	18.7	0.7	2.0	662.4
May	269.9	202.5	80.1	52.2	37.8	18.8	0.7	2.1	664.1
June	263.8	202.8	80.6	52.1	37.1	18.6	0.7	2.0	657.9
July	274.0	202.1	76.9	51.3	38.0	18.3	0.7	2.0	633.3
August	269.9	202.0	80.2	51.5	38.1	18.1	0.7	2.1	655.7
September	279.0	202.7	80.6	52.7	38.4	18.3	0.7	2.1	665.5
October	273.2	201.6	81.0	52.8	38.7	18.3	0.7	2.1	671.4
November	275.8	206.5	81.0	53.9	39.2	18.4	0.7	2.1	676.9
December	278.3	206.1	81.6	53.6	39.7	18.7	0.7	2.1	680.8

PERSONS.

1939—July	697.9	690.4	228.0	140.7	109.1	49.0	2.3	4.8	1,780.2
1941—July	766.0	589.4	226.6	161.7	113.6	53.8	3.0	4.4	1,919.6
1942—June	770.0	574.0	233.2	166.3	105.2	53.7	4.5	4.2	1,918.1
1943—June	772.5	569.6	241.4	162.5	105.9	53.6	5.7	3.7	1,913.9
1944—June	775.0	550.4	246.4	160.6	107.6	54.7	7.9	4.5	1,907.1
1945—June	784.9	555.1	244.1	158.4	111.5	56.1	4.4	4.9	1,915.7
1946—June	869.8	601.6	263.6	175.4	128.3	63.5	3.5	6.1	2,102.8
1947—June	921.9	643.1	294.7	188.9	129.5	68.0	3.6	7.1	2,209.0
1948—June	964.2	670.0	310.5	199.1	146.2	72.5	4.6	7.8	2,374.9
1949—April	986.9	688.5	316.9	206.5	150.6	78.0	4.8	9.0	2,439.2
May	991.3	691.8	319.9	207.2	150.6	78.2	4.9	9.3	2,451.2
June	960.3	692.7	320.3	207.7	150.9	78.8	5.0	9.3	2,430.0
July	840.6	649.6	310.1	202.5	149.2	74.9	5.1	9.1	2,321.1
August	967.2	691.0	319.9	204.8	151.1	74.5	5.2	9.4	2,428.1
September	983.9	694.7	321.5	209.2	152.3	75.3	5.3	9.3	2,465.6
October	993.4	698.2	323.9	210.1	153.3	75.5	5.2	9.4	2,469.0
November	1,001.0	700.8	325.1	211.7	155.3	76.0	5.2	9.4	2,487.5
December	1,005.2	706.5	328.5	213.3	157.2	76.7	5.2	9.4	2,497.0

(a) Excludes Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces. See also footnotes on page 78.

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 Wages, £
			Dis-continuously.	Inter-continuously.	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1948 ..	1,071	1,832	235,473	7,036	242,509	641,001	—	644,001	1,155,940
1948—Sept. Qtr. ..	361	425	67,212	1,113	68,325	160,257	—	160,257	279,665
Dec. " ..	146	306	37,407	2,177	39,584	208,001	—	208,001	408,596
1949—March " ..	284	307	56,080	2,258	58,338	182,074	20,050	202,124	308,295
June " ..	269	777	84,004	878	84,882	155,651	88,000	243,651	417,230
Sept. " ..	86	226	25,749	134	25,883	37,308	487,003	524,311	1,041,559
VICTORIA.									
Year—1948 ..	21	82	41,734	155	41,889	159,903	—	159,903	240,634
1948—Sept. Qtr. ..	3	3	6,239	—	6,239	2,509	—	2,509	3,228
Dec. " ..	7	45	30,654	—	30,654	97,335	—	97,335	154,430
1949—March " ..	0	17	10,782	—	10,782	20,085	—	20,085	38,671
June " ..	10	26	6,586	—	6,586	14,462	—	14,462	27,519
Sept. " ..	1	38	4,592	—	4,592	4,592	18,000	22,592	45,451
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1948 ..	12	27	13,734	7,797	21,531	815,107	—	815,107	833,239
1948—Sept. Qtr. ..	1	1	85	—	85	170	—	170	340
Dec. " ..	4	15	9,040	—	9,040	10,100	—	10,100	13,370
1949—March " ..	10	14	6,111	—	6,111	22,488	—	22,488	31,194
June " ..	0	145	8,591	—	8,591	22,370	—	22,370	44,560
Sept. " ..	15	61	8,500	87	8,587	13,134	123,800	136,934	273,309
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1948 ..	21	28	3,801	1,156	4,957	50,264	—	50,264	47,138
1948—Sept. Qtr. ..	1	1	400	—	400	3,000	—	3,000	5,000
Dec. " ..	3	3	808	79	887	8,922	—	8,922	13,075
1949—March " ..	3	3	878	—	878	10,330	—	10,330	20,190
June " ..	4	10	1,049	147	1,196	10,885	—	10,885	23,402
Sept. " ..	5	16	2,987	—	2,987	2,274	—	2,274	4,548
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1948 ..	9	26	2,356	—	2,356	7,836	—	7,836	15,296
1948—Sept. Qtr. ..	4	29	1,114	—	1,114	1,881	1,500	3,381	6,762
Dec. " ..	11	18	2,533	59	2,592	7,874	—	7,874	15,501
1949—March " ..	3	5	1,857	38	1,895	4,708	2,066	6,774	13,548
Sept. " ..	2	10	1,174	—	1,174	1,537	10,098	11,635	23,372
TASMANIA.									
Year—1948 ..	4	5	468	—	468	950	—	950	1,473
1948—Sept. Qtr. ..	1	1	208	—	208	832	—	832	1,248
Dec. " ..	3	3	576	—	576	727	—	727	1,422
1949—March " ..	9	37	2,198	—	2,198	23,163	—	23,163	42,878
Sept. " ..	1	1	478	—	478	80	5,220	5,300	10,708
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1948(a) ..	1,141	2,082	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,602,086	—	1,602,086	2,209,114
1948—Sept. Qtr.(b) ..	371	451	69,502	1,143	70,645	179,649	1,500	172,149	298,959
Dec. " (c) ..	162	371	69,081	2,247	71,328	325,384	—	325,384	592,719
1949—March " ..	314	466	77,475	2,511	79,986	247,661	20,050	273,730	497,471
June " (d) ..	246	1,062	106,273	1,361	107,634	212,116	79,666	292,782	601,695
Sept. " (e) ..	111	354	43,910	221	44,131	50,263	630,804	680,967	1,359,703

(a) Includes three disputes in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 1,360; working days lost 3,675; estimated loss in wages, £5,964.

(b) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 62; working days lost, 2,232; estimated loss in wages, £3,304.

(c) Includes one dispute in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 7; working days lost, 133; estimated loss in wages, £290.

(d) Includes two disputes in Northern Territory—workpeople involved, 3,200; working days lost, 1,501; estimated loss in wages, £2,522.

(e) Includes 1 dispute in Australian Capital Territory—workpeople involved, 30; working days lost, 78; estimated wages lost, £90.

(f) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 86 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID. (£000.)							
Year—							
1941-42 ..	4,204	2,991	1,275	881	599	270	10,220
1942-43 ..	4,617	3,194	1,408	951	682	283	11,129
1943-44 ..	4,757	3,254	1,624	908	697	304	11,812
1944-45 ..	4,721	3,194	1,553	935	626	312	11,311
1945-46 —							
December Qtr.	4,910	3,370	1,615	910	673	335	11,813
March ..	4,817	3,390	1,474	929	687	339	11,527
June ..	5,384	3,686	1,613	1,036	756	375	12,850
Year ..	4,989	3,390	1,556	949	692	345	11,922
1946-47—							
September Qtr.	5,495	3,756	1,692	1,082	788	345	13,109
December ..	5,949	4,014	1,816	1,153	892	411	14,179
March ..	5,713	3,747	1,987	1,148	811	396	13,902
June ..	6,346	4,201	1,896	1,223	890	440	14,995
Year ..	5,851	3,970	1,773	1,152	830	410	13,986
1947-48—							
September Qtr.	6,480	4,399	2,004	1,269	902	447	15,501
December ..	7,229	4,817	2,147	1,365	970	492	17,090
March ..	6,753	4,543	1,893	1,350	936	486	15,931
June ..	7,419	5,109	2,245	1,472	1,011	540	17,796
Year ..	6,970	4,717	2,065	1,354	955	491	16,562
1948-49—							
September Qtr.	7,759	5,393	2,425	1,580	1,081	537	18,686
December ..	8,436	5,646	2,614	1,664	1,168	582	20,108
March ..	7,730	5,397	2,345	1,600	1,073	569	18,624
June ..	8,493	5,882	2,605	1,738	1,188	616	20,722
Year ..	8,105	5,530	2,497	1,646	1,127	576	19,487
1949-50—							
September Qtr.	7,982	5,911	2,674	1,742	1,224	617	20,150
December ..	8,314	6,091	2,909	1,913	1,305	667	22,701

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)

	(£.)						
Year—							
1941-42 ..	5.78	5.72	5.20	5.25	5.43	4.80	5.59
1942-43 ..	6.59	6.35	6.23	6.02	5.93	5.39	6.42
1943-44 ..	6.87	6.83	6.60	6.26	6.28	5.84	6.70
1944-45 ..	6.74	6.71	6.37	6.12	6.27	5.76	6.57
1945-46 —							
December Qtr.	6.90	6.93	6.34	6.00	6.25	5.81	6.67
March ..	6.35	6.41	5.63	6.74	5.91	5.53	6.16
June ..	6.70	6.84	6.98	6.04	6.14	5.82	6.64
Year ..	6.98	6.72	6.04	6.98	6.15	5.76	6.48
1946-47—							
September Qtr.	6.69	6.75	5.99	6.05	6.22	5.81	6.49
December ..	7.09	7.15	6.31	6.36	6.38	6.12	6.86
March ..	6.72	6.75	5.79	6.21	6.06	5.79	6.48
June ..	7.23	7.34	6.31	6.53	6.56	6.43	7.09
Year ..	6.93	7.00	6.10	6.29	6.30	6.04	6.71
1947-48—							
September Qtr.	7.40	7.50	6.46	6.71	6.70	6.35	7.16
December ..	8.15	8.14	6.88	7.15	7.12	6.89	7.77
March ..	7.58	7.69	6.20	7.01	6.83	6.67	7.37
June ..	8.25	8.46	7.09	7.51	7.25	7.28	7.98
Year ..	7.85	7.93	6.97	7.10	6.98	6.81	7.56
1948-49—							
September Qtr.	8.58	8.76	7.55	7.99	7.72	7.26	8.33
December ..	9.24	9.24	8.13	8.31	8.21	7.78	8.89
March ..	8.41	8.60	7.33	7.91	7.54	7.47	8.18
June ..	9.24	9.46	7.97	8.50	8.24	8.01	8.95
Year ..	8.87	9.02	7.74	8.14	7.93	7.63	8.57
1949-50—							
September Qtr.	9.01	9.49	8.16	8.56	8.39	8.08	8.91
December ..	10.06	10.24	8.71	9.12	9.02	8.61	9.73

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 46 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—An index of average weekly wage earnings, seasonally adjusted, is published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

WAGES.—ADULT MALES AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY AND HOURLY RATES PAYABLE AND WEEKLY HOURS OF LABOUR, 31st DECEMBER, 1949.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	170/0	165/11	150/11	161/3	167/3	161/0	166/7
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/3	4/2	4/0	4/0	4/2	4/0	4/2
II. Engineering, Works, &c. Metal	Weekly Wage	165/0	161/10	161/2	161/2	170/0	168/8	166/1
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/2	4/1	4/1	4/0	4/2	4/2	4/1
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	165/4	171/0	160/0	162/6	161/0	160/8	166/2
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/2	4/2	4/0	4/0	4/1	4/2	4/1
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	160/10	161/5	150/2	150/0	172/1	158/0	164/2
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/0	4/1	4/0	4/0	4/2	4/0	4/1
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	165/6	161/1	174/8	158/2	163/4	168/0	164/7
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/1	4/0	4/3	4/0	4/1	4/2	4/1
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	160/5	164/10	157/10	166/4	166/1	165/4	163/1
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/2	4/1	4/1	4/2	4/2	4/1	4/1
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	185/7	181/2	181/0	171/0	178/0	176/8	182/0
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/7	4/5	4/5	4/3	4/5	4/4	4/6
VIII. Mining (d)	Weekly Wage	175/3	170/8	171/1	157/0	160/2	171/8	175/11
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/4	4/3	4/3	4/0	4/1	4/3	4/5
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	170/1	168/0	163/1	159/6	167/5	165/2	167/3
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/3	4/2	4/1	4/0	4/2	4/1	4/2
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	163/5	159/0	154/1	156/5	160/11	160/4	159/0
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/1	4/0	4/0	4/0	4/1	4/0	4/0
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage (f)	190/0	194/4	196/2	191/4	192/8	192/5	192/4
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage (f)	175/10	170/5	182/6	169/0	173/11	166/7	174/7
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage (g)	161/8	154/0	147/2	144/2	147/0	147/1	154/0
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage (g)	4/0	3/10	3/8	3/7	3/8	3/8	3/10
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	165/6	163/11	153/0	150/7	156/10	155/5	162/0
	Working Hours	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00	40/00
	Hourly Wage	4/1	4/1	3/10	4/0	4/1	3/10	4/0
All Groups (b)	Weekly Wage	171/11	168/11	167/10	165/3	171/10	165/4	169/8
All Groups except XI. and XII. (b)	Weekly Wage	170/0	167/10	161/2	162/1	170/3	163/7	167/4
	Working Hours	39/00	39/00	40/00	40/00	39/54	40/00	39/00
	Hourly Wage	4/3	4/2	4/0	4/0	4/2	4/1	4/2

(a) The figures of nominal wage and hours of labour are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure. The amounts shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as an index of changes expressed in money and hour terms. (b) Weighted average. (c) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry. (d) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State. (e) 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, when supplied. (f) Details particulars for the computation of average working hours and hourly rates of wages are not available. (g) 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, 1949.(a)

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	60 0	111/0	97 1	104 5	105/8	115/0	105/5
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	2 0	2/9	2/5	2/7	2/7	2/10	2/7
IV. Clothing, Textiles, &c.	Weekly Wage	108 0	108 0	111 0	111 0	112 3	109 6	109 5
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8	2 8
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	102 0	115 7	97 3	104 5	105 8	115 0	111 1
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	2 5	2 10	2 5	2 7	2 7	2 10	2 9
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	91 3	101 5	98 2	92 1	98 0	105 0	97 5
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	2 4	2 5	2 5	2 3	2 5	2 6	2 5
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	128 0	128 0	119 0	119 0	119 0	119 0	119 0
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	3 2	3 2	2 11	2 11	2 11	2 11	2 11
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	108 1	112 4	108 5	101 0	105 5	106 4	109 1
	Working Hours	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00	40 00
	Hourly Wage	2 8	2 9	2 8	2 6	2 7	2 8	2 8

(a) See note (a) on previous page.
of board and lodging where supplied.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Includes the estimated value

WAGES.—WEIGHTED AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY RATES PAYABLE FOR A FULL WEEK'S WORK, AND WAGE INDEX-NUMBERS, 1914 to 31st DECEMBER, 1949.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st December, 1914	56	2	54	7	53	5	54	5	62	10	52	8
" " 1939	90	7	92	6	97	3	88	11	100	6	89	5
" " 1944	121	4	119	6	118	0	113	7	121	10	116	8
" " 1945	121	10	120	4	119	10	114	5	122	9	116	11
" " 1946	130	11	128	11	128	0	121	4	125	7	123	6
" " 1947	141	3	136	10	134	9	133	10	137	8	136	0
" " 1948	159	9	155	5	151	1	153	7	156	6	153	2
30th September, 1949	169	1	165	11	162	10	163	3	167	11	163	5
31st December, 1949	171	11	168	10	167	10	165	3	171	10	165	8

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS—(BASE—51s. 3d. (b) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,092	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,092	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1939	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,902	1,745	1,868
" " 1944	2,367	2,332	2,303	2,210	2,377	2,273	2,332
" " 1945	2,377	2,347	2,339	2,233	2,395	2,282	2,348
" " 1946	2,551	2,516	2,498	2,368	2,450	2,442	2,507
" " 1947	2,757	2,670	2,630	2,612	2,646	2,595	2,600
" " 1948	3,117	3,032	2,953	2,907	3,061	2,988	3,050
30th September, 1949	3,299	3,238	3,172	3,185	3,270	3,189	3,240
31st December, 1949	3,453	3,396	3,373	3,325	3,354	3,227	3,310

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
31st December, 1914	26	10	27	9	27	1	24	1	37	4	25	10
" " 1939	53	3	51	9	55	2	49	7	55	8	50	8
" " 1944	71	3	73	11	74	1	65	4	65	10	68	6
" " 1945	72	7	75	7	74	10	67	2	67	6	71	8
" " 1946	80	4	82	6	82	4	76	0	73	10	77	8
" " 1947	84	3	88	6	85	10	80	10	80	1	81	11
" " 1948	100	0	103	1	98	4	95	1	93	5	96	8
30th September, 1949	105	10	109	5	103	2	99	3	102	10	104	0
31st December, 1949	108	1	112	4	108	5	101	0	105	5	106	4

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

	1,900	1,806	2,031	1,820	2,049	1,866	1,938
31st December, 1914	1,900	1,806	2,031	1,820	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1939	2,622	2,722	2,726	2,406	2,422	2,520	2,447
" " 1944	2,671	2,782	2,754	2,471	2,494	2,621	2,701
" " 1945	2,956	3,036	3,031	2,797	2,718	2,880	2,972
" " 1946	3,102	3,256	3,160	2,978	2,947	3,014	3,152
" " 1947	3,681	3,785	3,618	3,499	3,438	3,559	3,694
30th September, 1949	3,806	4,029	3,798	3,633	3,784	3,826	3,911
31st December, 1949	3,979	4,134	3,960	3,710	3,880	3,915	4,015

(a) See note (a) on previous page.

(b) 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) 6 15 0	(a) 3 13 0	1.2.50	(b)
Victoria(c)	6 14 0	(3 12 6)	1.2.50	(c)
Queensland	(d) 6 11 0	(d) 4 1 6	30.1.50	Man, wife and three children
South Australia	6 9 0	3 10 3	1.2.50	" " " " "
Western Australia	(e) 6 18 1	(e) 3 14 7	31.1.50	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c)	(6 11 0)	(3 10 6)	1.2.50	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong. Broken Hill—Males, £7 3s.; Females, £3 18s. 6d. Elsewhere—Males, £6 12s.; Females, £3 11s. 6d. (b) Commonwealth basic wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates (Capital City) shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) Southern Division (Eastern District, including Brisbane). Allowances added for other Areas—Males—Southern Division (Western District), 7s. 4d.; Mackay Division, 5s. 6d.; Northern Division (Eastern District), 10s.; Northern Division (Western District), 17s. 4d.; Females—half of these allowances. (e) Metropolitan area. Basic wage from 31.1.50 for Gold-Fields Areas and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £7 4s. 8d.; Females, £3 18s. 1d.; and for S.W. Land Division (excluding Metropolitan Area) Males, £6 17s. 4d.; Females, £3 14s. 1d.

BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FOR ADULT MALES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION FOR EACH CAPITAL CITY.(a)

Capital	1st September, 1939.	1st February, 1949.	1st May, 1949.	1st August, 1949.	1st November, 1949.	1st February, 1950.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney	81 0	124 0	127 0	130 0	132 0	135 0
Melbourne	81 0	123 0	125 0	128 0	130 0	134 0
Brisbane	76 0	118 0	119 0	122 0	125 0	127 0
Adelaide	78 0	119 0	121 0	124 0	126 0	129 0
Perth	77 0	118 0	120 0	123 0	125 0	131 0
Hobart	77 0	121 0	124 0	127 0	128 0	131 0
Six Capitals	79 0	122 0	124 0	127 0	129 0	133 0

NOTE.—Female rates vary from 54 per cent. to 75 per cent. of male rate.

(a) Rates include increase in "needs" wage granted by Court on 13th December, 1948, and "prosperity loadings". No defined family unit.

Section VIII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.(a)

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next four 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 89.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS. CAPITAL CITIES.

("B" Series.)

(Base of each Group: 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.

		1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1948.		1949			
								Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	
GROUP I.—FOOD AND GROCERIES.													
Sydney	..	904	1,035	1,039	1,119	1,268	1,388	1,320	1,350	1,384	1,395	1,421	
Melbourne	..	884	1,057	1,052	1,116	1,274	1,418	1,355	1,394	1,414	1,411	1,451	
Brisbane	..	838	960	981	1,055	1,208	1,332	1,280	1,304	1,329	1,329	1,367	
Adelaide	..	861	1,002	1,006	1,067	1,230	1,351	1,305	1,333	1,323	1,319	1,398	
Perth	..	899	1,060	1,059	1,101	1,251	1,437	1,324	1,358	1,436	1,461	1,488	
Hobart	..	880	1,043	1,069	1,132	1,316	1,495	1,416	1,485	1,498	1,481	1,514	
Six Capitals (b)	..	886	1,034	1,036	1,100	1,256	1,394	1,330	1,361	1,388	1,396	1,429	

GROUP II.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES.

Sydney	..	1,004	1,043	1,043	1,011	1,017	1,049	1,047	1,018	1,018	1,019	1,049
Melbourne	..	935	973	973	974	974	970	974	974	975	977	977
Brisbane	..	841	863	863	861	866	869	866	866	867	869	873
Adelaide	..	868	892	894	897	903	912	905	910	911	913	914
Perth	..	872	886	886	887	889	895	890	893	895	896	897
Hobart	..	913	933	936	936	937	940	938	939	939	939	941
Six Capitals (b)	..	942	975	976	977	979	982	980	981	981	982	983

GROUPS I—II.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES) ("B" Series).

Sydney	..	941	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,173	1,252	1,214	1,220	1,234	1,257	1,273
Melbourne	..	902	1,022	1,019	1,034	1,154	1,243	1,203	1,227	1,240	1,246	1,263
Brisbane	..	838	924	932	978	1,072	1,149	1,116	1,130	1,146	1,147	1,171
Adelaide	..	862	957	960	998	1,100	1,177	1,146	1,165	1,160	1,176	1,206
Perth	..	887	990	989	1,017	1,107	1,222	1,152	1,173	1,221	1,239	1,254
Hobart	..	891	998	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,275	1,226	1,269	1,277	1,266	1,287
Six Capitals (b)	..	906	1,009	1,010	1,030	1,145	1,230	1,190	1,209	1,220	1,232	1,252

(a) See note (a) on page 89.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (c) on page 90.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMED HOUSES). ("B" SERIES.)^(a)

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

State and Town	1928	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1949				
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	941	1,036	1,038	1,082	1,173	1,252	1,214	1,220	1,256	1,257	1,273
Newcastle ..	898	949	960	1,035	1,123	1,205	1,171	1,189	1,202	1,206	1,224
Broken Hill ..	948	1,073	1,073	1,140	1,206	1,333	1,251	1,289	1,311	1,333	1,375
Goulburn ..	908	967	966	1,030	1,136	1,225	1,178	1,212	1,233	1,233	1,244
Bathurst ..	867	956	966	1,095	1,102	1,190	1,139	1,177	1,183	1,188	1,213
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	937	1,032	1,034	1,078	1,169	1,249	1,211	1,226	1,247	1,253	1,270
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	902	1,022	1,019	1,054	1,154	1,243	1,203	1,227	1,240	1,240	1,263
Ballaarat ..	898	912	917	950	1,052	1,141	1,102	1,126	1,139	1,138	1,160
Bendigo ..	817	926	928	952	1,048	1,140	1,089	1,121	1,137	1,138	1,165
Geelong ..	872	957	961	1,012	1,116	1,204	1,162	1,187	1,206	1,206	1,230
Warrnambool ..	898	1,008	1,020	1,042	1,131	1,212	1,176	1,208	1,211	1,206	1,227
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	895	1,013	1,011	1,046	1,140	1,235	1,195	1,219	1,232	1,232	1,255
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	834	924	932	978	1,072	1,149	1,116	1,130	1,146	1,147	1,171
Toowoomba ..	896	949	955	1,001	1,087	1,170	1,129	1,153	1,169	1,169	1,188
Rockhampton ..	825	917	919	971	1,063	1,145	1,107	1,129	1,145	1,145	1,161
Townsville ..	906	979	989	1,036	1,125	1,214	1,169	1,205	1,215	1,211	1,228
Bundaberg ..	781	886	897	942	1,039	1,110	1,077	1,098	1,113	1,116	1,117
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	837	928	936	982	1,074	1,153	1,118	1,130	1,151	1,151	1,173
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	862	957	960	998	1,100	1,177	1,146	1,165	1,169	1,176	1,206
Kadina, &c. ..	702	779	790	825	907	1,001	948	988	991	1,006	1,024
Port Pirie ..	838	931	933	971	1,063	1,141	1,109	1,127	1,136	1,140	1,167
Mount Gambier ..	801	895	903	931	1,022	1,091	1,058	1,079	1,085	1,089	1,111
Peterborough ..	836	935	936	973	1,067	1,144	1,109	1,128	1,132	1,134	1,170
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	855	949	952	990	1,091	1,168	1,137	1,156	1,152	1,167	1,197
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	887	990	989	1,017	1,107	1,222	1,152	1,173	1,221	1,239	1,254
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,128	1,136	1,174	1,266	1,382	1,305	1,337	1,385	1,397	1,410
Northam ..	911	1,001	1,003	1,031	1,131	1,257	1,176	1,201	1,261	1,277	1,289
Bunbury ..	945	1,015	1,024	1,056	1,148	1,260	1,192	1,229	1,269	1,285	1,299
Geraldton ..	974	1,072	1,073	1,102	1,193	1,315	1,235	1,263	1,318	1,331	1,349
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	909	1,002	1,003	1,031	1,122	1,237	1,166	1,189	1,237	1,254	1,269
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	891	998	1,014	1,053	1,165	1,275	1,226	1,260	1,277	1,266	1,287
Launceston ..	867	943	956	1,001	1,113	1,227	1,163	1,220	1,236	1,236	1,234
Burnie ..	880	954	969	1,006	1,108	1,225	1,151	1,205	1,217	1,231	1,247
Devonport ..	846	924	939	976	1,078	1,197	1,120	1,177	1,186	1,200	1,223
Queenstown ..	900	1,014	1,028	1,067	1,173	1,267	1,223	1,262	1,268	1,261	1,285
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	882	977	992	1,032	1,143	1,254	1,169	1,247	1,266	1,268	1,266
THIRTY TOWNS(b) ..	902	1,003	1,005	1,045	1,140	1,226	1,185	1,206	1,222	1,227	1,248
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	906	1,009	1,010	1,050	1,145	1,236	1,190	1,209	1,226	1,232	1,252
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	891	904	959	1,039	1,124	1,080	1,103	1,124	1,128	1,141
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	831	925	929	968	1,063	1,144	1,111	1,128	1,129	1,140	1,177
Whyalla (S.A.) (c) ..				1,013	1,103	1,176	1,147	1,155	1,160	1,173	1,215
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) (d) ..	1,043	1,059	1,062	1,066	1,191	1,258	1,243	1,266	1,271	1,280	1,304

(a) See footnote (a) on page 89. (b) Weighted Average. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) 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.

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

(Base : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1933-37=1,000.)

State and Town.	1939.	1943.			1949.			Per- centage from Aug. 1939 to Dec. 1949.		
	Aug.	Month.			Month.					
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.			
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney	926	1,308	1,321	1,348	1,326	1,380	1,416	1,457	1 121	57.3
Newcastle	969	1,317	1,351	1,379	1,346	1,406	1,428	1,466	1 431	52.7
Broken Hill	1,069	1,332	1,357	1,391	1,367	1,430	1,464	1,499	1 794	66.4
Goulburn	901	1,340	1,357	1,413	1,370	1,440	1,479	1,505	1 479	51.9
Bathurst	930	1,314	1,323	1,357	1,331	1,427	1,451	1,476	1 451	57.2
FIVE TOWNS (a)	932	1,313	1,329	1,355	1,332	1,398	1,424	1,465	1,429	57.2
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne	931	1,341	1,352	1,372	1,355	1,425	1,448	1,479	1 451	58.9
Bullarist	939	1,339	1,348	1,379	1,349	1,411	1,426	1,492	1 443	58.0
Bevilgio	915	1,306	1,312	1,331	1,313	1,407	1,420	1,474	1 434	61.1
Geelong	942	1,332	1,341	1,354	1,342	1,419	1,443	1,496	1 453	58.8
Warrnambool	952	1,320	1,340	1,349	1,336	1,397	1,416	1,447	1 420	52.0
FIVE TOWNS (a)	932	1,339	1,350	1,370	1,353	1,423	1,440	1,480	1,450	58.8
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane	855	1,200	1,226	1,293	1,280	1,343	1,364	1,394	1 367	63.0
Toowoomba	812	1,249	1,304	1,314	1,269	1,357	1,360	1,411	1 379	73.8
Rockhampton	893	1,298	1,319	1,320	1,314	1,370	1,382	1,421	1 391	59.1
Townsville	948	1,318	1,374	1,409	1,367	1,440	1,434	1,495	1 463	57.7
Bundaberg	906	1,317	1,334	1,345	1,332	1,371	1,377	1,432	1 393	58.1
FIVE TOWNS (a)	862	1,268	1,297	1,306	1,290	1,353	1,372	1,405	1,377	63.9
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide	882	1,277	1,314	1,324	1,305	1,367	1,393	1,433	1 398	62.5
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	980	1,273	1,313	1,310	1,299	1,400	1,422	1,452	1 425	48.2
Port Pirie	1,001	1,340	1,378	1,389	1,369	1,437	1,458	1,490	1 464	40.5
Mount Gambier	939	1,256	1,279	1,308	1,281	1,341	1,359	1,392	1 364	49.7
Peterborough	983	1,310	1,346	1,360	1,333	1,415	1,424	1,472	1 437	49.7
FIVE TOWNS (a)	891	1,279	1,316	1,320	1,307	1,370	1,396	1,435	1,400	61.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle	947	1,307	1,332	1,333	1,324	1,474	1,495	1,496	1 488	58.0
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	1,102	1,423	1,459	1,498	1,450	1,597	1,622	1,624	1 614	47.4
Northam	941	1,322	1,355	1,359	1,345	1,489	1,506	1,507	1 501	53.6
Hamby	975	1,390	1,319	1,341	1,328	1,472	1,496	1,497	1 488	53.5
Geraldton	958	1,324	1,359	1,360	1,348	1,498	1,533	1,535	1 522	60.2
FIVE TOWNS (a)	900	1,316	1,343	1,344	1,334	1,484	1,506	1,506	1,499	58.9
TASMANIA—										
Hobart	914	1,358	1,307	1,492	1,416	1,501	1,509	1,533	1 514	67.7
Launceston	905	1,292	1,319	1,452	1,354	1,448	1,470	1,490	1 469	61.9
Burnie	942	1,289	1,307	1,444	1,347	1,482	1,504	1,529	1 505	62.8
Devonport	930	1,294	1,308	1,443	1,348	1,492	1,514	1,538	1 514	65.2
Queenstown	1,018	1,448	1,459	1,598	1,488	1,566	1,579	1,627	1 590	59.8
FIVE TOWNS (a)	917	1,335	1,368	1,478	1,394	1,486	1,499	1,523	1,503	66.1
THIRTY TOWNS (a)	922	1,314	1,333	1,374	1,334	1,407	1,430	1,484	1,434	58.8
SIX CAPITALS (a)	918	1,312	1,329	1,350	1,330	1,402	1,426	1,490	1,429	59.0
Lithgow (N.S.W.) (b)	948	1,347	1,384	1,383	1,371	1,437	1,462	1,501	1 467	68.3
Yalouru (V.) (b)	991	1,314	1,319	1,350	1,328	1,391	1,405	1,438	1 411	45.1
Warwick (Q.) (b)	851	1,252	1,293	1,313	1,299	1,367	1,382	1,415	1 388	66.3
Port Augusta (S.A.) (b)	994	1,331	1,379	1,379	1,363	1,432	1,454	1,506	1 464	51.5
Whyalla (S.A.) (b)	(c)	1,355	1,427	1,395	1,392	1,471	1,500	1,538	1 503	
Roubery (T.) (b)	1,028	1,415	1,473	1,532	1,473	1,570	1,572	1,607	1 583	56.3
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b)	1,046	1,361	1,427	1,443	1,410	1,481	1,509	1,543	1 511	47.5

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Not included in weighted averages above.

(c) Not available. ■

THE ALL ITEMS ("C" SERIES) RETAIL PRICE INDEX.

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

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

State and Town.	1938.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.	1949.	1948.				
							Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	1,142	1,165	1,212	1,318	1,439	1,359	1,391	1,425	1,452	1,485
Newcastle	877	1,100	1,119	1,167	1,279	1,402	1,324	1,352	1,393	1,419	1,449
Broken Hill	940	1,192	1,216	1,257	1,370	1,528	1,419	1,401	1,504	1,554	1,593
Goulburn	893	1,114	1,134	1,177	1,291	1,429	1,341	1,380	1,421	1,454	1,487
Bathurst	860	1,091	1,116	1,162	1,277	1,403	1,318	1,358	1,393	1,411	1,448
FIVE TOWNS(b)	911	1,130	1,162	1,208	1,315	1,437	1,357	1,389	1,424	1,451	1,485
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	890	1,135	1,149	1,188	1,294	1,415	1,345	1,383	1,402	1,422	1,472
Ballarat	850	1,060	1,094	1,132	1,243	1,365	1,294	1,315	1,355	1,369	1,420
Bendigo	854	1,069	1,107	1,141	1,244	1,365	1,290	1,314	1,355	1,360	1,424
Geeelong	884	1,113	1,124	1,170	1,278	1,397	1,325	1,344	1,385	1,401	1,457
Warrnambool	892	1,139	1,153	1,186	1,283	1,398	1,329	1,349	1,387	1,404	1,451
FIVE TOWNS(b)	893	1,131	1,145	1,181	1,290	1,411	1,341	1,359	1,399	1,417	1,468
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	852	1,072	1,093	1,137	1,241	1,348	1,291	1,295	1,338	1,361	1,393
Toowoomba	843	1,087	1,107	1,152	1,246	1,369	1,292	1,304	1,349	1,377	1,408
Rockhampton	853	1,079	1,096	1,140	1,241	1,357	1,290	1,307	1,349	1,373	1,399
Townsville	902	1,114	1,136	1,181	1,282	1,404	1,335	1,356	1,397	1,418	1,444
Bundaberg	831	1,054	1,074	1,113	1,221	1,335	1,276	1,297	1,327	1,352	1,374
FIVE TOWNS(b)	854	1,075	1,097	1,140	1,244	1,352	1,294	1,309	1,343	1,368	1,397
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	888	1,102	1,120	1,165	1,277	1,393	1,327	1,347	1,377	1,408	1,440
Kadina, &c.	780	899	1,020	1,067	1,166	1,293	1,267	1,241	1,290	1,309	1,340
Port Pirie	868	1,085	1,106	1,152	1,260	1,389	1,308	1,322	1,356	1,381	1,416
Mount Gambier	840	1,070	1,093	1,134	1,235	1,340	1,271	1,291	1,331	1,354	1,382
Peterborough	868	1,093	1,108	1,152	1,253	1,368	1,295	1,317	1,352	1,382	1,419
FIVE TOWNS(b)	883	1,098	1,116	1,160	1,272	1,388	1,321	1,342	1,372	1,402	1,435
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	862	1,107	1,127	1,161	1,264	1,410	1,316	1,338	1,406	1,435	1,459
Kalgoorlie, &c.	1,048	1,392	1,423	1,495	1,568	1,692	1,415	1,441	1,468	1,525	1,544
Northam	990	1,213	1,233	1,271	1,372	1,450	1,322	1,347	1,419	1,440	1,467
Bunbury	914	1,115	1,136	1,173	1,277	1,424	1,327	1,355	1,421	1,447	1,472
Geraldton	957	1,170	1,187	1,221	1,327	1,475	1,363	1,411	1,472	1,494	1,521
FIVE TOWNS(b)	897	1,116	1,136	1,170	1,273	1,418	1,325	1,348	1,414	1,443	1,467
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	867	1,107	1,124	1,178	1,292	1,419	1,344	1,379	1,412	1,425	1,459
Launceston	872	1,072	1,099	1,147	1,254	1,386	1,301	1,346	1,385	1,398	1,425
Burnie	865	1,093	1,093	1,132	1,232	1,367	1,279	1,323	1,355	1,382	1,405
Devonport	848	1,045	1,079	1,119	1,220	1,331	1,250	1,306	1,337	1,364	1,389
Queenstown	875	1,110	1,139	1,179	1,280	1,400	1,325	1,361	1,395	1,407	1,439
FIVE TOWNS(b)	879	1,092	1,121	1,161	1,274	1,404	1,324	1,363	1,397	1,411	1,443
THIRTY TOWNS(b)	894	1,123	1,142	1,185	1,292	1,413	1,338	1,362	1,401	1,425	1,463
SIX CAPITALS(b)	897	1,120	1,145	1,188	1,295	1,415	1,341	1,364	1,403	1,428	1,466
Warwick (Q.) (c)	899	1,064	1,087	1,138	1,234	1,349	1,282	1,294	1,399	1,371	1,390
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c)	863	1,084	1,105	1,157	1,267	1,373	1,313	1,325	1,375	1,397	1,428
Whyalla (S.A.) (c)	866	1,084	1,105	1,157	1,267	1,373	1,313	1,329	1,365	1,391	1,420
Cunnamulla (N.S.W.) (c)	866	1,140	1,170	1,210	1,327	1,456	1,375	1,408	1,445	1,466	1,503

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 Conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June quarter, 1936, in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns.

(b) Weighted average.

(c) Not included in weighted average above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEXES.

The All Items ("C" Series) Index and its Group Index-Numbers for the Six Capital Cities combined.

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

Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). (b)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Roomed Houses). ("B" Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
Year—						
1914 (c)	641	649	644	754	749	687
1919 (r)	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1926	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	886	942	906	820	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	950	866	998	967
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,000	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
1945	1,034	975	1,000	1,425	1,161	1,126
1946	1,036	976	1,010	1,505	1,167	1,145
1947	1,100	977	1,050	1,566	1,190	1,188
1948	1,256	979	1,145	1,744	1,267	1,295
1949	1,304	982	1,230	1,907	1,338	1,415
Quarter—						
1939—September ..	920	967	936	836	961	916
1945—September ..	1,040	975	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
1946—September ..	1,029	976	1,006	1,521	1,167	1,146
1947—September ..	1,104	977	1,052	1,566	1,213	1,192
1948—September ..	1,274	979	1,156	1,778	1,271	1,311
1949—March	1,361	981	1,200	1,849	1,304	1,361
June	1,388	981	1,226	1,963	1,325	1,403
September	1,396	982	1,232	2,043	1,315	1,428
December	1,429	983	1,252	2,132	1,378	1,460

(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) *Rent*—The rent index-numbers shown in the table above and others in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly rentals paid for houses of four and five rooms taking corresponding houses throughout.

They are "price" indexes in the strict sense, i.e., they are designed to measure only the "price" element in rent fluctuations. Similarly, "average rents" shown in the ensuing pages are indexes of "price" changes in rentals expressed in terms of *pence*. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be inappropriate to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price change only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods (see also page 2 of *Labour Report No. 30*). (c) November.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1949: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.**

Article	Unit	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE			BROKEN HILL			GOLDENBURN			BATCHELOR		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lb.	7.37	7.37	7.37	7.50	7.50	7.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary	"	6.25	6.25	6.10	6.60	6.60	6.60	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
" self-raising	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.70	10.70	10.70	0.64	0.64	0.64	0.70	0.70	0.70	11.00	11.00	11.00
Tea	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.33	33.33	33.33	33.33	33.33	33.33	33.70	33.70	33.70	33.00	33.00	33.00
Sugar	"	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.75	5.18	5.25	5.48	5.80	6.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	4.75	5.25	5.25
Sago	"	9.85	9.85	9.85	11.50	11.25	11.25	10.50	10.50	10.43	10.84	9.80	9.80	10.50	10.50	10.40
Java, plain	14 lb.	18.05	18.05	18.05	18.36	18.36	18.36	18.00	18.00	17.93	18.30	18.30	18.30	18.30	18.30	18.30
Golden syrup	2 lb.	8.11	8.35	8.90	9.57	9.70	10.17	10.43	10.86	11.07	9.90	10.30	10.30	9.20	9.50	10.20
Onions, flaked	"	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.04
Butter, sterilised	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	17.80	17.80	17.80	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.50	17.50	17.50
Currents	"	13.10	13.10	13.20	13.17	13.25	13.25	13.70	13.84	13.94	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.10
Apricots, dried	"	25.15	26.00	26.00	24.50	24.50	24.50	27.50	27.50	27.33	27.50	27.50	27.50	25.17	25.17	25.17
Peaches, tinned	30 oz.	19.60	19.60	19.60	19.70	19.80	19.70	20.80	20.90	20.90	20.60	20.60	20.60	20.13	20.13	20.40
Pears, canned	"	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.75	20.83	20.75	21.29	21.29	21.33	21.60	21.60	21.60	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	21.00	21.17	21.14	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Onions, brown	"	4.17	5.02	5.02	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	4.14	4.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.10	4.10	4.20
Scrap	"	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.51	0.51	0.51	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.00	10.00	10.00
Kerosene	quart	6.74	6.74	6.74	7.18	7.18	7.18	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.33	7.28	7.30
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	28.50	28.50	28.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50
Cheese, mild	"	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.75	19.83	19.75	21.00	21.00	21.21	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.25	20.00	20.25
Eggs, new laid	doz.	33.45	35.00	38.45	35.50	35.50	38.45	38.50	40.71	35.30	35.30	35.30	35.30	35.40	38.10	38.10
Bacon, rashers	lb.	30.25	38.75	39.10	35.07	37.92	37.92	41.67	41.67	41.67	35.10	37.60	37.60	35.84	38.00	38.25
Milk, condensed	tin	13.40	13.50	13.50	13.36	13.50	13.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.90	14.50	14.50	13.60	14.30	14.30
" fresh	quart	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	13.00	13.00	13.00	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	17.00	17.00	19.00	17.00	17.00	19.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.25	15.25	15.75
" rib	"	10.00	10.00	12.00	10.20	10.20	12.00	19.67	19.67	19.67	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" brisket	"	20.00	20.00	28.55	20.71	20.71	28.86	31.00	31.00	31.00	24.90	24.90	26.40	24.50	21.50	26.25
" chuck	"	12.00	12.00	14.00	12.14	12.14	14.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" sausage	"	12.05	12.10	12.05	12.50	12.50	12.83	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Beef (vacuum) silver-side	"	14.00	14.00	15.50	14.43	14.67	15.70	21.00	21.00	21.00	14.00	14.00	14.50	13.50	13.50	14.50
" bal-ket	"	11.00	11.00	11.05	11.43	11.67	12.43	19.00	19.00	19.00	12.50	12.50	12.90	11.88	11.38	13.25
Mutton, leg	"	11.40	11.40	11.55	12.00	12.00	12.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	13.82	13.67	13.67	13.50	13.50	13.50
" fore-quarter	"	6.85	6.85	7.05	7.33	7.33	7.33	13.00	13.00	13.00	8.17	8.17	8.17	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin	"	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.33	14.33	14.33	20.14	20.14	20.14	14.67	15.00	15.67	13.50	13.50	13.50
" chops, loin	"	14.70	14.70	15.00	15.17	15.17	15.17	21.00	21.00	21.00	15.33	16.00	16.00	14.25	14.25	14.25
" leg	"	14.80	14.80	15.00	15.17	15.17	15.17	21.00	21.00	21.00	15.33	16.00	16.00	14.25	14.25	14.25
Pork, leg	"	27.33	29.00	31.00	26.33	27.17	30.00	24.00	24.00	25.14	23.00	25.33	27.75	21.00	22.00	24.33
" loin	"	28.22	29.89	31.66	26.33	27.17	30.00	24.00	24.00	25.14	23.00	25.33	27.75	21.00	22.00	24.33
" chops	"	28.44	30.11	31.78	26.33	27.17	30.00	27.00	27.00	27.86	24.00	26.00	27.75	23.00	23.75	25.67
House Rents (a)	4 and 5 Rooms		282.82			244.70		105.00			224.19			213.36		

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1938. See also footnote (b), page 90.

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 19 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 19:9.

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Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			HALLABAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.																
Bread	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary	"	5.70	5.70	5.70	5.50	5.50	5.50	0.07	0.08	0.08	5.60	5.60	5.60	5.80	5.80	5.80
self-raising	"	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.03	0.03	0.03	10.43	10.57	11.00	0.80	0.80	0.80	10.50	10.50	11.00
Tea	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.57	33.57	33.57	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.50
Sugar	"	4.50	5.00	5.00	4.94	5.43	5.50	5.00	5.43	5.50	4.75	5.25	5.25	4.47	5.37	5.37
Sago	"	8.78	8.72	8.30	9.07	8.57	8.43	8.79	8.57	8.57	8.60	8.80	8.60	8.80	8.80	8.80
Jam, plum	14 lb.	15.85	15.85	15.95	16.64	16.71	16.71	16.14	16.14	16.14	16.20	16.20	16.20	16.00	16.00	16.00
Golden syrup	2 lb.	8.71	8.86	9.44	9.00	10.10	10.58	10.00	10.25	10.25	9.67	10.00	9.68	10.13	10.13	11.13
Oats, flaked	lb.	5.47	5.61	5.69	5.44	5.08	5.88	5.00	6.29	6.17	5.34	5.38	5.69	6.13	6.25	6.25
Raisins, seeded	"	16.78	16.78	17.11	17.50	17.00	17.70	16.50	17.00	17.42	14.75	17.33	17.38	17.70	17.00	17.00
Currents	"	13.00	12.94	13.22	13.21	13.43	13.43	13.57	13.57	13.71	13.10	13.20	13.20	13.40	13.00	13.00
Apricots, dried	"	25.00	25.00	25.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	25.67	25.67	25.67	26.00	26.83	26.83	25.50	25.50	25.50
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	18.55	18.05	18.55	19.21	19.20	19.36	19.21	19.43	19.43	18.50	18.50	18.70	19.00	19.00	19.00
Pears, canned	"	19.70	19.75	19.70	20.50	20.57	20.71	20.14	20.29	20.29	20.13	20.13	20.10	21.20	21.20	21.20
Potatoes	7 lb.	21.00	22.25	21.69	21.50	22.00	22.33	21.14	22.71	27.78	21.00	22.82	22.82	20.75	22.15	22.40
Onions, brown	lb.	3.25	4.08	3.58	3.00	3.29	3.93	4.25	4.50	4.57	3.00	3.48	4.13	2.80	2.80	3.10
Soup	"	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.38	10.58	10.38	10.38	10.48	10.48	10.40	10.40	10.40	11.65	10.45	10.83
Kerosene	quart	6.85	6.84	6.85	6.79	6.79	6.73	7.38	7.45	7.61	6.55	6.55	6.55	7.28	7.28	7.28
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	26.30	26.30	26.30	26.29	26.29	26.29	26.64	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.60
Cheese, mild	"	18.63	18.50	18.50	18.75	18.67	18.67	19.50	19.40	19.50	18.40	18.30	18.30	19.53	19.17	19.17
Eggs, new laid	doz.	40.30	33.00	33.00	32.43	33.00	33.63	33.00	33.00	33.80	33.00	33.00	33.00	38.10	40.40	40.40
Bacon, rashers	tin	38.38	40.38	40.38	37.40	38.83	40.14	38.80	40.14	40.43	37.80	39.70	40.30	38.10	40.40	40.40
Milk, condensed	"	13.90	14.00	14.00	13.44	14.14	14.14	14.50	14.57	14.57	13.90	13.90	13.90	14.50	14.60	14.00
fresh	quart	10.18	10.18	10.18	0.85	0.85	0.85	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.93	0.93	0.93
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	17.00	17.90	19.50	17.00	17.00	19.00	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.25	17.25	19.00	16.80	16.80	18.00
rib	"	11.70	14.70	10.45	14.20	14.20	16.57	12.29	12.29	13.00	14.00	15.10	10.70	12.50	12.50	13.50
steak, rump	"	20.65	20.65	20.20	23.57	23.57	28.00	23.57	23.57	28.00	20.20	20.80	20.80	25.10	25.10	26.00
chuck	"	12.00	12.00	13.70	12.00	12.00	13.83	11.71	11.71	12.20	11.80	11.80	14.00	11.80	12.80	12.80
shoulder	"	10.80	11.00	12.50	10.80	10.80	12.71	10.43	10.43	11.67	11.00	11.20	12.40	11.20	11.20	12.00
Beef (corned)—ly r-	"	16.70	16.70	18.40	16.14	16.14	18.57	15.00	15.00	16.43	16.60	16.90	18.70	15.20	15.20	16.70
brisket	"	11.22	11.22	12.78	10.20	10.20	12.29	10.71	10.80	12.00	10.80	11.40	12.80	11.20	11.20	12.20
Mutton, leg	"	13.88	13.88	13.88	13.50	13.50	13.64	13.36	13.56	13.50	13.70	13.70	13.90	13.60	13.60	13.80
forequarter	"	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.29	7.29	7.79	7.14	7.29	7.43	7.70	7.70	8.00	7.70	8.00	8.50
loin	"	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.57	11.57	12.00	11.14	11.14	12.83	11.80	12.83	12.83	12.00	11.70	11.70
chops, loin	"	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.57	11.57	12.00	11.14	11.14	12.83	11.80	12.83	12.83	12.00	11.70	11.70
Pork, leg	"	27.71	30.14	32.14	25.75	25.75	29.25	21.50	22.25	27.75	29.75	30.00	32.00	24.00	24.00	27.00
loin	"	29.43	30.86	32.71	25.75	25.75	29.25	22.00	22.75	28.25	30.00	30.25	32.00	24.00	24.00	27.00
chops	"	30.14	32.00	33.20	28.50	28.50	30.75	23.75	23.75	28.75	31.25	31.50	32.75	24.00	24.00	27.00
House Rents—(a)																
4 and 5 Rooms	"	263.54			182.88			180.75			230.78			234.04		

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th DECEMBER OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1919; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1919.**

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.00	8.00	8.00
Flour, ordinary	"	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.45	5.45	5.45	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.20	6.20	6.20	5.90	5.90	5.90
" self-mixing	"	11.25	11.25	11.25	12.50	12.67	12.67	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.40	13.40	13.40	12.50	12.50	12.50
Tea	lb.	32.32	31.64	31.41	33.14	31.93	31.93	33.50	33.50	33.00	33.30	33.30	33.30	33.30	33.30	33.10
Sugar	"	4.46	4.78	4.91	4.72	5.02	5.17	4.80	5.00	5.21	5.05	5.75	0.17	4.47	4.47	4.97
Sago	"	8.45	8.45	8.75	9.45	9.45	9.20	10.70	10.50	9.71	11.03	11.00	10.50	11.00	10.80	10.20
Jam, plum	14 lb.	15.50	15.50	15.64	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.21	17.21	17.14	17.60	17.60	17.60	15.00	15.00	16.00
Golden syrup	7 lb.	8.14	8.40	8.55	8.95	9.45	9.50	9.75	9.60	7.00	6.90	6.90	6.90	8.00	8.00	6.00
Oats, flaked	lb.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.75	0.75	0.75	6.75	7.00	17.50	17.40	17.80	17.80	16.80	16.00	17.40
Raisins, seeded	"	10.91	10.91	17.00	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.70	17.58	17.58	17.40	17.80	17.80	16.80	16.00	17.40
Currants	"	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.50	13.70	14.10	13.75	13.75	14.00	13.63	13.63	13.88
Appricots, dried	"	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	20.80	20.88	20.83	22.43	22.43	22.43	21.43	21.43	21.43	22.30	22.30	22.30	21.70	21.70	21.70
Pears, canned	"	21.62	21.92	21.86	22.75	22.75	22.75	22.40	22.43	22.45	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.50	22.50	22.50
Potatoes	7 lb.	23.00	23.00	23.05	23.07	23.05	23.07	23.30	23.21	25.21	27.70	27.70	27.70	24.40	24.40	24.40
Onions, brown	lb.	3.48	3.50	3.41	3.70	3.70	3.70	4.07	4.07	4.07	4.30	4.30	4.30	3.70	3.70	3.40
Soap	"	9.82	9.85	9.82	10.28	10.28	10.28	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Kerosene	quart	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.30	6.32	6.32	7.75	7.75	7.75	6.83	6.83	6.83	6.85	6.85	6.83
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	25.91	25.91	25.91	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	25.71	27.90	27.90	27.90	25.70	25.70	25.70
Cheese, mild	"	17.50	17.41	17.41	17.43	17.43	17.43	18.21	18.21	18.21	19.80	19.80	20.00	17.80	17.80	18.00
Eggs, new laid	doz.	30.00	30.00	30.00	32.50	32.50	32.50	35.43	35.43	35.43	30.00	32.00	32.00	23.50	23.50	28.80
Bacon, rashers	lb.	28.00	32.55	33.14	32.93	32.50	32.50	28.57	32.70	33.14	29.50	33.80	34.00	27.00	31.80	32.80
Milk, condensed	tin	13.23	13.70	13.55	13.57	13.93	13.93	13.70	14.21	14.30	13.20	14.00	14.30	13.20	13.00	13.00
" fresh	quart	10.10	10.10	10.10	9.67	9.67	9.67	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.10	12.10	12.10	9.60	9.60	9.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	17.00	17.35	18.55	17.50	17.50	18.93	17.00	17.00	18.50	17.50	17.50	19.00	17.40	17.40	19.00
" rib	"	9.28	9.61	11.60	10.00	10.00	12.00	9.50	9.50	11.50	10.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	12.00
" steak, rump	"	10.50	10.50	23.55	21.50	21.50	23.50	10.00	10.00	21.00	10.50	10.50	21.50	10.50	10.50	21.50
" chuck	"	10.00	10.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	11.50	11.00	11.00	12.50	10.00	10.00	17.50	11.50	11.50	13.00
" sausage	"	10.83	10.83	11.00	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.43	10.50	10.50	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.50
Beef (corned) - liver	"	13.00	13.40	15.00	14.50	14.50	16.50	14.11	14.14	16.00	13.50	13.50	15.50	14.50	14.50	16.50
" side	"	10.50	10.80	12.00	11.50	11.50	13.00	12.93	12.93	14.50	10.80	10.80	13.40	13.00	13.00	14.50
Mutton, leg	"	12.50	12.50	12.15	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.71	12.71	12.71	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" fore-quarter	"	7.55	7.60	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	10.70	10.70	10.50
" loin	"	11.28	11.28	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	13.70	13.70	13.70
" chops, loin	"	12.55	12.55	12.55	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.71	12.71	12.71	11.50	11.50	11.50	14.50	14.50	14.50
" leg	"	12.22	12.22	12.22	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.43	12.43	12.43	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.40	14.40	14.50
Pork, leg	"	25.30	25.65	26.72	17.86	19.57	25.57	19.07	19.30	20.93	23.60	27.50	24.25	18.40	18.40	22.20
" loin	"	25.35	25.90	27.00	19.36	20.86	23.28	20.00	20.29	21.21	21.60	22.25	22.75	19.20	19.20	22.60
" chops	"	25.75	26.25	27.00	20.14	21.36	23.57	20.43	20.71	21.93	21.60	22.25	22.75	20.10	20.10	22.60
House Rents (a)	4 and 5 Rooms	235.26			225.42			218.46			218.36			174.10		

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS
SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1939 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1939.**

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PHILL.			MOUNT GAMMIE.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, etc.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50
Flour, ordinary ..	..	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.45	5.45	5.50	6.71	5.64	5.64	6.50	5.50	6.50	6.13	6.13	6.13
" self-raising ..	..	8.20	8.55	8.55	9.14	9.16	9.29	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.40	9.40	9.60	9.38	9.50	9.63
Tea ..	lb.	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.50	33.50	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.00	33.40	33.10	33.50	33.50	33.50
Sugar ..	..	4.50	4.65	5.00	4.43	5.32	5.33	4.93	5.24	5.38	4.97	5.47	5.17	5.00	5.25	5.50
Sago ..	..	8.89	8.78	8.87	9.80	9.29	9.43	10.25	10.25	9.92	10.00	10.00	10.10	11.00	10.50	10.50
Jam, plum ..	1 lb.	16.40	16.40	16.40	17.14	17.00	17.00	17.07	17.07	17.07	17.40	17.40	17.40	17.63	17.63	17.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.50	8.75	9.17	9.29	9.29	9.29	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.67	9.67	9.67	9.50	9.50	9.63
Ons, flaked ..	lb.	6.08	6.08	6.08	6.25	6.25	6.25	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	7.00	7.00	7.00
Onions, seeded ..	..	17.13	17.17	17.17	18.00	18.60	18.00	17.25	17.40	17.60	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Carrots ..	..	25.79	25.79	25.79	27.17	27.17	27.17	28.17	28.33	28.33	25.80	25.80	25.80	25.75	25.75	25.88
Peas, canned ..	30 oz.	18.50	18.50	18.50	19.38	19.38	19.38	19.50	19.43	19.42	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.63	19.63	19.50
Pears, canned ..	..	19.45	19.50	19.50	20.33	20.33	20.33	20.21	20.21	20.21	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.38	20.38	20.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	19.88	21.67	23.29	24.25	28.00	28.00	22.70	27.29	27.29	17.81	17.81	19.50	24.00	24.75	28.50
Onions, brown ..	lb.	8.08	8.08	8.08	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.71	4.00	4.36	3.00	3.20	3.20	3.50	3.75	4.33
Soap ..	..	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.50	10.50	10.50
Kerosene ..	quart	6.03	6.00	6.03	6.38	6.38	6.38	6.66	6.66	6.66	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.50	6.50	6.50
Dairy Products—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.50	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	26.00
" Cheese, mild ..	..	17.22	17.28	17.61	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.25	18.00	18.13	18.00	18.33	18.00	18.67	18.67	18.33
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	34.20	34.30	36.50	27.80	27.67	29.33	27.67	28.33	30.00	19.40	24.40	29.20	27.00	27.33	29.00
" Bacon, rashers ..	..	38.10	38.10	38.15	38.67	38.58	38.58	38.42	38.50	38.50	38.40	38.10	38.60	38.63	38.63	38.63
Milk, condensed ..	4 1/2 lb.	12.75	12.85	12.85	13.21	13.50	13.50	13.67	13.29	13.29	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.63	13.63	13.50
" fresh ..	quart	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	10.60	10.60	10.60
Meats—																
Beef, whole ..	lb.	15.50	15.50	17.00	15.29	15.29	16.64	14.57	14.50	16.00	15.60	15.60	16.80	14.83	14.83	16.00
" rib ..	..	13.00	13.00	14.50	13.00	12.86	14.67	13.67	13.67	14.43	13.80	13.80	15.00	12.83	12.83	14.00
" steak, rump ..	..	23.00	23.00	25.00	22.71	22.84	24.57	24.43	24.43	26.43	21.80	21.80	23.00	23.00	23.00	25.00
" chuck ..	..	13.50	13.50	15.00	12.93	12.93	14.50	15.43	15.36	17.00	11.60	11.60	12.00	13.83	13.83	15.17
" suet ..	..	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.70	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beef (corned), silver-side ..	..	15.00	15.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	16.71	15.43	15.38	17.57	14.50	14.50	15.60	15.00	15.00	17.00
" brisket ..	..	11.50	11.50	13.50	12.00	11.89	13.29	13.00	13.00	15.00	11.80	11.80	13.00	11.67	11.67	14.00
Mutton, leg ..	..	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.71	12.71	13.00	13.00	12.93	12.93	12.50	12.50	12.40	13.00	13.00	13.00
" fore-quarter ..	..	7.40	7.40	7.50	7.30	7.36	7.43	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.80	7.83	7.83	7.83
" loin ..	..	11.00	11.00	11.60	10.70	10.70	11.29	13.48	13.08	12.93	10.70	10.70	10.80	11.67	11.67	11.67
" chops, loin ..	..	11.85	11.85	12.65	12.29	12.29	13.00	13.70	13.70	14.71	11.50	11.50	11.70	12.00	12.00	12.00
" ..	..	13.00	13.17	13.25	13.67	13.67	14.00	14.67	14.67	15.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	13.67	13.67	13.67
Pork, leg ..	..	27.00	27.33	28.67	20.60	20.40	21.50	24.00	24.00	25.60	20.60	20.60	22.13	21.00	21.00	24.00
" loin ..	..	27.42	27.75	29.17	20.29	20.40	21.50	24.00	24.00	25.60	20.60	20.60	22.13	23.00	23.00	24.00
" chops ..	..	27.83	28.00	29.50	21.33	21.00	22.43	20.60	20.60	22.00	21.00	21.00	23.63	26.00	26.00	26.00
House Rents (a) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	246.82	..	..	102.81	..	..	178.09	..	..	181.02	..	..	191.64	..	..

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1938. See also footnote (b), page 90.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1919: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1919.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			HUNSBURY.			OSWALDTON.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary	"	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
" self-raising	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Tea	lb.	10.45	10.45	10.45	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.34	11.34	11.34	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
Sugar	"	33.00	33.00	33.00	35.00	35.00	35.00	33.50	33.50	33.50	33.25	33.25	33.25	34.00	34.00	34.00
Sago	"	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.50	6.00	6.00	5.0	5.50	5.50	5.04	5.54	5.54	5.00	5.50	5.50
Java, plum	14 lb.	9.05	9.10	9.10	10.45	10.33	11.67	10.14	9.84	9.84	10.34	10.34	10.34	9.50	9.50	9.61
Golden syrup	2 lb.	17.05	18.05	18.50	19.50	19.50	19.50	18.50	19.00	19.34	19.00	19.13	19.25	19.00	19.40	19.50
Butter, sterilized	lb.	9.00	9.57	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.31	10.34	10.63	10.00	10.33	10.50
Butter, fresh	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.13	7.84	8.08	6.84	6.84	6.75	7.67	7.67	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Butter, salted	"	10.03	10.71	10.71	12.64	12.71	12.71	12.34	12.34	12.34	12.91	12.91	13.43	12.13	12.13	12.23
Curry	"	13.50	13.45	13.45	14.42	14.50	14.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.20	14.20
Apples, dried	"	28.50	28.50	28.50	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	29.50	29.50	29.50	30.00	30.00	30.00
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	21.00	21.28	21.22	23.25	23.33	23.25	22.25	22.50	22.63	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.25	22.25	22.50
Pears, canned	"	22.50	22.50	22.50	24.42	24.25	24.33	23.50	23.50	23.63	23.84	23.84	23.84	23.60	23.60	23.67
Potatoes	7 lb.	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.40	18.43	18.43	18.25	19.00	19.00	17.50	17.84	17.84	18.50	18.50	18.50
Onions, brown	lb.	1.20	3.02	3.70	4.17	4.13	3.79	4.63	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.17	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.00
Soup	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.67	10.67	10.67
Ketchup	quart	7.88	8.11	8.13	10.17	10.25	10.33	8.81	8.00	9.03	9.40	9.52	9.59	9.00	9.44	9.24
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.50	24.50	24.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	26.50	26.50	26.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Cheese, mild	"	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	19.75	19.75	19.75	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00
Eggs, home laid	doz.	30.00	30.00	30.00	34.29	34.14	34.71	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00	30.00
Butter, condensed	lb.	34.50	35.50	35.50	35.80	36.71	36.71	35.25	36.25	36.25	36.84	36.84	36.84	35.60	36.50	36.70
Milk, condensed	tin	13.50	13.80	13.95	14.50	14.91	15.50	14.00	14.50	14.84	14.13	14.34	14.50	14.40	14.40	15.00
" fresh	quart	10.00	11.00	11.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	9.50	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.50	9.50	10.50	12.50	12.50
Meat—																
Beef, brisket	lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	19.00
" rib	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" steak, rump	"	25.00	25.00	25.00	26.00	26.00	26.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00
" chuck	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" kidneys	"	12.86	13.00	12.67	11.14	11.71	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.17	11.80	12.20	12.20	11.83	11.83	12.67
Beef (canned), slices	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.14	18.14	18.14	17.25	17.25	17.25	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00
" brisket	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.14	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Mutton, leg	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" fore quarter	"	9.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	9.43	9.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	8.00	8.00
" loin	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops, loin	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
" leg	"	15.10	15.00	15.00	16.29	16.14	16.14	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pork, leg	"	31.50	31.50	32.14	27.50	28.00	28.00	25.75	25.75	25.75	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
" loin	"	31.50	31.50	32.14	27.50	28.50	28.50	25.50	25.50	25.75	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
" chops	"	31.50	31.50	32.14	28.00	29.00	29.00	26.25	26.25	26.25	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00	24.00
House Rents (a)	4 and 5 Rooms	241.78			276.50			243.31			254.17			273.88		

(a) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also footnote (b), page 90.

TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 19 9 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 19 9.

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Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Groceries, Average—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread	2 lb.	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	7 50	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00	8 00
Floor, ordinary	"	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 57	5 57	5 57	6 00	6 00	6 00	5 40	5 00	5 00	5 84	5 84	5 88
" self-rising	"	9 75	9 75	9 75	9 43	9 43	9 43	9 00	9 00	9 00	10 10	10 30	9 80	11 00	11 00	11 00
Tea	lb.	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 00	33 13	33 13	33 13
Sugar	"	4 50	5 00	5 00	4 50	4 93	5 00	4 50	5 00	5 00	4 55	4 05	5 05	4 75	4 75	5 25
Sago	"	9 00	9 50	9 50	10 20	9 70	9 70	9 70	9 00	9 00	10 00	9 00	9 00	10 17	9 75	10 00
Jam, plum	14 lb.	12 65	12 65	12 65	12 64	12 64	12 64	12 50	12 50	12 50	12 60	12 60	12 60	13 63	13 63	13 63
Golden syrup	2 lb.	9 00	9 00	10 00	8 85	8 85	10 00	9 00	9 00	10 00	9 00	9 00	9 85	10 00	10 00	10 75
Out., baked	lb.	5 42	5 75	6 50	6 04	6 25	6 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	6 07	6 07	6 07	5 25	5 25	5 25
Butter, washed	"	18 00	18 00	18 00	17 00	17 50	17 50	17 75	18 00	18 00	16 83	16 83	16 83	17 75	17 75	18 13
Current—	"	13 70	13 80	13 85	13 50	13 50	13 50	13 80	14 00	13 90	13 70	13 70	13 70	13 88	13 88	13 88
Apples, dried	"	25 50	25 75	26 14	25 63	25 63	25 63	22 60	22 60	22 60	23 50	23 50	23 50	24 50	24 50	24 50
Peaches, canned	30 oz.	19 07	19 00	19 10	19 00	19 40	19 50	18 50	19 50	19 50	18 50	18 50	20 50	19 50	19 50	20 50
Pears, canned	"	19 93	20 00	20 00	19 83	20 20	20 20	19 50	19 80	20 00	20 00	20 00	21 00	20 50	20 50	20 50
Potatoes	7 lb.	20 54	20 77	25 90	20 82	20 82	20 00	20 10	21 00	25 20	19 10	19 70	23 25	20 01	20 08	31 50
Onions, brown	lb.	1 83	5 35	5 30	4 33	5 33	5 33	4 13	5 83	5 80	4 63	6 00	5 50	4 38	5 50	5 13
Scrap	"	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 33	10 33	10 33
K. rice	quart	9 27	9 41	9 40	8 50	8 71	8 71	8 65	8 80	8 80	9 20	9 54	9 54	9 31	9 52	9 52
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory	lb.	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50	26 50
Cheese, milk	"	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 00	18 50	18 50	18 50
Eggs, new laid	doz.	34 50	34 50	34 50	34 33	34 36	34 36	32 75	32 75	31 25	34 50	34 50	31 50	35 50	35 00	35 00
Bacon, m.c.	lb.	31 40	32 40	32 40	32 80	32 80	32 80	30 00	30 00	30 50	30 50	30 50	30 50	32 88	32 25	40 50
Milk, condensed	lb.	14 00	14 00	14 00	13 71	14 00	14 00	13 80	14 00	14 00	13 80	14 00	14 00	14 25	14 50	14 50
" fresh	quart	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 00	9 50	8 50	8 50	8 50	14 00	14 00	14 00
Meat—																
Beef, whole	lb.	22 00	21 80	22 00	21 00	21 00	21 00	20 38	20 25	20 25	21 00	21 00	21 00	22 00	22 00	22 00
" rib	"	20 00	20 00	20 14	19 00	19 00	19 00	18 33	18 67	18 67	18 50	18 50	18 50	20 00	20 00	20 00
" steak, rump	"	28 00	28 00	28 00	27 00	27 00	27 00	25 50	25 50	25 50	26 00	26 00	26 00	28 00	28 00	28 00
" chuck	"	18 11	18 22	18 22	17 07	17 07	17 07	16 50	16 50	16 50	16 33	16 33	16 33	18 00	18 00	18 00
" sautered	"	11 67	11 67	11 67	12 40	12 40	12 40	12 00	12 00	12 00	13 00	13 00	13 00	15 00	15 00	15 00
Beef (corned)—live	"															
" whole	"	21 11	21 11	21 11	20 00	20 00	20 00	19 25	19 50	19 50	20 00	20 00	20 00	21 00	21 00	21 00
" half-ket	"	18 00	18 22	18 11	17 20	17 20	17 20	16 25	16 50	16 50	17 33	17 33	17 33	18 00	18 00	18 00
Mutton, ½	"	13 88	13 63	13 88	13 08	13 08	13 08	15 67	15 67	15 67	16 50	16 50	16 50	13 50	13 50	13 50
" forequarter	"	7 88	8 25	8 13	6 02	6 02	6 02	9 67	9 67	9 67	12 50	13 00	13 50	7 60	7 50	7 50
" loin	"	13 58	13 58	13 58	12 75	12 75	12 75	14 00	14 00	14 00	15 50	15 50	15 50	13 50	13 50	13 50
" chops, loin	"	13 88	13 63	13 88	12 02	12 02	12 02	15 67	15 67	15 67	15 50	15 50	15 50	13 50	13 50	13 50
" ½	"	13 88	13 63	13 88	12 02	12 02	12 02	15 67	15 67	15 67	15 50	15 50	15 50	13 50	13 50	13 50
Pork, ½	"	30 78	31 22	32 50	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 75	24 00	24 75	22 33	23 00	23 00	27 00	27 00	27 00
" loin	"	20 78	30 33	31 78	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 75	24 75	24 75	22 67	23 33	23 33	27 00	27 00	27 00
" chops	"	31 00	31 44	33 00	24 00	24 00	24 00	24 75	24 75	24 75	23 33	23 33	23 33	26 00	27 00	27 00
House Rents (a)	4 and 5 Rooms		253 84			235 77			214 61			195 41			206 51	

RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

(a) Revised series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1938. See also footnote (b), page 90.

Section IX.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.
MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.
(Base of each Group: 1911 = 1,000.)

Period	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agricultural Produce, &c.	Dairy Produce.	Groceries.	Meat.	Building Materials.	Chemicals.	All Groups.
1861..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,838
1871..	1,090	1,257	1,236	804	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,229
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,001	1,587	1,121
1891..	895	847	1,024	905	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904..	821	805	754	870	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	880	842	1,200	806	859	910
1906..	882	978	916	972	925	1,110	808	864	945
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	908	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,108	968	1,325	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,000	1,110	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	995	888	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	1,270	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,188
1914..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,407	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,095	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,790	1,504
1917..	2,120	2,008	1,167	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,984	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,395	2,686	2,226	1,934
1919..	2,121	2,303	1,987	1,551	1,514	2,342	2,432	2,890	2,065
1920..	2,302	2,625	2,460	2,213	1,920	3,279	3,226	2,834	2,483
1921..	2,173	1,361	1,767	2,060	1,977	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922..	1,941	1,081	1,624	1,648	1,868	1,787	2,066	1,966	1,758
1923..	1,326	2,148	1,778	1,840	1,740	2,579	2,024	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,914	1,806	1,886
1925..	1,851	1,966	1,790	1,536	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,739	1,931	1,664	1,910	1,632
1927..	1,902	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,623	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	1,555	1,703	1,854	1,688	2,245	1,755	1,943	1,803
1930..	1,867	1,127	1,484	1,627	1,668	2,024	1,875	1,982	1,598
1931..	1,926	1,010	1,121	1,398	1,794	1,512	2,025	2,166	1,429
1932..	1,738	908	1,230	1,304	1,766	1,851	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,194	1,714	1,485	2,001	2,105	1,400
1934..	1,660	1,291	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,017	1,471
1935..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,460
1936..	1,566	1,330	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,909	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,400	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,856
1938..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,540	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,069	1,662
1939..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,732	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,665
1940..	1,954	1,361	1,867	1,607	1,784	1,682	2,890	2,268	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,354	1,883	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,085	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,272	1,945	1,904	1,710	1,939	2,368	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,708	2,442	2,169
1945..	2,270	1,960	2,289	1,728	1,967	2,580	3,770	2,527	2,228
1946..	2,268	2,062	1,951	1,722	1,977	2,589	3,772	2,614	2,162
1947..	2,390	2,690	2,019	1,703	2,174	2,748	3,800	2,843	2,360
1948..	2,829	3,619	2,383	2,104	2,485	2,976	4,631	3,180	2,824
1949..	3,502	3,006	2,876	2,809	2,568	3,356	4,011	3,221	3,191

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 38 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 predominates 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 food-stuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index-numbers back to 1936-37 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 1933-35 inclusive.

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

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Foodstuffs.			
	Metals and Coal.	Oil-Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.	Foodstuffs and Foodstuffs.	Goods principally Imported. (a)	Goods principally Home-Produced.	Total—All Groups.
1930-37 ..	982	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	994	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	990	1,041	1,014	997	1,018	1,000	1,004
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	915	1,011	925	970	992	1,020	991	1,020	1,011
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,370	1,628	1,487	1,270	1,700	1,212	1,373
1943-44 ..	1,310	1,695	1,601	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,527	1,287	1,823	1,217	1,396
1944-45 ..	1,307	1,675	1,618	1,428	1,398	1,742	1,522	1,308	1,819	1,232	1,405
1945-46 ..	1,302	1,661	1,618	1,416	1,398	1,750	1,490	1,348	1,782	1,257	1,412
1946-47 ..	1,318	1,453	1,913	1,401	1,313	1,802	1,488	1,380	1,768	1,288	1,429
1947-48 ..	1,400	1,707	2,383	1,478	1,261	1,808	1,655	1,582	1,924	1,418	1,688
1948-49 ..	1,849	1,737	3,419	1,504	1,301	1,983	1,884	1,747	2,008	1,727	1,809
1946-47—											
July ..	1,300	1,610	1,623	1,418	1,308	1,783	1,480	1,356	1,766	1,285	1,441
August ..	1,300	1,462	1,550	1,418	1,398	1,780	1,464	1,343	1,746	1,252	1,398
September ..	1,300	1,462	1,803	1,418	1,398	1,783	1,480	1,340	1,743	1,262	1,404
October ..	1,300	1,459	1,874	1,417	1,398	1,783	1,483	1,348	1,757	1,264	1,409
November ..	1,300	1,459	1,954	1,390	1,296	1,787	1,482	1,379	1,787	1,276	1,420
December ..	1,300	1,418	1,945	1,390	1,284	1,788	1,480	1,370	1,755	1,278	1,418
January ..	1,301	1,442	1,973	1,391	1,284	1,795	1,480	1,371	1,750	1,282	1,420
February ..	1,340	1,444	2,022	1,391	1,284	1,790	1,490	1,375	1,749	1,296	1,430
March ..	1,340	1,440	2,026	1,391	1,300	1,809	1,497	1,393	1,746	1,314	1,440
April ..	1,340	1,440	2,072	1,391	1,312	1,841	1,508	1,418	1,797	1,317	1,459
May ..	1,350	1,447	2,094	1,391	1,329	1,841	1,510	1,424	1,804	1,321	1,463
June ..	1,350	1,445	2,135	1,412	1,172	1,843	1,513	1,436	1,817	1,327	1,471
1947-48—											
July ..	1,353	1,519	2,129	1,412	1,149	1,851	1,534	1,438	1,831	1,336	1,482
August ..	1,353	1,536	2,423	1,412	1,149	1,853	1,550	1,430	1,857	1,341	1,493
September ..	1,358	1,578	2,515	1,424	1,216	1,853	1,579	1,452	1,899	1,351	1,509
October ..	1,359	1,578	2,582	1,434	1,216	1,862	1,586	1,484	1,922	1,366	1,529
November ..	1,392	1,579	2,806	1,431	1,296	1,900	1,621	1,514	1,947	1,402	1,562
December ..	1,510	1,682	2,795	1,484	1,264	1,908	1,670	1,537	1,954	1,453	1,601
January ..	1,513	1,616	3,027	1,529	1,307	1,914	1,696	1,567	1,928	1,500	1,628
February ..	1,513	1,616	3,123	1,529	1,315	1,923	1,703	1,590	1,933	1,520	1,641
March ..	1,514	1,654	2,901	1,529	1,295	1,918	1,701	1,590	1,950	1,514	1,642
April ..	1,514	1,659	3,004	1,532	1,285	1,922	1,707	1,591	1,952	1,515	1,644
May ..	1,571	1,659	3,199	1,532	1,319	1,934	1,742	1,590	1,959	1,534	1,659
June ..	1,571	1,659	3,403	1,533	1,345	1,944	1,757	1,591	1,960	1,544	1,697
1948-49—											
July ..	1,651	1,724	3,323	1,533	1,361	1,948	1,800	1,614	2,009	1,573	1,699
August ..	1,651	1,724	3,328	1,537	1,347	1,952	1,801	1,699	2,025	1,629	1,745
September ..	1,697	1,733	3,371	1,538	1,347	1,964	1,823	1,680	2,017	1,630	1,750
October ..	1,697	1,734	3,197	1,593	1,347	1,964	1,818	1,688	2,015	1,636	1,747
November ..	1,876	1,734	3,484	1,592	1,349	1,966	1,805	1,735	2,008	1,724	1,807
December ..	1,876	1,734	3,650	1,595	1,312	1,985	1,907	1,761	2,010	1,751	1,827
January ..	1,936	1,741	3,699	1,623	1,275	1,986	1,929	1,765	2,011	1,760	1,840
February ..	1,936	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,268	1,980	1,934	1,801	2,016	1,797	1,881
March ..	1,903	1,741	3,721	1,623	1,250	2,002	1,945	1,708	2,000	1,809	1,865
April ..	1,966	1,744	3,197	1,623	1,265	2,002	1,917	1,895	2,005	1,795	1,866
May ..	1,966	1,740	3,196	1,623	1,250	2,017	1,920	1,809	2,002	1,801	1,859
June ..	1,966	1,740	3,200	1,623	1,247	2,021	1,922	1,805	1,991	1,803	1,858
1949-50—											
July ..	2,090	1,745	3,313	1,624	1,185	2,021	1,996	1,865	2,057	1,850	1,911
August ..	2,090	1,745	3,343	1,632	1,210	2,053	1,978	1,859	2,066	1,850	1,913
September ..	2,091	1,726	3,327	1,624	1,231	2,079	1,976	1,856	2,040	1,855	1,909
October ..	2,093	1,726	3,365	1,704	1,240	2,080	2,011	1,878	2,086	1,877	1,938
November ..	2,093	1,808	3,864	1,708	1,343	2,081	2,073	1,917	2,171	1,913	1,988
December ..	2,144	1,898	4,230	1,930	1,417	2,041	2,128	1,973	2,208	1,976	2,043

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

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*, Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

The monthly index-numbers (based on the nearest equivalent wholesale quotations) are intended progressively to forecast the point which the annual index-numbers will eventually reach, and so provide a preliminary figure for the latest full year pending the completion of the annual census of production. The preliminary index-numbers will be revised as each production census is completed.

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

Period.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold.(a)	All Groups.
1936-37	1,111	1,104	929	1,073	982	993	1,084
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,085	996	1,015
1938-39	806	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922
1942-43	1,185	1,273	1,175	1,225	1,240	1,199	1,226
1943-44	1,331	1,357	1,213	1,307	1,398	1,199	1,305
1944-45	1,536	1,320	1,290	1,407	1,367	1,295	1,399
1945-46	1,582	1,331	1,240	1,401	1,493	1,227	1,404
1946-47	1,808	1,780	1,313	1,705	1,752	1,284	1,697
1947-48	2,393	2,483	1,473	2,284	2,385	1,234	2,245
1948-49(b)	2,570	3,005	1,845	2,637	2,840	1,234	2,589
1948-49—(b)							
October	2,714	2,765	1,810	2,671	3,027	1,234	2,494
November	2,711	3,032	1,810	2,692	3,102	1,234	2,604
December	2,412	3,236	1,853	2,869	3,126	1,234	2,603
January	2,426	3,236	1,849	2,693	3,865	1,234	2,659
February	2,469	3,305	1,911	2,752	3,892	1,234	2,719
March	2,494	3,305	1,910	2,760	3,892	1,234	2,731
April	2,499	2,827	1,920	2,545	3,928	1,234	2,548
May	2,478	2,859	1,921	2,548	3,958	1,234	2,557
June	2,498	2,873	1,917	2,569	4,002	1,234	2,570
1949-50—(b)							
July	2,516	2,868	1,931	2,571	4,002	1,234	2,561
August	2,520	2,943	1,899	2,594	4,028	1,234	2,583
September	2,533	2,888	1,871	2,575	4,029	1,451	2,566
October	2,518	3,191	1,888	2,723	4,066	1,776	2,700
November	2,540	3,373	1,908	2,821	4,119	1,776	2,790
December	2,677	3,077	1,928	2,999	4,145	1,776	2,951

(a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Preliminary figures. (See note at head of table.)

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are computed from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute at present about 80 per cent. of all exports. For some metals and for wheat (since July, 1945), the index of prices is deduced from average value of current sales or shipments and hence shows some irregularity.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the prices of the commodities are multiplied by the average annual exports (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1935-36 to 1935-36.

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

Period.	All Groups.										
	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	In- clud- ing Gold.
(e)	45.63	17.46	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.60	6.08	100.00
(f)	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	100.00	100.00
1936-37	1,218	1,234	915	1,196	978	1,035	1,026	1,217	1,120	988	1,156
1937-38	986	1,110	1,074	962	1,066	925	1,034	1,002	900	982	1,025
1938-39	793	656	1,011	842	956	1,040	940	781	872	1,030	819
1942-43	1,165	1,055	1,140	1,004	1,122	1,519	1,116	1,192	1,447	1,188	1,137
1943-44	1,163	1,155	1,140	1,127	1,132	1,585	1,297	1,231	1,514	1,188	1,170
1944-45	1,165	1,536	1,474	1,286	1,234	1,715	1,282	1,447	1,474	1,204	1,204
1945-46	1,165	2,130	1,474	1,956	1,234	2,130	1,375	1,519	1,518	1,223	1,477
1946-47	91,734	3,046	1,734	3,076	1,393	2,644	1,523	3,038	3,344	1,223	92,087
1947-48	92,872	4,195	1,935	3,723	1,464	3,203	1,566	3,607	3,643	1,223	92,955
1948-49	93,649	4,134	2,339	4,781	1,706	3,426	1,649	4,078	4,206	1,223	93,324
1947-48	(g)									(g)	
January	3,130	4,274	2,035	3,685	1,446	3,402	1,569	3,797	3,678	1,223	3,112
February	3,281	4,461	2,035	3,621	1,446	3,402	1,569	3,797	3,643	1,223	3,217
March	3,017	4,558	2,035	3,786	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,678	1,223	3,117
April	3,130	4,597	2,035	4,021	1,446	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,643	1,223	3,197
May	3,319	4,719	2,035	4,955	1,554	3,402	1,557	3,797	3,652	1,223	3,310
June	3,620	4,488	2,035	4,240	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,652	1,223	3,488
1948-49											
July	93,507	4,746	2,339	4,388	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,391	1,223	93,476
August	93,507	4,621	2,339	4,427	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,395	1,223	93,455
September	3,545	4,493	2,339	4,360	1,554	3,402	1,572	3,797	3,417	1,223	3,448
October	3,281	4,429	2,339	4,728	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	3,477	1,223	3,352
November	3,638	4,382	2,339	4,687	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,186	1,223	3,529
December	3,987	4,184	2,339	4,805	1,757	3,402	1,572	4,172	4,199	1,223	3,667
1949-50											
January	3,997	3,967	2,339	5,508	1,757	3,450	1,572	4,172	4,421	1,223	3,882
February	4,111	3,827	2,339	5,513	1,757	3,450	1,572	4,172	4,711	1,223	3,705
March	4,111	3,794	2,339	5,347	1,757	3,450	1,597	4,172	4,682	1,223	3,699
April	3,319	3,802	2,339	4,680	1,757	3,450	1,597	4,172	4,822	1,223	3,253
May	3,556	3,711	2,339	4,524	1,757	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,812	1,223	3,254
June	3,394	3,650	2,339	4,485	1,757	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,617	1,223	3,257
1949-50											
July	3,394	3,619	2,504	3,298	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,428	1,223	3,191
August	3,470	3,674	2,504	3,686	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,406	1,223	3,268
September	3,394	3,767	2,504	3,893	1,862	3,450	1,716	4,172	4,512	1,223	3,263
October	3,622	3,770	2,504	4,536	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,040	4,656	1,761	3,574
November	4,186	3,810	2,504	4,406	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,040	4,319	1,761	3,703
December	4,563	3,943	2,504	4,265	2,004	3,450	1,716	3,040	4,585	1,761	3,901

(a) Non-ferrous—Silver, copper, tin, sneller, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork.
(c) Sultana, lexias, currants. (d) Cattle, calves, calf skins. (e) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (including Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37. (f) Percentage distribution of base aggregate for "All Groups (excluding Gold)"—applicable from 1936-37.
(g) Revised.

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.

Section X.—Miscellaneous.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

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

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages, (c)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unions.
	Food and Groceries, (a)	Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses) (b)	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Roomed Houses) "B" Series.	Clothing	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure "C" Series.			
Year—									
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(d) 1,000	(d) 1,000	(d) 1,000	1,000	1,000	%
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,002	1,119	1,217	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,820	1,087	11.2
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,903	1,172	10.8
1932	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,458	1,377	1,630	1,190	20.0
1935	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,403	1,488	1,709	1,209	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,620	1,271	1,465	1,520	1,846	1,211	9.7
1942	1,843	1,590	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,106	1.8
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
1944	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,867	2,326	1,246	1.2
1945	1,849	1,595	1,746	2,165	1,767	1,868	2,339	1,252	1.2
1946	1,852	1,596	1,748	2,276	1,776	1,900	2,400	1,263	1.4
1947	1,907	1,597	1,816	2,367	1,825	1,971	2,508	1,318	1.2
1948	2,245	1,601	1,982	2,637	1,913	2,148	2,914	1,357	0.9
1949	2,429	1,605	2,128	3,019	2,037	2,349	3,210	1,367	2.0
Quarter—									
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,204	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,204	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,207	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1943.									
March	1,890	1,595	1,752	2,180	1,749	1,863	2,289	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,867	2,302	1,230	1.1
September	1,833	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,890	2,331	1,240	1.1
December	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,240	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	2,322	1,246	1.0
June	1,834	1,595	1,767	2,169	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4
September	1,832	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	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,240	1.2
1945.									
March	1,849	1,595	1,739	2,149	1,767	1,863	2,333	1,252	1.1
June	1,854	1,595	1,749	2,141	1,767	1,866	2,336	1,252	1.1
September	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	2,340	1,253	1.2
December	1,842	1,595	1,742	2,189	1,767	1,874	2,348	1,253	1.2
1946.									
March	1,855	1,595	1,748	2,201	1,772	1,881	2,354	1,251	1.4
June	1,863	1,595	1,754	2,250	1,776	1,900	2,360	1,242	1.3
September	1,839	1,596	1,741	2,200	1,779	1,902	2,374	1,250	1.4
December	1,854	1,596	1,750	2,343	1,781	1,916	2,507	1,307	1.4
1947.									
March	1,915	1,596	1,785	2,305	1,798	1,933	2,527	1,307	1.4
June	1,945	1,597	1,803	2,319	1,802	1,948	2,545	1,306	1.2
September	1,974	1,597	1,820	2,367	1,846	1,978	2,630	1,330	1.1
December	2,005	1,598	1,857	2,478	1,833	2,026	2,690	1,328	0.9
1948.									
March	2,128	1,599	1,912	2,511	1,874	2,071	2,781	1,348	0.9
June	2,197	1,603	1,953	2,609	1,900	2,121	2,854	1,346	0.9
September	2,278	1,601	2,001	2,688	1,935	2,175	2,970	1,366	0.9
December	2,378	1,602	2,060	2,748	1,944	2,225	3,050	1,371	0.8
1949.									
March	2,433	1,603	2,093	2,785	1,985	2,263	3,099	1,369	0.8
June	2,482	1,604	2,122	2,868	2,017	2,328	3,182	1,367	0.8
September	2,497	1,600	2,131	3,080	2,047	2,370	3,240	1,371	5.5
December	2,535	1,608	2,167	3,223	2,098	2,433	3,310	1,360	0.8

(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 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

(b) See footnote (b) on page 90.

(c) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series Retail Price Index-number.

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1948.
POPULATION (a) —Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,402	3,332,577	3,508,767	3,910,051
Females ..	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,829,077	2,191,554	2,711,582	3,220,029	3,544,788	3,884,829
Total ..	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,834,913	4,573,786	5,510,984	6,552,606	7,143,555	7,794,880
BIRTHS—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,913	130,198	118,509	134,525	177,970
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.05	18.16	18.92	23.08
DEATHS—Number ..	33,327	47,439	46,839	47,860	54,670	56,500	71,177	76,830
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.94	8.67	10.01	9.90
MARRIAGES—Number ..	17,244	27,862	27,753	39,482	48,660	38,892	75,148	74,902
Rate ..	7.00	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.90	10.57	9.71
AGRICULTURE—	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1948-49(b)
Wheat—Area .. '000 acres	2,096	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,710	14,741	12,003	12,583
Yield .. '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,502	71,639	129,080	190,612	160,713	190,703
Average yield bus. ..	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.49	15.15
Oats—Area .. '000 acres	105	246	401	617	733	1,085	1,400	1,770
Yield .. '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,700	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	24,092
Average yield bus. ..	24.02	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	13.34
Barley—Area .. '000 acres	75,864	68,008	74,511	110,460	208,910	342,396	784,253	1,011,708
Yield .. '000 bus.	1,359	1,179	1,529	2,057	6,080	6,291	18,014	17,795
Average yield bus. ..	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	29.36	18.37	22.06	17.58
Maize—Area .. '000 acres	165,177	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	209,448	301,580	182,290
Yield .. '000 bus.	5,720	9,393	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	5,109
Average yield bus. ..	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.07	28.52
Hay—Area .. '000 acres	768	942	1,698	2,518	2,865	2,635	2,758	1,580
Yield .. '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,808	3,992	3,167	3,575	2,291
Average yield tons ..	1.00	1.13	1.29	1.14	1.39	1.20	1.30	1.45
Potatoes—Area .. '000 acres	(c) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	119,614
Yield .. '000 tons	(c) 243,210	380,477	322,524	301,483	348,091	397,102	332,737	450,000
Average yield tons ..	(c) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.76
Sugar-cane—Area (d) .. acres	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,550	241,576	254,564	206,330
Yield .. '000 tons	336	738	1,308	1,682	2,437	4,213	3,154	6,708
Av. yield tons ..	17.74	16.23	15.72	16.65	18.98	17.44	20.25	25.19
Vineyards—Area .. '000 acres	14,559	48,862	63,677	69,692	92,414	112,961	129,739	135,248
Wine .. '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,292	4,975	8,445	14,191	16,045	34,301
Total net value of all agricultural production £'000	(e) 15,510	(e) 16,988	(e) 23,835	(e) 23,774	(e) 88,800	49,714	62,412	(f) 205,247
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Live-stock—Horses .. '000	1,088	1,585	1,629	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,115
Cattle ..	8,001	17,112	8,491	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,361	14,124
Sheep ..	65,013	106,421	72,640	96,886	80,119	110,610	125,193	108,735
Pigs ..	765	846	931	1,111	1,166	1,166	1,477	1,917
Wool production (f) .. '000 lb.	319,849	634,040	539,393	794,391	723,950	1,077,456	1,167,158	1,371,000
Butter .. " " "	(g) (h) 42,315	(h) 103,747	(h) 103,747	(h) 121,074	(h) 267,071	391,249	375,941	371,132
Cheese .. " " "	(g) (h) 10,131	(h) 1,845	(h) 1,845	(h) 15,887	(h) 32,653	31,423	67,529	97,032
Meat (i) —								
Beef and Veal .. tons					339,405	349,835	533,502	572,355
Mutton and lamb ..	(j) (g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	218,381	367,277	371,726	311,115
Pork ..	(g) (h)	7,487	(h) 15,188	(h) 23,810	(h) 26,173	31,751	42,484	39,444
Bacon and Ham ..	(g) (g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	694,130	727,484	1,097,010	971,398
Total ..	(g) (g)	(g)	(g)	(g)				
Total net value of—								
Pastoral production £'000						43,025	85,358	103,048
Dairying production ..						22,564	34,344	60,540
MINERAL PRODUCTION—	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1948.
Gold .. £'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,010	3,564	15,991	9,587
Silver and lead ..	46	3,796	2,240	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,250	21,068
Copper ..	714	967	2,215	2,564	804	508	1,744	1,744
Tin ..	1,148	361	448	1,210	418	216	1,401	1,000
Zinc ..		3	4	1,415	283	513	1,590	5,770
Coal (Black and Brown) ..	635	1,912	2,003	3,027	11,015	6,104	11,264	19,908
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000	7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	20,020	19,191	41,880	64,404
FORESTRY PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn .. '000 sup. ft.	(g)	(g)	452,181	604,794	590,405	236,797	919,875	1,117,313
Factories—								
Number of factories ..				14,455	14,023	21,657	28,971	37,356
Hands employed ..				311,710	374,580	336,058	725,342	848,876
Wages paid .. £'000	(j) (j)	(j)	(j)	27,528	64,051	55,082	180,062	285,765
Value of production ..				51,250	121,674	110,982	316,430	489,297
Total value of output ..				133,022	320,332	281,646	773,050	1,210,110

(a) At 31st December. (b) Subject to revision. (c) Partly estimated. (d) Productive cane.
 (e) Gross value. (f) In terms of gross. (g) Not available. (h) Year-ended December. (i) Bone-in.
 Weight—in terms of fresh meat: bacon and ham—cured weight. (j) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible. (k) 1947-48.

Statistical Summary—Australia—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1948-49.
SHIPPING.								
Overseas vessels entered and cleared	No.	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544
Overseas cargo	'000 tons	2,549	1,720	6,542	9,985	9,081	11,306	10,768
COMMERCE.								
Imports—Overseas	£'000 Lbs.	26,480	34,355	38,657	61,008	93,803	51,740	173,563
Per head	£	11/13/5	10/15/0	10/4/0	13/11/7	17/0/9	7/18/1	24/6/0
Exports—Overseas	£'000 Lbs.	27,528	36,043	40,690	79,482	127,847	108,404	168,977
Per head	£	12/2/7	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/11	23/4/0	16/10/11	23/13/1
Total—Overseas trade	£'000 Lbs.	54,008	70,398	88,350	140,490	221,740	160,143	342,570
Per head	£	23/16/0	22/0/0	23/6/2	31/5/6	40/4/9	24/9/0	47/19/1
Net Customs and Excise duties	£'000	4,800	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,505	28,025	55,551
Per head	£	2/2/5	2/0/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/6
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS.								
(a)								
Wool—Quantity (b)	'000 lbs.	328,360	610,290	518,018	750,365	927,834	808,644	937,376
Value	£'000 Lbs.	13,173	19,940	15,237	29,073	47,977	32,102	58,011
Wheat—Quantity	'000 bu.	5,365	9,795	20,200	55,148	99,947	127,401	222,913
Value	£'000 Lbs.	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	10,220	4,645
Flour—Quantity	'000 short tons	50	33	97	170	300	611	414
Value	£'000 Lbs.	520	328	500	1,302	5,520	3,833	4,191
Butter—Quantity	'000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,607	101,722	127,347	201,636	130,347
Value	£'000 Lbs.	30	207	1,453	4,631	7,908	10,250	8,125
Hides and skins	"	317	874	1,251	3,227	5,137	2,310	5,982
Tallow, inedible	"	644	571	678	1,896	1,442	831	615
Meats	"	360	461	2,611	4,300	5,542	6,371	14,094
Timber (unpeeled)	"	118	38	731	1,920	1,158	433	320
Gold	"	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,040	3,483	11,803	9,188
Silver and lead	"	58	1,032	2,250	3,213	2,607	2,002	7,434
Copper	"	677	418	1,019	2,346	705	472	18
Coal	"	301	610	987	991	1,100	342	250
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.								
Length of line open	miles	3,832	9,541	12,576	16,978	23,502	26,950	27,241
Capital cost	£'000	12,741	98,764	123,224	162,105	244,353	321,972	322,152
Gross revenue	"	3,910	8,634	11,638	17,848	28,195	37,596	66,482
Working expenses	"	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	29,142	51,043
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue	%	54.77	65.00	61.65	61.32	78.07	74.88	76.78
POSTAL.								
Letters and post-cards dealt with	'000	67,640	157,297	229,833	453,063	561,073	731,135	921,001
per head No.	"	29.01	49.07	58.26	100.30	102.01	111.62	120.17
Newspapers dealt with	'000	38,065	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,552	177,974
per head No.	"	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	24.90
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.								
Note circulation	£'000	3,976	4,417	3,390	3,710	211	167	167
Coin and bullion held	"	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	1,940	1,533
Advances	"	57,703	129,742	80,353	108,570	103,430	227,130	269,944
Deposits	"	33,849	98,347	91,487	143,417	192,730	276,114	380,502
SAVINGS BANKS (f).								
Total deposits	£'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	50,394	154,396	107,966	274,275
Average per head of population	£	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/3/11
STATE SCHOOLS.								
Schools	No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,069	9,445	10,097	9,535
Teachers	"	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,702	32,060
Enrolment	"	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	810,042	936,901	886,655
Average attendance	"	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,790	660,498	817,282	732,116

(a) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (b) In terms of gross. (c) Figures for first three years are average for the December quarter, the remainder for the June quarter. All cheque-paying banks prior to 1931-32, nine trading banks only thereafter. (d) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (e) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (f) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (g) 1947-48.

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