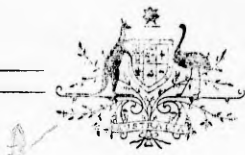


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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area—Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-Blood Australian Aborigines).						Population Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1943.
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 31st March, 1945.			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	369,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,447,288	1,446,368	2,893,656	1,398,000
Victoria	87,884	963,244	917,017	1,820,261	993,283	1,017,644	2,010,927	1,170,000
Q'land.	670,509	497,217	450,317	947,534	554,273	521,314	1,075,587	370,500
S. Aust.	389,079	290,962	289,987	580,949	310,713	316,777	627,490	362,500
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	254,187	235,504	489,691	263,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,592	227,599	121,746	122,633	247,379	70,800
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	1,056	1,164	2,220	(b)
A.C.T.	939	4,865	4,192	8,947	7,257	7,439	14,691	12,200
Australia	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,830	3,695,863	3,669,638	7,361,841	3,647,000

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

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

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (c)	Australia.
1900	1,399,305	1,193,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,909	4,857	..	3,776,339
1910	1,643,855	1,361,408	599,046	468,868	276,832	193,803	3,501	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,999	730,624	491,066	331,323	212,732	3,989	..	5,441,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,695	946,739	574,447	431,310	225,297	4,954	..	6,710,500,751
1940	2,782,994	1,918,367	1,031,525	599,398	472,660	243,363	6,299	..	7,489,7,998,889
1941	2,802,014	1,951,415	1,039,987	607,847	474,317	244,681	5,571	..	7,439,7,137,222
1942	2,833,133	1,968,224	1,040,536	613,069	479,882	242,159	4,952	..	7,467,7,136,622
1943	2,854,862	1,988,938	1,058,994	618,597	482,454	244,056	5,155	..	7,485,7,266,441
1944	2,884,848	2,005,393	1,071,444	623,298	488,438	246,539	5,269	..	7,509,7,334,175

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

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

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,435	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,066	3,403	..	4,379,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,693	745,957	486,619	330,623	210,350	4,211	..	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,784,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	..	6,366,019
1940	2,772,185	1,903,753	1,026,124	599,119	470,922	240,447	6,255	..	7,032,361
1941	2,791,169	1,936,725	1,037,416	602,149	473,819	239,824	6,276	..	7,102,053
1942	2,818,260	1,964,838	1,037,372	610,813	478,722	240,732	4,890	..	7,170,803
1943	2,841,227	1,980,289	1,051,636	615,484	479,624	242,315	5,144	..	7,229,864
1944	2,870,956	1,997,811	1,065,411	621,998	483,497	245,134	5,179	..	7,306,636

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

NOTE.—The populations shown for 1939 and subsequent years have been revised in the light of data obtained from the civilian Register of June, 1943, and include surviving members of the fighting forces according to the State from which they were enlisted and irrespective of whether they are within Australia or overseas.

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

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—continued.

State or Territory.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	Half-Year ended 30th June—	
					1944.	1945.
MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.						
			(a)	(a)	(b)	(b)
New South Wales ..	10.74	12.25	9.26	9.20	9.53	8.69
Victoria ..	10.79	12.03	9.27	8.94	8.90	8.17
Queensland ..	9.53	11.29	9.49	10.63	10.38	9.55
South Australia ..	11.38	13.71	10.18	9.68	10.18	8.64
Western Australia ..	10.72	11.37	9.44	9.28	9.84	7.70
Tasmania ..	8.96	10.10	8.67	7.88	7.86	7.32
Northern Territory ..	28.52	10.84	8.94	5.99	5.79	8.08
Australian Capital Territory ..	8.23	7.86	6.87	7.06	6.23	7.07
Australia ..	10.58	12.00	9.36	9.33	9.49	8.55

(a) Preliminary rates.

(b) Equivalent annual rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales ..	2,204	2,416	2,072	1,829	833	924
Victoria ..	1,246	1,497	1,309	1,258	612	519
Queensland ..	842	736	878	767	419	411
South Australia ..	356	448	482	387	174	184
Western Australia ..	357	365	342	354	173	152
Tasmania ..	255	225	227	199	93	74
Northern Territory ..	18	4	6	2	1	1
Australian Capital Territory ..	6	9	7	9	6	2
Australia ..	5,344	5,400	5,413	4,805	2,311	2,267

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales ..	43.77	40.19	36.18	30.68	27.97	29.30
Victoria ..	36.21	41.67	35.76	31.96	31.25	25.03
Queensland ..	39.13	34.73	37.79	31.28	33.99	28.77
South Australia ..	32.47	39.72	36.67	29.07	26.87	25.25
Western Australia ..	35.28	36.86	32.63	32.57	32.16	27.06
Tasmania ..	48.98	42.41	40.56	38.27	35.70	25.25
Northern Territory ..	83.33	43.48	75.00	22.47	22.73	19.61
Australian Capital Territory ..	16.39	22.96	18.62	23.44	31.58	10.26
Australia ..	39.72	39.50	36.26	31.33	30.25	27.43

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,697	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(a)10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1939 ..	37,719	37,396	75,085	31,491	29,713	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,397	38,693	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,490
1941 ..	14,861	10,860	25,661	10,663	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166
1943 ..	3,893	2,232	6,125	2,822	2,032	4,854	1,271
1944 ..	4,454	3,043	7,497	5,389	4,291	9,680	(a) 2,183

(a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

Section II.—Production.
PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA.
AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.			
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,200	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,349,512
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,566	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42 ..	12,063,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,758,128	352,178	20,450,345
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	284,592	2,359,115	329,051	17,119,717
1943-44 ..	7,875,121	1,415,344	282,681	2,044,114	336,419	15,992,662
1944-45(a) ..	8,428,451	2,033,258	257,367	2,407,381	325,978	17,441,981

(a) Subject to revision.

TOTAL PRODUCTIONS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.			
1938-39 ..	155,308,021	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,349	928,621
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,323,416	806,457
1941-42 ..	106,712,865	22,392,478	7,430,174	3,374,888	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	21,531,525	6,884, 53	3,116,055	4,691,501	649,899
1943-44 ..	109,710,577	17,711,048	7,432,018	2,716,842	3,687,981	23,865
1944-45(a) ..	52,068,440	8,952,645	6,397,628	1,988,984	4,737,783	609,000

(a) Subject to revision.

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

Season.	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.	Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(a)	Tons.(a)
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.67	1.30	20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.38	24.19	1.32	19.47	2.70
1943-44 ..	13.93	12.52	26.29	1.33	16.09	2.29
1944-45(b) ..	6.18	4.40	24.86	0.83	20.92	2.95

(a) Per acre of productive crop.

(b) Subject to revision.

AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1939-40 ..	4,380,595	2,827,417	362,044	2,734,595	2,970,411	7,495	2,448	13,285,005
1940-41 ..	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941-42 ..	3,968,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,063,483
1942-43 ..	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44 ..	2,693,302	1,793,428	281,502	1,543,816	1,567,016	4,839	1,418	7,875,121
1944-45(a) ..	2,844,804	2,141,729	303,349	1,623,145	1,510,078	3,892	1,514	8,428,451

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1939-40 ..	76,552,000	45,054,592	6,794,906	41,971,696	40,861,000	107,719	45,393	210,487,306
1940-41 ..	23,933,109	13,521,122	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,060,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941-42 ..	48,590,900	46,353,849	3,979,898	39,511,112	37,599,000	145,191	22,824	106,712,865
1942-43 ..	51,092,045	41,893,167	5,065,065	36,525,459	20,060,000	73,329	27,987	155,727,983
1943-44 ..	47,500,000	19,733,322	5,084,292	20,690,471	16,550,000	122,141	39,351	109,710,577
1944-45(b) ..	17,333,870	3,407,677	6,296,467	9,244,211	15,871,711	92,650	1,854	52,068,440

(a) Subject to revision.

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

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.77	15.02	13.76	14.37	18.54	15.84
1940-41	5.37	5.00	17.06	6.97	8.02	17.40	17.00	6.50
1941-42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.19	22.64	17.64	13.89	18.78
1942-43	17.04	19.40	14.05	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.50
1943-44	17.64	11.00	18.07	13.49	10.56	25.24	27.75	13.93
1944-45a	6.92	1.63	20.53	5.70	10.51	24.18	1.22	6.18

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
SHEEP.									
1939	48,876,003	17,007,352	23,158,500	9,936,580	9,177,531	2,625,000	20,901	245,540	111,057,832
1940	54,372,472	18,251,870	24,130,931	9,040,570	9,574,433	2,677,120	38,587	259,408	119,305,301
1941	55,568,000	20,412,362	23,936,690	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,701	122,694,425
1942	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,732,780	2,398,201	28,245	262,563	125,189,120
1943c	56,943,508	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,820,906	34,003	250,344	124,614,672
1944c	56,837,300	19,225,457	23,255,584	10,359,600	11,015,808	2,187,706	28,575	274,622	123,173,062
1945c	46,662,000	16,457,101	21,365,778	8,479,930	10,020,200	2,156,071	29,269	250,778	105,415,275
CATTLE.									
1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,007,080	318,897	767,600	202,407	899,472	7,057	12,801,784
1940	2,702,639	1,787,507	6,198,708	351,013	799,175	252,484	922,581	5,870	13,080,480
1941	2,769,061	1,822,330	6,210,810	376,634	788,928	259,108	923,308	6,636	13,255,841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	399,143	839,731	(9)253,106	892,881	7,432	13,560,754
1943c	3,030,546	2,022,802	6,406,316	424,233	821,231	244,081	1,078,434	6,367	14,035,220
1944c	3,148,378	2,013,633	6,524,553	414,997	767,639	230,127	1,078,560	8,089	14,188,670
1945c	3,144,701	1,963,110	6,624,799	391,323	850,833	224,668	1,084,370	9,320	14,133,154
HORSES.									
1939	581,355	343,828	444,521	105,834	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,956
1940	534,837	326,217	444,956	106,013	139,207	29,065	32,721	1,241	1,698,707
1941	531,770	318,441	441,770	182,296	139,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,997	302,401	431,363	171,092	124,402	(6)28,612	26,200	1,283	1,611,030
1943c	483,277	292,534	392,630	164,855	112,782	37,077	44,003	1,148	1,517,970
1944c	465,672	277,662	387,018	154,102	106,743	26,317	30,534	1,151	1,449,190
1945c	430,443	253,782	380,670	133,003	96,453	25,885	31,863	1,091	1,359,136
PIGS.									
1939	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1940	451,004	297,655	391,333	119,060	140,604	44,941	483	601	1,455,341
1941	607,738	397,045	435,996	109,068	217,010	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942c	454,102	285,257	424,158	119,705	147,960	(b)44,919	(c)418	854	1,477,303
1943c	486,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	(c)532	779	1,563,000
1944c	501,294	337,878	450,391	186,007	163,876	46,427	(c)191	657	1,746,721
1945c	523,971	290,232	438,086	160,875	163,604	46,915	(c)146	680	1,630,466

(a) December, previous year. (b) As at March. (c) As at 31st March; 1945 figures subject to revision.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
1937-38..	493,927	179,399	a 174,751	86,699	79,083	15,599	35	1,797	1,023,300
1938-39..	437,141	165,829	a 179,459	102,688	78,519	17,519	35	1,900	983,582
1939-40..	546,273	179,120	a 195,770	105,296	80,657	18,334	35	2,233	1,127,904
1940-41..	536,908	187,831	a 214,704	106,447	76,170	17,078	308	2,128	1,141,774
1941-42..	547,000	212,010	204,110	105,124	78,500	16,985	308	2,203	1,167,158
1942-43..	497,538	212,225	213,966	108,637	90,231	17,256	308	1,605	1,151,906
1943-44..	537,410	196,415	194,355	115,464	105,226	17,925	308	1,913	1,169,016

(a) For year ended 31st December of previous year.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
BUTTER.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	53,045	58,201	70,390	9,249	7,254	3,284	8	202,500
1939-40	52,149	73,583	63,771	10,240	6,942	3,295	7	211,987
1940-41	48,000	69,767	52,514	9,545	6,892	4,729	10	192,893
1941-42	39,831	62,804	43,582	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,631
1942-43	44,873	56,105	50,541	9,180	7,027	3,505	6	171,237
1943-44	41,231	44,898	45,996	8,841	6,573	3,799	4	156,282
1944-45(a)	32,065	46,755	42,552	6,928	5,965	3,556	..	137,262
CHEESE.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	3,343	8,729	7,060	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,394
1939-40	3,038	10,365	6,182	9,174	378	1,147	..	31,154
1940-41	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,678	428	1,557	..	26,789
1941-42	2,318	7,201	8,339	5,861	586	1,112	..	20,743
1942-43	2,350	11,280	12,723	8,000	731	1,052	..	26,130
1943-44	2,167	11,002	10,757	8,866	802	1,111	..	35,825
1944-45(a)	1,941	12,303	10,123	8,273	768	1,033	..	34,441
BACON AND HAM.								
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1938-39	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1939-40	11,927	7,383	8,917	3,146	2,066	1,202	..	35,983
1940-41	11,601	8,046	10,290	3,315	2,304	987	1	38,800
1941-42	13,293	8,692	10,923	3,912	2,796	957	..	42,464
1942-43	15,082	8,853	13,057	4,453	4,142	1,238	..	48,802
1943-44	13,913	6,687	11,058	4,066	4,538	1,092	..	45,723
1944-45(a)	19,071	9,883	14,204	4,659	4,399	1,093	..	53,900

(a) Subject to revision; excludes farm production.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Iron-ore.	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	£	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	£	Ton.	Ton.
1938	1,592,034	11,680,159	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,544	3,321	163,381
1939	1,645,097	12,335,142	(b)	1,104,355	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940	1,641,269	11,725,687	(b)	1,212,906	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941	1,496,698	11,212,451	(b)	1,475,797	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1942	1,153,787	14,003,489	(b)	1,557,641	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1943	771,279	14,192,942	(b)	1,399,366	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1944(c)	620,806	15,777,075	(b)	1,395,557	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1945 (6 mths.)	309,600	16,100,000	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June. (b) Not yet available. (c) Subject to revision.

VALUE (a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939	848,085	1,536,399	1,428,508	38,805	11,796,985	192,590	163,414	16,092,472
1940	1,068,692	1,824,206	1,251,654	31,892	12,667,219	291,248	238,849	17,319,950
1941	911,244	1,600,016	1,104,621	17,968	11,852,452	212,710	201,590	15,990,550
1942	807,436	1,600,016	994,214	13,300	8,865,896	191,845	126,662	12,660,166
1943	696,491	3,065,541	650,657	5,423	5,719,963	139,299	94,880	7,850,864
1944	657,152	598,365	538,176	5,662	4,993,354	174,888	37,809	6,901,376
SILVER AND LEAD.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1939	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1940	4,454,082	969	1,342,550	391	33,107	500,218	4	6,333,324
1941	4,450,373	2,410	1,324,249	837	37,648	433,643	..	6,255,860
1942	4,108,421	2,227	1,084,569	477	27,916	338,966	..	5,588,557
1943(a)	3,752,672	2,278	230,837	62	16,475	333,668	..	4,335,382

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

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—*continued*.

Year	N.S.W.	Victoria	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
1939 ..	£ 105,407	..	£ 289,927	£ 6,612	£ 1,373	£ 698,561	£ 2,248	£ 1,074,428
1940 ..	103,761	..	428,263	21,083	873	717,464	1,072	1,272,456
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,090	41,390	154	721,085	3,185	1,565,200
1942 ..	227,376	..	625,375	31,715	738	730,675	..	1,665,879
1943 ..	379,806	..	1,111,049	10,100	33	691,199	2,383	2,194,574
TIN.								
1939 ..	366,138	47,293	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,170
1940 ..	373,435	32,253	223,626	..	3,174	367,127	4,55	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	328,340	4,0	1,091,179
1942 ..	417,210	16,173	150,454	..	4,634	297,919	6,527	896,017
1943 ..	463,329	14,462	167,176	10	2,315	246,218	5,594	838,795
COAL (Black and Brown).								
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,469	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,945	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,590	63,688	..	8,327,341
1941 ..	8,256,881	726,754	1,494,646	..	380,278	85,311	..	10,871,870
1942 ..	9,472,363	880,806	1,698,251	1,650	461,365	108,241	..	12,022,786
1943 ..	9,290,006	958,924	1,824,591	..	489,721	117,361	..	12,679,702
ALL MINERALS.								
1939 ..	12,129,751	2,248,169	4,556,992	3,311,181	194,852	2,656,711	244,478	36,898,814
1940 ..	12,791,498	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	132,952	2,749,817	311,024	39,092,784
1941 ..	15,673,833	2,371,568	5,400,660	3,487,093	12,399,351	2,659,271	274,172	41,256,888
1942 ..	16,258,094	1,980,672	5,023,495	3,012,979	9,487,562	3,494,119	204,366	38,402,181
1943 ..	15,968,578	1,339,391	4,214,525	3,074,716	6,881,755	2,579,558	130,736	35,710,896

ESTIMATED NET VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

(Recorded Industries.)

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

Industry.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Agricultural ..	58,840	41,679	60,909	41,571	61,806	76,788
Pastoral ..	78,167	63,821	81,388	83,952	85,358	101,014
Dairying ..	31,589	33,782	36,843	35,766	34,344	42,244
Poultry ..	6,457	7,302	6,979	6,264	6,197	11,154
Bee-farming ..	161	123	166	309	408	324
Total Rural ..	175,214	146,707	189,285	167,802	188,413	231,524
Trapping ..	2,108	1,422	2,115	3,720	5,046	3,550
Forestry ..	7,996	7,780	8,133	9,196	10,631	11,013
Fisheries ..	1,595	1,655	1,557	1,668	1,773	1,935
Mines and Quarries ..	27,153	27,375	30,583	32,365	33,410	30,767
Total Non-Rural ..	39,152	38,232	42,388	46,949	50,280	47,265
Total All Primary ..	214,366	184,939	228,673	214,751	238,693	278,789
Factories ..	196,488	203,416	221,295	257,914	316,438	352,001
Total All Industries ..	410,854	388,355	449,968	472,665	555,131	630,790

Estimated Net Value of Production—Australia—*continued*.

PER HEAD OF MEAN POPULATION.

Industry.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Agricultural ..	8 11 5	6 0 4	8 14 1	5 17 9	8 13 2	10 13 4
Pastoral ..	11 7 9	9 4 3	11 12 8	11 17 6	11 19 2	14 0 7
Dairying ..	4 12 0	4 17 6	5 5 4	5 1 1	4 16 3	5 17 4
Poultry ..	0 18 10	1 1 1	1 0 0	0 17 7	0 18 3	1 11 0
Bee-farming ..	0 0 6	0 0 4	0 0 6	0 0 10	0 1 2	0 0 11
Total Rural ..	25 10 6	21 3 6	26 12 7	23 14 9	26 8 0	32 3 2
Trapping ..	0 7 0	0 4 1	0 6 1	0 10 7	0 14 2	0 9 10
Forestry ..	1 3 4	1 2 6	1 3 2	1 6 1	1 8 2	1 10 7
Fisheries ..	0 4 8	0 1 9	0 5 5	0 4 9	0 5 0	0 5 5
Mines and Quarries ..	3 19 1	3 19 0	4 7 5	4 11 5	4 13 6	4 5 6
Total Non-Rural ..	5 14 1	5 10 4	6 1 2	6 12 10	7 0 10	6 11 4
Total All Primary ..	31 4 7	26 13 10	32 13 9	30 7 7	33 8 10	38 14 6
Factories ..	28 12 6	29 7 3	31 12 7	36 9 10	44 6 9	48 17 11
Total All Industries ..	59 17 1	56 1 1	64 6 4	66 17 5	77 15 7	87 12 5

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.	£	£	£	£	£
1937-38	26,395	559,166	102,078,559	257,998,600	287,243,412	106,488,024	108,779,141
1938-39	26,944	565,166	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	200,419,977
1939-40	27,111	587,663	111,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	233,553,317
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,899	367,157,852	257,914,349	244,794,908
1941-42	26,971	725,312	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	373,058,971
1942-43	26,414	739,045	208,896,819	344,559,273	472,720,078	352,002,056	389,348,656
1943-44	27,674	766,498	216,873,819	358,210,508	498,924,854	366,235,487	391,739,216

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

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—STATE DETAILS.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1941-42.							
1. Factories ..	No. 10,166	8,918	2,788	2,167	1,938	994	26,971
2. Hands employed (a) ..	298,245	258,466	61,969	65,252	23,989	17,550	729,342
3. Wages paid (b) ..	£ 75,757,650	£ 64,363,277	£ 14,476,788	£ 16,234,161	£ 5,499,568	£ 3,729,779	£ 180,052,212
4. Value of fuel used ..	£ 11,228,819	£ 6,144,370	£ 1,915,687	£ 2,965,016	£ 1,390,228	£ 792,741	£ 23,456,463
5. .. materials used ..	£ 189,469,148	£ 10,198,887	£ 49,384,624	£ 33,294,628	£ 12,452,275	£ 8,896,016	£ 367,150,480
6. .. production ..	£ 128,790,351	£ 110,937,611	£ 1,830,339	£ 2,565,855	£ 10,160,531	£ 7,214,338	£ 316,439,028
7. .. output per fact. ..	£ 39,488,312	£ 257,281,080	£ 76,130,650	£ 58,896,438	£ 25,952,934	£ 16,311,062	£ 775,968,971
8. .. land & buildings ..	£ 65,015,509	£ 50,691,565	£ 13,082,364	£ 16,665,829	£ 7,093,250	£ 4,884,530	£ 196,339,100
9. .. plant & machinery ..	£ 70,911,633	£ 48,066,805	£ 17,771,803	£ 16,898,122	£ 7,309,500	£ 7,612,709	£ 169,179,792

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

Manufacturing Industries—State Details—continued.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1942-43.							
1. Factories .. No.	10,110	8,738	6,641	2,134	1,709	992	26,414
2. Hands employed (a) ..	315,324	262,358	242,912	72,748	25,813	18,310	769,045
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	88,900,826	73,035,257	16,737,545	19,243,200	6,477,113	4,472,816	208,806,843
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,307,050	6,514,447	2,163,774	2,406,301	1,437,024	791,719	25,026,522
5. " materials used .. £	267,599,130	149,630,126	55,063,141	36,745,047	13,845,808	9,836,706	722,570,078
6. " production .. £	153,682,292	121,391,307	20,944,560	28,351,359	11,454,057	8,075,451	322,002,056
7. " output of fact's .. £	372,490,163	274,635,040	86,218,472	67,368,707	26,737,949	18,713,330	803,349,650
8. " land & buildings .. £	72,622,002	52,642,052	13,159,149	17,473,537	6,770,121	4,926,195	167,593,947
9. " plant & machinery .. £	73,121,771	51,963,268	18,793,878	17,848,070	7,105,019	8,123,339	176,966,326

1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1. Factories .. No.	10,755	9,317	2,652	2,149	1,807	994	27,674
2. Hands employed (a) ..	323,632	261,331	64,682	69,569	28,101	19,791	766,506
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	93,518,226	73,061,193	18,071,680	18,714,413	7,417,595	5,193,069	216,873,819
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,808,046	6,826,742	2,192,113	2,436,049	1,508,344	842,687	29,576,875
5. " materials used .. £	223,693,640	154,490,654	57,945,790	36,739,842	15,193,718	10,960,294	496,924,854
6. " production .. £	162,726,010	123,356,718	29,210,528	28,411,486	12,511,526	9,045,419	366,235,487
7. " output of fact's .. £	399,157,690	284,647,014	90,318,437	67,578,377	29,298,988	20,848,210	891,739,216
8. " land & buildings .. £	78,978,013	55,062,982	13,262,504	17,620,353	6,929,805	5,293,066	177,146,005
9. " plant & machinery .. £	73,803,954	55,457,719	17,886,417	18,415,477	7,429,529	8,070,810	181,063,903

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

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metallics · Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,733,723	5,846,992	5,043,168	4,758,486
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	6,154,014	6,191,079	4,844,965	4,528,364
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	18,395,277	24,828,034	29,111,775	25,928,424
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Imple- ments and Conveyances ..	85,949,318	119,872,922	148,220,089	157,301,098
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	1,274,021	1,315,010	931,516	1,020,772
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	17,936,299	20,953,759	21,812,445	22,706,729
VII. Skins and Leather ..	4,465,300	5,156,273	5,473,293	5,885,080
VIII. Clothing ..	19,638,286	23,634,446	23,181,403	24,896,161
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	48,516,665	53,154,567	56,842,302	59,153,039
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	11,371,496	12,971,441	13,427,479	14,684,261
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,648,226	4,863,463	4,061,659	4,063,839
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book- binding, &c. ..	16,237,985	17,080,273	17,238,875	18,350,059
XIII. Rubber ..	3,055,014	3,861,465	3,647,766	3,862,931
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	169,337	190,238	158,484	155,806
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,788,046	4,069,285	4,665,317	5,283,655
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,580,892	12,509,781	13,344,520	13,506,283
Total ..	257,914,349	316,439,028	352,002,056	366,235,487

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1943-44.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Wages (a) ..	23.43	25.98	20.72	27.60	25.40	24.91	24.32
Fuel and Light ..	3.21	2.40	2.39	3.60	5.15	4.04	2.98
Materials used ..	56.02	54.27	64.16	54.35	52.02	52.57	55.95
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	17.34	17.35	12.73	14.36	17.43	18.48	16.75
Total output ..	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Pro- duction ..	57.47	59.97	59.82	65.86	59.29	57.42	59.22

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

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

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1939-40—Males ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	229.08
Females ..	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
1940-41—Males ..	265.35	260.54	249.91	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females ..	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females ..	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44
1942-43—Males ..	344.72	344.06	308.49	313.74	304.34	290.30	335.17
Females ..	157.29	173.10	129.55	157.27	131.70	137.19	160.59
1943-44—Males ..	352.15	349.02	326.70	314.99	316.28	310.15	342.68
Females ..	172.07	179.55	151.65	169.77	150.14	161.57	171.30

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

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1943-44.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	226,821	175,078	50,822	50,660	21,060	14,637	539,111
Females ..	96,208	86,253	13,860	18,909	7,041	5,394	227,365
Masculinity (a) ..	236	203	307	268	299	280	237

(a) Number of males per 100 female.

Section III. Shipping and Commerce.

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

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1939-40 ..	5,609,482	856,183	6,465,665	5,533,670	1,076,291	6,609,961
1940-41 ..	4,282,622	1,096,299	5,378,921	5,148,291	741,135	5,889,426
1941-42 ..	4,641,087	533,931	5,174,118	4,499,010	1,103,876	5,593,886
1942-43 ..	3,547,084	277,105	3,824,189	3,472,423	816,321	4,288,744
1943-44 ..	3,663,728	879,800	4,543,528	4,300,359	842,892	5,203,251

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

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA TRADE.
IMPORTS.(a)
 (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1943-44.			1944-45.	
	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	Civil.	Total.
	£ stg.	£ stg.	£ stg.	£ stg.	£ stg.
New South Wales	48,508	50,061	89,354	10,225	101,808
Victoria	46,291	59,781	110,323	90,252	27,767
Queensland	6,339	7,067	7,519	7,153	12,870
South Australia	2,492	7,492	5,850	3,812	4,781
Western Australia	4,250	4,528	3,228	2,881	3,468
Tasmania	944	842	1,069	639	1,046
Northern Territory	85	140	..	..	..
Estimated unrecorded	..	16,004	..	..	..
Total	111,918	152,005	214,142	82,423	214,226

EXPORTS.(c)
 (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.)

State or Territory.	1943-44.			1944-45.	
	1939-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	Civil.	Total.
	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.	£A'000.
New South Wales	63,428	64,147	54,263	55,322	54,089
Victoria	45,257	42,922	31,550	39,803	35,539
Queensland	25,247	21,297	18,624	16,169	17,863
South Australia	13,197	14,812	9,423	11,432	15,585
Western Australia	8,430	11,579	5,312	6,964	11,423
Tasmania	1,500	1,874	865	1,082	1,419
Northern Territory	25	13	..	..	2,165
Estimated unrecorded	..	12,645	2,504	..	2,000
Total	157,191	198,974	125,561	101,130	146,682

(a) Subject to revision as some imports of war materials and some goods imported for civil consumption under United States Lend-Lease and Canadian Mutual Aid have not yet been included. (b) Includes Civil Imports £62,739,950. (c) Goods destined for export countries are largely from former from one State to another for transshipment to the overseas countries. In this table such goods are shown as from the State from which they were finally despatched. (d) Estimated British currency values are shown in the next table. (e) Includes Civil Exports £48,123,000.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA VALUE, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
 (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.)

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.		Value per Head of Population.					
		Total.	Merchandise.	Exports.		Imports.		Exports.	
				Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.
1940-41.	237,433	111,918	124,516	19.9	12.5	17.1	19.3	17.1	19.3
1941-42.	280,332	152,005	128,229	16.8	13.4	14.1	16.4	14.1	16.4
1942-43.	314,685	214,142	108,954	2.16	1.60	2.15	1.31	2.15	1.31
1943-44.	331,306	214,223	117,200	3.22	1.71	3.15	1.71	3.15	1.71
1944-45.	342,452	188,483	121,042	2.97	1.59	2.15	1.16	2.15	1.16

(a) Excludes the value of stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of shipping stores in Australian currency were: 1940-41, £1,528,555; 1941-42, £3,791,283; 1942-43, £6,016,604; 1943-44, £8,478,714; 1944-45, £11,379,257.

Year.	Imports.		Exports.		Excess of Exports.	
	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Merchandise.	Specie and Bullion.
1940-41.	108,650	3,268	111,918	107,575	17,910	12,515
1941-42.	143,536	3,619	152,005	127,209	24,796	14,922
1942-43.	211,107	2,933	214,142	104,241	110,901	10,981
1943-44.	210,629	4,196	214,223	117,103	97,120	11,797
1944-45.	186,044	2,439	188,483	123,061	65,422	6,438

(a) The values in Australian currency (£A'000) were: 1940-41, £13,473.8; 1941-42, £19,528.1; 1942-43, £15,552.2; 1943-44, £16,672.1; and 1944-45, £15,262. (b) The values in Australian currency are shown in the table above.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the September quarters of 1944 and 1945, the calendar years 1943 and 1944, and the financial years 1943-44 and 1944-45.

Division.	September Quarter.		Calendar Year.		Financial Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943.	1944.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CUSTOMS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1. Alcs, Spirits, and Beverages	135,187	130,642	608,362	470,640	169,314	506,558
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof	1,567,207	1,307,030	5,719,184	4,777,630	5,644,023	5,725,008
3. Sugar	..	..	229	0	73	..
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries	198,702	197,461	704,936	644,072	614,036	789,549
5. Textiles, Acc. and Attire	273,552	231,067	1,071,574	970,697	1,008,132	1,094,477
6. Metals and Machinery	292,816	293,629	1,155,872	1,046,314	1,295,363	880,657
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes	2,114,532	2,285,739	6,531,692	8,149,487	7,001,181	8,526,720
8. Earthenware, Acc.	38,987	63,653	126,739	120,061	134,454	152,116
9. Drugs and Chemicals	52,504	55,541	177,194	161,464	162,813	197,317
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane	54,111	76,869	158,354	189,282	174,228	255,278
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods	104,291	84,065	318,946	319,635	529,555	355,000
12. Leather and Rubber	70,850	63,673	288,876	282,957	275,890	226,790
13. Paper and Stationery	19,672	18,448	87,006	63,927	90,788	68,467
14. Vehicles	8,613	11,488	62,017	28,555	38,732	29,144
15. Musical Instruments	145	487	226	578	..	527
16. Miscellaneous	155,357	281,867	636,503	498,058	565,524	763,659
Prime	692,925	645,271	2,380,571	2,380,571	2,476,828	2,330,884
Ship's Stores	8,825	8,000	38,182	32,650	33,826	34,379
Other Miscellaneous Receipts	31,936	29,808	121,285	122,110	116,410	128,900
Total Customs	5,758,895	5,838,342	20,187,329	21,293,040	20,965,065	22,068,013
EXCISE.						
Beer	4,913,644	5,231,773	21,096,182	21,887,706	21,615,974	21,671,224
Carbonic Acid Gas	467,295	50,223	314,362	313,539	313,636	321,679
Clearing Papers	249,561	173,580	848,412	854,273	876,836	790,126
Malates	318,967	304,932	1,273,378	1,143,398	1,100,008	1,155,739
Petrol	70,321	60,248	423,632	299,293	370,656	322,589
Playing Cards	13,733	7,963	45,969	44,868	44,581	43,918
Spirits	1,115,131	1,276,169	5,292,720	5,444,020	5,424,639	5,498,693
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Sund	4,060,966	4,093,348	16,960,040	16,800,617	17,189,269	16,001,124
Other Excise, including Licences, Ac.	55,841	110,761	252,205	252,821	249,615	252,242
Total Excise	11,144,129	11,227,700	46,507,871	47,677,615	47,281,953	46,116,870
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	16,903,124	17,066,042	66,695,200	68,970,655	68,247,018	68,170,883
Refunds and Drawback paid	106,429	462,798	1,628,660	1,811,546	1,745,291	1,684,272
TOTAL NET REVENUE	16,796,695	16,603,244	65,066,540	67,159,109	66,501,727	66,486,611

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

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

IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	306	181	486	644
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c. .. .	19	43	97	117
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	6	4	3	24
Potted and Concentrated	1	4	45	6
Sausage Casings	14	33	42	252
Milk and Cream	4	1	26	40
Other Animal Foodstuffs	7	33	7	28
Total, Class I.	357	290	706	1,111
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Caramel, Paste and Butter		64		
Cocoa and Chocolate	274	321	270	489
Coffee and Chicory	162	136	348	530
Confectionery	1		4	3
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates			1	125
Fresh		1	1	1
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.s., preserved in liquid		1	2	1
Ginger		18	2	30
Grain and Pulses—				
Unprepared	55	153	235	134
Prepared	4	2	3	10
Liquorice	3	19	23	31
Nuts, Edible	23	48	154	318
Pickles and Sauces				4
Seeds—Ovary, Hemp and Rape	34	33	41	110
Spices	23	36	98	162
Sugar and Sugar Products	2	6	20	15
Tea	782	893	3,288	3,692
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	11	56	92	44
Total, Class II.	1,374	1,787	4,591	5,699
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry			3	
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy		1		
Gin			6	1
Whisky	164	60	101	339
Other, including Liqueurs			1	6
Wine—Fermented			1	
Total, Class III.	164	61	112	346

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
Cigars Cigarettes	1		15	2
Tobacco—				
Manufactured		6	36	15
Unmanufactured	948	1,076	4,213	3,080
Total, Class IV.	949	1,082	4,264	3,097
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	13	37	31	77
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds	6		24	35
Hair and Fibre	61	1	52	124
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	32	197	176	207
Sheep		3	2	2
Other	47	91	192	191
Silk, Raw			2	35
Wool	51	6	48	63
Other Animal Substances	3	10	17	15
Total, Class VI.	200	308	513	672
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	24	77	417	271
Cork and Cork Manufactures	28	60	77	115
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	349	418	1,123	1,627
Flax, Hemp, &c.	93	68	93	370
Kapok	11	7	4	65
Other	151	31	406	387
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking, Furniture,				
Mats, &c.	26	4	25	30
Gums and Resins	105	905	628	925
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	17	233	182	98
Linseed	257	298	761	1,184
Other	47	85	248	290
Tanning Substances	88	46	259	316
Other Vegetable Substances	2	11	5	5
Total, Class VII.	1,198	1,943	4,222	5,683
CLASS VIII.—(a) MANUFACTURED FIBRES AND YARNS.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Grain, Chaff and Fodder	106	52	274	391
Corn and Flour	725	342	1,615	3,867
Woolpacks	534	47	1,058	1,027
Other	11	6	34	45
Cordage and Twines	58	31	772	125
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c.	247	118	719	771
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	366	372	1,176	1,270
Cotton	358	225	945	1,608
Silk		2		
Wool	18		5	24
Other	11	29	69	84
Total, Class VIII. (a)	2,434	1,224	6,718	9,212

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.				
Carpets and Other Floor Coverings	1	49	8	63
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys .. ..	..	..	6	15
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen Piece Goods—	23	32	168	105
Canvas and Duck	340	232	2,992	1,265
Cotton and Linen	3,423	2,503	11,990	16,948
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	482	270	2,515	1,372
Lace for Attire, &c.	4	..	24	12
Silk, including Artificial Silk	1,780	1,601	4,840	6,502
Velvets, Plushes, &c.	4	9	15	35
Woolens	92	55	296	374
Other	276	233	1,038	1,498
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	165	5	117	195
Towels and Towelling	97	104	268	285
Other Textiles	67	533	1,676	259
Total, Class VIII. (b)	6,754	5,633	25,962	28,923
CLASS VIII.—(c) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (not knitted) ..	2	1	..	2
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c. (knitted) ..	1	1	2	3
Boots and Shoes	10	1	11	25
Buttons	5	6	40	19
Gloves	1	..	..	..
Hats and Caps	17	17	..	20
Socks and Stockings	1	..	12	178
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c.	1	..	9	2
Trimmings and Ornaments	20	2	11	340
Other Apparel and Attire	110	97	327	292
.. ..	65	104	762	767
Total, Class VIII. (c)	232	256	1,174	1,648
Total, Class VIII.	9,420	7,113	33,854	39,783
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	74	82	247	306
Oils—				
Kerosene	514	355	1,067	1,479
Lubricating (Mineral)	938	283	4,266	1,974
Olive .. ..	..	..	3	..
Petroleum	2,239	2,103	9,940	7,433
Residual	794	1,694	4,340	3,759
Turpentine	48	19	98	171
Other	246	268	870	999
Total, Class IX.	4,853	4,804	20,831	18,121
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	133	220	434	488
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	1	1	6	4
Total, Class X.	134	221	440	492

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch	68	58	318	261
Stones—				
Abrasives	57	35	398	222
Other	2	..	14	9
Other Minerals, &c.	378	195	837	937
Total, Class XI.	505	288	1,567	1,429
CLASS XII.—(a) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Alloys	104	11	658	187
Aluminium Blocks, Ingots, &c.	172	21	1,479	260
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers	17	8	47	93
Iron and Steel—				
Bars, Rods, &c.	101	77	609	326
Channels, Girders, Joists, &c.	5	..	..	5
Pipes and Tubes	45	16	193	118
Plate and Sheet—				
Plain	293	60	429	479
Tinned	736	1,125	3,801	3,994
Nails	13	4	45	47
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c.	3	..	..	7
Wire	36	54	64	96
Lamps and Lampware	70	28	116	193
Leaf and Foil	11	25	56	79
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c.	21	20	48	58
Plateware and Cutlery	170	131	492	483
Tools of Trade	426	296	1,347	1,444
Vehicles—				
Cycles and Cycle Parts	106	65	335	405
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts .. ..	..	2	53	2
Chassis and Parts	2,748	1,841	12,128	8,926
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c.	114	3	448	279
Other Vehicles and Parts	4,484	5,092	47,438	24,188
Other Metals and Manufactures	534	550	2,616	1,396
Total, Class XII. (a)	10,049	9,447	72,432	43,065
CLASS XII.—(b) ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES AND EQUIPMENT.				
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators	32	28	86	202
Cable and Wire, covered	236	113	1,015	692
Dynamo Electric Machines	369	501	478	778
Lamps, Filament	24	43	84	108
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. ..	260	287	705	1,380
Other Electrical Appliances	805	716	2,483	3,316
Total, Class XII. (b)	1,726	1,688	4,851	6,446

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XII.—(c) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.				
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	41	18	157	179
Dairying	48	28	96	113
Metal working	334	152	4,405	1,043
Mining	70	127	202	263
Motive power	2,471	2,563	8,221	10,149
Printing	3	18	29	35
Machines—				
Sewing	38	54	248	314
Sheep-shearing	15	15	40	47
Weighing	11	13	27	44
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	150	117	503	490
Yarn and Textile-making Machinery	75	111	297	284
Other Machines and Machinery	649	554	2,968	3,471
Total, Class XII. (c)	3,911	3,770	17,193	16,432
Total, Class XII.	15,686	14,905	94,476	65,943
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c. Rubber Manufactures—	282	265	2,520	1,400
Elastics, &c.	5	9	12	45
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other	2	25	34	36
Other	18	31	46	74
Total, Class XIII. (a)	307	340	2,612	1,555
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.				
Leather	12	6	32	27
Leather Manufactures, &c.	3	4	18	12
Total, Class XIII. (b)	15	10	50	39
Total, Class XIII.	322	350	2,662	1,594
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	47	51	48	190
Undressed	206	327	475	929
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	24	68	89	95
Total, Class XIV.	277	446	612	1,214
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS.				
Crocery and Household Ware	136	186	356	570
Glass and Glassware	106	131	306	459
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stone- ware	22	83	118	115
Total, Class XV.	264	400	780	1,144

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.				
Parchment	5	..	209	172
Printing	614	241	888	1,874
Wrapping	70	101	391	309
Writing and Typewriting	297	224	714	636
Other Paper	166	132	535	597
Pulp for Paper-making	398	298	653	785
Millboards and other boards	32	47	141	175
Total, Class XVI. (a)	1,582	1,013	3,531	4,348
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	485	420	1,164	1,431
Paperhangings and Wallpapers . . . . .	..	..	1	5
Pens and Pencils	54	46	141	163
Price Lists, Circulars, &c.	3	6	12	14
Other Stationery	97	93	314	345
Total, Class XVI. (b)	639	505	1,632	1,958
Total, Class XVI.	2,221	1,578	5,163	6,506
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	8	11	19	33
Toys, &c.	2	13	1	23
Other	21	26	98	82
Jewellery—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. . . . .	..	..	125	1
Other . . . . .	..	9	8	5
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	128	135	264	291
Total, Class XVII.	159	194	515	435
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	163	124	402	476
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	109	83	217	353
Photographs, &c.	3	6	22	14
Surgical and Dental Instruments	154	176	652	555
Other Instruments	70	169	225	272
Total, Class XVIII.	499	558	1,518	1,670
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	23	48	99	72
Argol . . . . .	..	..	10	2
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes Cyanides of Potassium . . . . .	..	..	1	..
Drugs, Medical Preparations—	47	57	57	127
Proprietary Medicines	108	187	752	374
Other	177	121	602	749
Dyes	201	108	649	516
Fertilizers	313	274	889	1,385
Insecticides, Washes and Dips	35	38	151	191
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous)	30	48	179	176
Perfumery and Preparations	38	31	87	89

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, ETC.—<i>continued.</i>				
Potassium, Carbonate, Chlorates, &c.	13	16	69	42
Salt	4	3	11	15
Sodium Salts—				
Carbonate (Soda Ash)	46	37	196	230
Hydroxide (Caustic Soda)	2	16	40	117
Other	43	34	468	302
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups	4	2	82	28
Other	15	23	11	25
Other Drugs and Chemicals	333	273	1,379	1,070
Total, Class XIX.	1,432	1,416	5,732	5,510
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	17	10	126	90
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	5,400	5,501	18,104	20,518
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	2	3	4	6
Brushware	3	7	17	23
Goods imported per parcel post	160	156	547	545
Musical Instruments, &c.	2	7	5	10
Oilmen's Stores	1	..	56	75
Outside Packages	864	600	3,972	2,719
Passengers' Effects	38	60	108	208
Packings for Engines	62	54	179	265
Vessels (Ships)	251	6	1,278	381
All other Articles	381	71	3,044	678
Total, Class XX.	7,181	6,475	27,440	25,518
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Gold, including Gold in matte	288	242	1,284	1,132
Silver, including Silver in matte	300	134	2,753	1,307
Bronze Specie . . . . .	..	359	159	..
Total, Class XXI.	588	735	4,196	2,439
SUMMARY.				
Importing States—				
New South Wales	25,109	23,466	101,868	101,330
Victoria	17,379	14,615	90,252	64,768
Queensland	2,384	3,962	12,870	12,956
South Australia	1,444	1,579	4,781	4,657
Western Australia	1,213	1,015	3,408	4,042
Tasmania	267	319	1,040	730
Northern Territory . . . . .	..	44	..	..
GRAND TOTAL	47,796	45,000	214,225	188,483

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.				
TOTAL IMPORTS—				
Merchandise	47,208	44,265	210,029	186,044
Bullion and Specie	588	735	4,196	2,439
GRAND TOTAL	47,796	45,000	214,225	188,483
ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.				
TOTAL IMPORTS—				
Merchandise	59,128	55,442	263,061	233,021
Bullion and Specie	736	920	5,255	3,054
GRAND TOTAL	59,864	56,362	268,316	236,075
EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).				
Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Butter	384	1,167	6,871	8,250
Butter Fat (dry) . . . . .	..	..	29	11
Butter Substitutes	342	80	722	1,055
Cheese	604	325	1,954	1,975
Eggs	17	88	376	443
Infants and Invalids' Foods	34	99	32	125
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	157	429	628	672
Mutton, Dehydrated	181	13	862	642
Potted or Concentrated	26	35	123	165
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	501	963	1,246	1,663
Lamb	91	61	4,142	3,218
Mutton	93	98	502	725
Pork	637	186	587	1,437
Rabbits and Hares	58	53	41	175
Preserved in Tins	912	1,338	4,093	4,476
Sausage Casings	71	66	415	398
Other	104	197	484	535
Milk and Cream	229	345	1,448	1,780
Other Animal Foodstuffs	221	578	383	556
Total, Class I.	4,602	6,121	24,878	28,241

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory,				
Fruit Juices, &c.	77	179	655	652
Biscuits	67	140	928	618
Confectionery	61	87	461	292
Foodstuffs	28	34	98	46
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	372	95	714	828
Raisins	1,303	244	2,449	2,648
Other	11	63	131	95
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	8	34	46	99
Citrus	95	56	256	210
Other	2	2	14	9
Fruits, preserved in liquid	51	167	530	508
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	9	450	53	91
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	18		206	57
Wheat	5,142	55	8,264	9,752
Other	47	35	114	364
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	41		88	138
Flour (Wheaten)	1,864	717	6,699	6,732
Rice	95	121	591	509
Other	119	111	476	527
Jams and Fruit Jellies	264	376	557	692
Sugar	192	944	1,524	1,854
Tea	18	91	135	151
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	302	1,157	1,596	1,854
Total, Class II.	10,186	5,158	26,585	28,726
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry				
Spirits (Beverages)	173	217	338	693
Wine	230	164	593	546
Other	133	176	423	596
Total, Class III.	536	557	1,354	1,835
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff				
Tobacco	36	170	331	287
Tobacco	74	179	532	533
Total, Class IV.	110	349	863	820
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle	11		3	24
Horses	2	3	26	3
Sheep	1	2	11	7
Other Animals	4	2	9	17
Total, Class V.	18	7	49	51

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatin and Glue of all kinds	42		64	159
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse	48	54	284	243
Fox	61	11	272	78
Kangaroo and Wallaby	36	105	261	358
Opossum	27	8	38	136
Rabbit	2,078	2,553	4,494	3,864
Sheep	410	1,323	1,338	1,833
Other	37	3	66	90
Pearl-shell		6		5
Trochus-shell	7	6	18	25
Wool—				
Greasy	7,274	10,323	36,232	38,745
Scoured and Tops	2,648	3,135	9,535	10,642
Other Animal Substances	4	6	24	29
Total, Class VI.	12,672	17,533	52,626	56,207
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Fibres	135	153	654	710
Seeds	64	43	201	142
Tanning Substances	12	15	47	57
Other Vegetable Substances	23	9	49	79
Total, Class VII.	234	220	951	988
CLASS VIII.—APPAREL AND ATTIRE; TEXTILES; MANUFACTURED FIBRES.				
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage				
and Yarns	65	107	678	343
Piece Goods	101	183	259	890
Other Textiles	248	193	127	556
Boots and Shoes	23	17	198	62
Other Apparel and Attire	140	297	1,686	470
Total, Class VIII.	577	797	2,928	2,321
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	51	83	167	248
Oils	1,191	401	3,371	2,481
Tallow, unrefined	286	145	904	670
Total, Class IX.	1,528	629	4,442	3,399
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES	27	40	109	104
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Coal	49	17	182	224
Ores and Concentrates—				
Silver and Silver Lead	428	43	604	782
Zinc	200	207	1,125	865
Other	144	151	441	577
Other Stones and Minerals	23	9	120	98
Total, Class XI.	844	427	2,472	2,546

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
Iron and Steel	173	741	819	1,196
Lead—Pig and in Matte	1,721	797	3,158	5,558
Tin Ingots	26	47	314	181
Vehicles	77	443	372	693
Zinc Bars, Blocks, &c.	444	577	1,203	1,879
Other Metals and Manufactures	147	387	434	775
Electrical Appliances and Equipment	89	76	183	299
Machines and Machinery	154	258	823	818
Total, Class XII.	2,831	3,326	7,306	11,399
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures	126	177	385	400
Leather	236	147	500	590
Leather Manufactures, &	8	13	53	47
Total, Class XIII.	370	337	938	1,007
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	56	99	273	124
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture	25	41	80	362
Total, Class XIV.	81	140	353	486
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE	62	99	192	325
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	10	19	75	53
Stationery	159	92	300	420
Total, Class XVI.	169	111	375	473
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIMEPIECES AND FANCY GOODS.				
Precious Stones—Unset—Pearls, Cameos, &c.	1	2	11	9
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	7	55	103	81
Total, Class XVII.	8	57	114	90
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	8	8	34	41
Photographic Goods, &c.	20	7	39	67
Talking Machines, &c.	5	9	26	30
Other Instruments	7	63	86	136
Total, Class XVIII.	40	87	185	274

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—continued.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
	'000.	'000.	'000.	'000.
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Cuscin .. .. .	..	..	3	1
Fertilizers	2	7	16	12
Medicines	41	137	208	232
Oil—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.l.	2	2	4	16
Eucalyptus	44	35	124	136
Perfumery and Preparations	147	218	609	521
Other Drugs and Chemicals	126	346	580	939
Total, Class XIX.	362	745	1,544	1,857
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Arms, Ammunition and Explosives	3,777	1,261	7,077	10,060
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	6	10	24	19
Oilmen's Stores	95	..	452	980
Personal and Household Effects	19	64	64	121
Vessels transferred abroad .. .. .	..	41	..	..
Goods Exported per parcel post	5	9	18	26
All other Articles	190	401	773	958
Total, Class XX.	4,092	1,786	8,408	12,113
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER AND BRONZE SPECIE.				
Silver, including Silver in plate	4	2	9	9
Bronze Specie .. .. .	..	..	1	..
Total, Class XXI.	4	2	10	9
SUMMARY.				
States of Final Shipment—				
New South Wales	14,147	18,763	51,089	60,837
Victoria	9,505	8,035	26,347	40,070
Queensland	4,463	5,667	17,889	18,283
South Australia	7,402	2,063	15,585	19,167
Western Australia	2,956	3,023	11,423	12,383
Tasmania	940	976	1,149	2,531
Northern Territory .. .. .	..	1	..	..
Unrecorded Exports (estimated) .. .. .	..	..	10,000	2,000
Total { Australian Produce	38,191	37,638	142,522	151,665
{ Other Produce	1,222	890	4,160	3,666
GRAND TOTAL	39,413	38,528	146,682	155,271

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued*.

Article.	September Quarter.		Year.	
	1944.	1945.	1943-44.	1944-45.

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.	£A. '000.
TOTAL EXPORTS—				
Merchandise	39,409	38,526	146,672	155,262
Bullion and Specie—				
Australian Produce	4	2	3	9
Other Produce .. .. .	..	..	7	..
Total, Bullion and Specie	4	2	10	9
GRAND TOTAL	39,413	38,528	146,682	155,271

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.	£ Stg. '000.
TOTAL EXPORTS—				
Merchandise	31,464	30,759	117,103	123,961
Bullion and Specie—				
Gold .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Silver and Bronze	3	2	8	8
Total, Bullion and Specie	3	2	8	8
GRAND TOTAL	31,467	30,761	117,111	123,969
VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN GOLD PRODUCTION	1,934	2,100	7,120	6,905

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

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				
			Baron and Blane.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.	Preserved in Tins.
QUANTITY.							
1940-41..	Cental. 1,957,086	Cental. 339,078	Centol. 66,769	Cental. 1,986,50	Cental. 2,389,254	Cental. 748,896	Cental. 425,165
1941-42..	1,303,472	314,573	57,643	1,172,565	1,749,399	342,404	941,461
1942-43..	1,243,207	259,643	26,397	226,289	2,036,815	19,970	691,656
1943-44..	1,042,265	329,748	86,252	474,470	1,715,698	160,172	796,931
1944-45..	937,398	335,168	84,862	627,614	1,466,901	398,818	815,147
1945-46 (3 months)	157,159	53,891	39,600	389,395	69,284	50,283	224,885

(a) Includes Veal.

Principal Agricultural, Pastoral and Dairy Produce of Australian Origin Exported from Australia—continued.

Year.	Butter.	Cheese.	Meats.				Preserved in Tins.
			Bacon and Hams.	Beef.(a)	Mutton and Lamb.	Pork.	
VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)							
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1940-41..	11,973	1,544	440	3,762	6,142	2,303	1,874
1941-42..	8,125	1,428	395	2,498	4,671	1,108	4,550
1942-43..	8,086	1,225	296	561	5,496	86	3,238
1943-44..	6,871	1,954	628	1,246	4,644	587	4,093
1944-45..	8,250	1,975	672	1,653	3,940	1,437	4,476
1945-46 (3 months)	1,167	325	429	993	159	186	1,338

Year.	Fruits, Dried.		Fruits Preserved in Liquid—Apples, Peaches, Pears, Pine-apples and Other.	Wheat.	Flour.	Wood.	
	Vine.	Other.				Crassy.	Scoured. (b)
QUANTITY.							
	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.	Cental.
1940-41..	1,431,725	29,887	444,978	28,174,469	15,438,107	4,908,801	603,459
1941-42..	1,434,960	39,731	499,131	13,387,573	8,273,681	7,363,434	927,842
1942-43..	1,298,535	24,172	134,464	13,526,462	6,834,379	5,181,276	516,692
1943-44..	1,680,747	36,299	211,688	20,195,975	11,810,882	4,551,147	702,954
1944-45..	1,734,227	18,597	217,047	19,434,870	11,195,390	4,967,171	816,536
1945-46 (3 months)	154,482	10,104	63,761	78,124	931,877	1,494,141	252,541

Year.	VALUE.—(AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY.)						
	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.	£A.'000.
1940-41..	2,366	122	802	9,248	7,427	32,889	6,756
1941-42..	2,421	146	908	4,645	4,191	47,832	10,209
1942-43..	2,172	105	290	4,884	3,495	37,094	6,624
1943-44..	3,163	131	530	8,264	6,699	36,232	9,535
1944-45..	3,476	95	508	9,752	6,732	38,745	10,642
1945-46 (3 months)	339	63	167	55	717	10,323	3,135

(a) Includes Veal.

(b) Includes Tops, Nails and Waste.

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
TAXATION—					
Customs	29,110	25,209	20,806	29,077	27,488
Excise	24,370	31,572	44,072	40,685	45,089
Sales Tax	19,793	26,830	28,846	27,009	29,672
Flour Tax	1,499	1,652	1,709	1,940	1,996
Land Tax	3,191	3,991	3,873	3,819	3,664
Income Tax(a)	63,305	77,564	144,927	183,799	215,534
Pay-roll Tax	8,963	8,963	10,451	10,963	11,088
Food Tax	1,452	1,009	325	318	343
State Duty	2,394	2,845	2,696	2,704	3,000
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	..	2,994	4,764	5,027
Gilt Duty .. .. .	..	80	145	222	329
Total Taxation	125,884	170,436	257,144	303,067	337,920
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	19,975	21,639	24,391	26,679	27,872
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	462	694	1,226	1,027	980
Central Australia	244	742	1,584	1,737	1,046
North Australia	186	366	712	823	820
Australian Capital Territory	8	5	15	15	11
Total Railways	900	1,747	3,617	3,602	2,866
Total Business Undertakings	19,975	23,386	28,008	30,281	30,738
TERRITORIES—					
.. .. .	507	492	447	487	455
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest (e)	1,486	997	1,081	1,106	1,202
Grants	753	808	2,589	2,028	1,307
Defence	304	805	1,490	362	126
Civil Aviation	138	185	401	770	1,178
Health	14	114	14	24	12
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	57	55	58	67	77
Bankruptcy	32	25	23	17	16
Commerce—					
Wool Levy(b)	84	80	82	85	75
Other	3	37	113	113	13
Marine	134	133	101	96	201
Net Profit, Note Issue	1,662	1,658	2,248	2,620	2,949
Balance of Trust Accounts	31	1,000	218	127	102
Other	418	134	297	492	428
Total	4,616	6,727	8,860	7,758	7,741
Grand Total	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,388	376,854
PER HEAD (f)—					
Taxation	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Business Undertakings	17 14 9	25 2 10	35 14 5	41 15 10	46 0 8
Other	2 10 6	3 5 6	3 17 10	4 3 4	4 3 9
Total	19 5 10	28 8 7	40 18 1	47 1 10	51 6 4

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

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange	9,560	9,682	9,384	9,313	9,121
War Pensions	8,042	7,900	8,340	9,207	9,250
Repatriation	845	829	850	902	759
Other	147	198	141	122	150
Total, War, &c.	18,603	18,618	18,721	19,604	19,289
Defence and War (1939-45) Services—					
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange	2,640	7,112	15,119	24,762	34,198
War Pensions	63,041	101,915	143,607	141,344	157,605
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Total, Defence, War, &c.	65,681	109,234	159,478	167,843	194,574
Total Cost of Departments (a)—					
Government-General	30	31	29	32	49
Parliament	548	473	487	599	603
Prime Minister and External Territories	1,283	1,350	1,384	1,623	1,651
External Affairs	142	200	210	251	244
Treasury	2,425	2,640	3,564	3,770	3,930
Attorney-General	207	319	351	387	434
Interior	803	955	917	881	937
Civil Aviation	302	337	350	360	439
Trade and Customs	963	956	872	816	873
Health	276	309	380	379	398
Commerce and Agriculture	911	976	1,022	1,039	1,043
Social Services	162	282	303	412	443
Supply and Shipping	220	241	246	275	273
Business Undertakings (a)—					
Postmaster-General	15,877	17,528	19,630	22,481	23,903
Railways	1,508	2,726	3,080	3,080	2,795
Territories (a) (b)—					
Australian Capital Territory	679	698	677	698	737
Northern Territory	462	529	329	302	265
Papua	86	39	5	5	5
New Guinea	7	17	2	2	2
Norfolk Island	4	6	5	4	4
Total, Territories	1,238	1,280	1,018	1,011	1,043
New Works (c)	3,212	3,305	3,901	4,677	5,705
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	17,366	19,257	22,293	21,099	21,701
Child Endowment .. .. .	..	11,303	11,600	12,257	12,036
Widows' Pensions .. .. .	..	..	2,859	2,801	2,965
Maternity Allowances	407	358	281	2,287	2,543
Funeral Benefit .. .. .	..	..	..	105	164
National Welfare Fund—Balance .. .. .	..	..	..	25,525	27,293
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585	7,585
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,557	1,580	1,588	1,578	1,083
Special Grants	2,050	2,309	2,775	2,470	2,846
Grants for Federal Aid Roads	3,484	2,128	1,601	1,487	2,201
Income Tax Reimbursement .. .. .	..	..	26,432	32,047	32,600
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement .. .. .	..	..	574	766	766
Other Grants	250	138	140	127	122
Total to or for States (d)	14,926	13,731	40,097	46,060	47,899
Relief to Primary Producers	3,023	4,063	..	(e) 1,941	(e) 3,566
Grand Total	150,482	210,041	294,459	342,388	376,854
Per Head of Population (f)	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1	£47 1 10	£51 6 4

(a) Includes interest and sinking fund payments. (b) Excludes Railways—see Business Undertakings. (c) Excludes Defence and War (1939-45) Services. (d) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (e) In addition, £3,085,000 was provided under War Services during 1942-43, £12,322,000 during 1943-44 and £14,280,000 during 1944-45. (f) Based on mean population for each financial year.

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

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount.	Percentage on total circulation.
				£	%
1940 (b)	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	16,260	28.1
1941 (b)	14,318,060	55,069,055	69,387,124	18,559	26.8
1942 (b)	14,879,107	88,180,429	103,068,536	20,777	25.9
1943 (b)	15,456,884	126,005,067	142,392,551	36,518	25.7
1944 (b)	15,925,325	171,910,855	187,836,180	48,269	25.7
1945 (c)—April	17,708,803	168,534,822	186,243,625	50,856	27.3
May	16,747,455	168,908,180	185,745,635	50,856	27.4
June	15,934,018	169,806,037	185,740,055	50,856	27.4
July	15,913,092	167,050,870	182,963,962	50,858	27.8
August	16,078,422	168,785,450	184,863,872	(d)	(d)
September	15,746,096	170,216,876	185,962,972	(d)	(d)

(a) Includes English sterling, valued in Australian currency. (b) Average of twelve monthly statements. (c) On last Monday in each month. (d) The Commonwealth Bank Act 1946 repealed the provisions requiring the Commonwealth Bank to hold a reserve in Gold and English Sterling.

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	29th Sept., 1941.		28th Sept., 1942.		27th Sept., 1943.		25th Sept., 1944.		24th Sept., 1945.	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
10s.	4,945,045	4,022,106	6,917,646	8,076,445	8,206,019					
£1	360,518,875	43,308,467	52,306,382	61,483,350	75,558,733					
25	21,033,340	38,518,555	55,830,170	71,800,000	75,045,420					
50	9,411,800	16,188,010	20,084,040	46,123,280	26,572,050					
£100	71,080	60,620	55,780	48,900	10,640					
£200	2,529,200	2,906,200	3,644,350	4,075,050	162,500					
£1,000	3,247,700	4,089,400	5,091,400	5,388,000	236,300					
	571,000	514,000	392,000	449,000	371,000					
Held by banks	14,267,161	15,105,825	15,311,372	15,805,075	15,746,996					
" public	57,846,877	16,410,543	134,700,696	181,938,550	170,216,876					
Total	72,114,038	111,066,368	150,012,068	197,743,625	185,963,872					
Reserve(a)	Gold	74,839	73,780	73,780	74,132	(b)				
	English Sterling	18,880,183	29,036,433	38,102,683	50,469,718	(b)				
	Total	18,955,022	29,110,213	38,286,463	50,543,850	(b)				
Percentage on circulation	26.28	26.08	25.61	25.56	(b)					

(a) Valued in Australian currency. (b) See note (d) to table above.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1945.		Total Old-age and Invalid.	Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1945.		Pensions Paid during 1944-45.		
	Old-age.	Invalid.		Old-age.	Invalid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn.			
	s.	d.		s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
New South Wales(c)	103,429	25,975	129,404	355	80	50	0	8,993,577	92	0
Victoria	67,240	12,598	79,838	384	63	61	10	5,004,730	55	11
Queensland	32,710	9,985	42,695	303	84	62	1	2,943,029	54	11
South Australia(d)	22,039	4,510	26,549	347	71	50	8	1,811,704	57	5
Western Australia	17,713	3,414	21,127	360	60	51	2	1,473,298	60	4
Tasmania	9,512	2,699	12,211	384	109	51	4	874,780	70	11
Total	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	51	2	21,701,127	50	1

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T. (e) Includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners, but excludes £169,993 funeral benefits in respect of deaths of pensioners.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Paid during Year (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June.	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.			
	£	£	£	£	s.			
1911	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,947,449	19	1
1912	70,071	10,763	80,834	170	23	2,149,659	19	0
1913	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,201,075	19	6
1914	87,530	16,805	104,335	177	34	2,592,201	19	5
1915	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,039	19	5
1916	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19	4
1917	93,072	26,781	119,853	190	54	3,554,135	24	3
1918	95,387	29,012	124,399	190	59	3,798,067	24	3
1919	95,969	31,909	127,808	185	62	3,936,626	24	2
1920	99,170	35,291	134,461	185	66	4,484,304	29	1
1921	102,415	37,081	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28	0
1922	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,380,654	28	9
1923	107,380	40,964	148,344	189	70	5,424,016	28	9
1924	113,654	42,617	156,271	195	73	6,529,881	33	0
1925	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,965	33	8
1926	126,918	48,963	175,881	210	80	8,252,367	38	7
1927	133,254	52,399	185,653	215	85	9,144,563	38	6
1928	139,307	55,517	194,884	221	88	9,796,346	38	5
1929	145,369	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	38	5
1930	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,701,325	38	5
1931	172,177	68,243	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	38	4
1932	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,725,956	38	3
1933	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,001	31	10
1934	187,453	73,312	260,765	281	100	10,965,990	33	8
1935	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33	7
1936	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34	8
1937	215,690	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,988,793	36	8
1938	224,154	86,096	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38	6
1939	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,782	38	5
1940(d)	272,896	98,096	371,592	388	84	16,459,245	38	6
1941	276,700	98,921	375,621	390	85	17,366,365	(c) 41	5
1942	276,456	99,697	376,153	386	85	19,257,925	(c) 48	4
1943	297,219	98,081	405,300	371	81	22,292,855	(c) 51	1
1944	257,186	57,942	315,128	352	79	21,609,190	(c) 51	11
1945	252,634	58,281	310,915	342	79	21,701,127	51	5

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions, and from 1942-44 includes allowances to wives of invalid pensioners. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment, since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943; 11s. July, 1945. Rate 2s. 6d. from 30th July, 1945. On 6th April, 1944, adjustments made on retail price index-numbers were abolished. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pensions list.

CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Claims in Force.		Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1944-45.	
	Claims.	Endowed Children.		Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)		
	No.	No.		£	s.	d.	
New South Wales (c)	205,472	365,436	705	1,253	4,699,888	32	5
Victoria	131,520	224,140	653	1,112	2,984,646	29	6
Queensland	81,047	132,257	531	1,411	1,983,075	37	6
South Australia (d)	42,381	71,918	467	1,134	1,934,578	29	8
Western Australia	38,643	68,316	786	1,390	905,508	37	1
Tasmania	19,224	38,354	776	1,547	528,554	42	11
Total 1944-45	518,293	920,427	702	1,246	12,036,249	32	9
1943-44	503,140	903,577	680	1,237	12,256,976	33	9

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—18,116 in 336 institutions at 30th June, 1945; 18,396 in 321 institutions at 30th June, 1944. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (d) Includes Northern Territory.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.(a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1944-45.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.(c)
New South Wales (d)	17,022	58	No. 6,924	£ s. d. 5 10 0	£ 1,200,589	s. d. 8 4
Victoria	12,614	63	3,575	5 2 7	799,652	8 0
Queensland	6,492	60	2,332	5 6 2	436,943	8 2
South Australia (e)	3,669	56	1,023	5 2 10	231,932	7 4
Western Australia	2,894	59	812	5 2 4	192,763	7 11
Tasmania	1,564	63	618	5 6 0	103,567	8 5
Total 1944-45	44,155	60	15,284	5 6 1	2,965,446	8 1
1943-44	42,212	58	16,107	5 6 8	2,800,702	7 8

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.
 (b) Excludes nine (1944-45) and eight (1943-44) pensioners 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.	£
1939	30,860	20,819	12,860	7,162	No. 5,213	No. 3,940	No. 42	No. 80,916	£ 436,614	
1940	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,964	
1941	28,540	19,150	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,533	
1942	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391	358,538	
1943	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052	
1944 (b)	57,792	38,653	23,743	12,636	10,439	5,804	(c)	149,067	2,287,000	
1945	61,755	40,582	26,432	14,361	10,909	5,582	(c)	159,021	2,542,801	
Total since 10. 10. 12	1,490,696	969,323	557,562	321,678	237,073	158,165	1,124	3,696,621	21,544,746	

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) From 1st July, 1943, the income limit was abolished. From 5th April, 1944, the allowances payable were as follows: (i) no other children under 16 years £5; (ii) one or two other children under 16 years £6; (iii) three or more other children under 16 years £7 10s. An allowance of £1 5s. per week payable for the four weeks immediately before and after birth of child was increased to £1 17s. 6d. per week when twins are born and to £2 10s. per week when triplets are born. (c) Included with South Australia.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

Place of Payment.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.		
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependents of Invalidated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependents of Deceased and Invalidated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.
New South Wales(a)	40,381	13,174	51,465	105,020	£ s. d. 1 16 5	£ s. d. 1 12 0	£ s. d. 1 9 8
Victoria	30,138	10,755	37,334	78,227	2 7 3	1 9 2	2 1 0
Queensland	12,270	3,917	15,388	31,575	1 8 5	0 16 10	1 10 11
South Australia (b)	7,624	3,363	9,829	20,816	2 8 0	2 6 2	2 1 1
Western Australia	10,197	3,577	13,912	27,686	1 15 0	1 13 1	1 9 3
Tasmania	4,365	1,292	6,424	12,081	2 18 0	1 1 1	2 4 10
United Kingdom	1,460	1,625	1,846	4,931	2 12 0	2 14 2	2 15 11
Elsewhere	311	122	310	743	1 16 0	1 10 10	1 13 2
Total 1944-45	106,746	37,825	136,508	281,079	2 3 8	1 4 11	1 12 1
1943-44	90,358	35,157	118,947	244,462	2 6 6	1 5 11	1 13 6

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

Particulars.	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust. (b)	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Pensions Current—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,687	1,170	704	355	437	84	4,437
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,011	894	736	417	440	204	3,702
Dependants ..	1,046	1,036	644	438	417	226	3,807
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	116	81	15	19	19	8	258
Dependants ..	159	112	20	26	30	15	362
Total 1944-45 ..	4,019	3,293	2,119	1,255	1,343	537	12,566
1943-44 ..	4,040	3,264	2,119	1,254	1,369	538	12,584
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 5 5	2 5 1	2 6 11	2 6 7	2 1 8	2 5 5	2 5 4
Dependants ..	1 12 3	1 12 7	1 12 7	1 13 4	1 13 0	1 10 7	1 12 6
All Pensioners 1944-45 ..	2 1 6	2 0 8	2 2 5	2 1 8	1 18 9	1 18 9	2 1 1
1943-44 ..	2 0 6	2 0 3	2 1 3	2 0 3	1 18 7	1 16 10	2 0 2

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Northern Territory.

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(i) War Pensions.

Place of Payment.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	2,618,564	2,560,477	2,576,241	2,807,870	3,061,182	4,068,300
Victoria ..	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,407,300	3,022,522	3,245,026
Queensland ..	873,635	853,757	846,584	943,691	1,177,089	1,291,860
South Australia ..	497,743	485,919	491,166	575,168	763,350	851,527
Western Australia ..	685,010	671,457	668,617	752,885	941,824	1,032,734
Tasmania ..	404,154	396,814	393,406	434,228	523,675	551,350
Elsewhere ..	283,714	267,880	267,604	265,854	258,807	336,480
Total ..	7,682,246	7,488,531	7,501,911	8,566,996	10,348,009	11,397,385
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	..	18,772	207,324	659,384	1,730,471	2,763,796

(ii) Service Pensions.

Place of Payment.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	148,590	162,935	185,315	218,173	216,001	199,535
Victoria ..	118,577	126,975	140,916	163,116	163,377	169,716
Queensland ..	30,354	38,088	106,120	119,032	113,143	113,847
South Australia ..	54,377	57,758	60,105	61,953	63,525	66,651
Western Australia ..	51,051	55,783	64,652	73,563	72,096	72,158
Tasmania ..	18,695	19,504	22,548	24,332	24,392	27,989
Total ..	472,263	511,103	579,656	660,109	652,534	648,996
Includes (War) 1939-45 ..	..	..	..	2,314	6,403	7,528

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1942-44. (a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.	Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
Individuals—	No.	£	£ s. d.	%
Under £201	487,040	4,759,344	9 15 2	2.4
£201 to £500	1,204,315	54,205,450	45 0 2	26.8
£501 to £1,000	214,330	30,869,077	144 0 6	15.3
£1,001 and over	59,973	57,230,074	954 5 3	28.3
Total Individuals	1,966,267	147,064,254	74 15 10	72.8
Companies	15,097	(b) 54,831,401	3,493 2 3	27.2
GRAND TOTAL	201,895,655	100.0		

(a) Assessed on income for year 1942-43. (b) Includes Suter Tax, £3,304,061, War-time (Company) Tax, £3,154,536, and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £10,359,996.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Headline.	Assessment year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,021
Absentee Owners	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	23,471
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	225,774,092	228,207,410	234,273,013	244,512,737	244,222,515
Absentee	1,999,905	2,047,706	1,892,564	1,085,096	1,444,489
TOTAL	227,774,597	230,255,115	236,165,577	246,197,833	245,667,004
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061	277,242,136	275,288,668
Absentee	2,167,995	2,186,814	2,090,107	1,991,916	1,580,307
TOTAL	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,199,168	279,234,052	276,868,995
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,697,198
Absentee Owners	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners	339,487	372,713	388,763	784,208	889,928
Absentee Owners	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,584,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,599,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED AC.	657,036,000	658,695,094	650,131,125	663,556,163	662,701,713
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.686d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(c) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.
NOTE.—No figures have been compiled for later years.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1944-45.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£	£	£
1-1,000	3,234	7,329,827	1,321,129	39,701
1,001-2,000	1,694	5,769,206	2,486,100	74,036
2,001-3,000	1,093	5,100,251	2,704,782	80,742
3,001-4,000	717	4,085,050	2,480,478	74,106
4,001-5,000	524	3,571,480	2,341,387	70,255
5,001-10,000	1,250	11,761,075	8,091,059	260,605
10,001-20,000	755	12,956,568	10,666,113	408,542
20,001-50,000	403	14,301,083	11,696,450	954,087
50,001 and over	84	9,222,134	6,895,583	1,300,845
Total	7,544	74,186,347	49,283,681	3,322,089

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1944-45.

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

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable.(b)
		12½ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	
September	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
December	151,614	45,019	8,313	54,132	7,825
March	151,789	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,461
June	145,383	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
Total Year	147,697	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,965
	509,493	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable.(b)
		7½ per cent.(c)	12½ per cent.(c)	25 per cent.(c)	Total.	
September	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
December	152,438	11,909	35,108	7,356	54,373	
March	156,573	14,079	32,004	8,947	54,730	
June	145,887	13,147	31,233	6,941	51,321	
Total Year	151,072	14,326	32,543	6,919	53,788	
	605,670	53,461	130,048	29,803	214,212	

Month	Year 1944-45.					
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
July	51,212	6,051	11,369	2,729	19,139	2,481
August	50,640	6,107	12,255	2,935	21,367	2,736
September	54,499	5,644	11,091	2,818	19,553	2,514
Total September Quarter	162,351	16,802	34,705	8,482	60,049	7,721
October	54,055	5,445	10,773	3,096	19,284	2,521
November	54,451	5,272	11,353	3,134	19,759	2,598
December	51,469	5,042	10,224	3,064	18,330	2,422
Total December Quarter	169,875	15,759	32,350	9,264	57,373	7,541
January	46,794	4,046	10,217	2,418	16,681	2,135
February	49,074	5,329	10,544	2,806	18,879	2,434
March	62,748	6,292	11,816	2,829	20,937	2,656
Total March Quarter	148,616	15,897	32,577	8,053	56,497	7,225
April	47,690	5,464	10,321	2,570	18,355	2,343
May	54,039	5,342	11,458	2,854	19,054	2,509
June	52,500	4,900	11,300	2,600	18,800	2,430
Total June Quarter(e)	155,448	16,006	33,079	8,024	57,109	7,342
Total Year(e)	628,690	64,494	132,711	33,823	231,028	29,879

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

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications within the combined accounts for 1943-44 and also when compared with those of earlier years. A deduction of £799,997 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £73,270,524, and of £1,154,000 from the Expenditure total of £72,085,475, the surplus thus obtained being £1,610,051, instead of the Budget surplus of £1,185,049. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

STATE REVENUES, 1943-44.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Taxation (b) ..	5,967	4,100	2,845	1,716	(c) 942	825	15,895
Railways ..	34,501	16,109	16,250	(d) 5,056	4,420	..	77,236
Tramways (e) ..	5,700	(f) 129	..	..	515	..	6,344
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	1,844	2,558	..	2,028	1,930	4	8,362
Land ..	1,091	972	1,608	266	350	86	4,071
Interest (n.e.i.) ..	404	1,283	961	1,013	518	473	4,597
Commonwealth Payments (g) ..	17,637	8,818	6,713	3,857	3,827	1,896	42,748
All other Sources ..	4,727	1,330	1,093	711	1,087	215	9,168
Total Revenue ..	72,471	35,544	28,068	15,545	13,589	3,409	160,616
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 25 7 8	£ s. d. 17 17 5	£ s. d. 27 7 6	£ s. d. 25 2 7	£ s. d. 28 3 4	£ s. d. 14 6 9	£ s. d. 23 8 1

Year ended 30th June— STATE REVENUES 1938-39 AND 1940-41 TO 1943-44.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	51,710	26,085	19,330	12,304	10,950	3,615	124,891
1941 ..	59,895	20,183	21,540	12,925	11,432	(a) 2,921	137,396
1942 ..	65,896	33,112	23,063	15,002	11,940	(a) 3,359	152,942
1943 ..	1,534	36,490	29,284	15,192	13,113	(a) 3,228	168,942
1944 ..	72,471	35,544	28,068	15,545	13,589	(a) 3,409	160,616

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1943-44.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,667	8,400	6,712	5,345	4,612	1,406	42,142
Railways ..	27,375	12,790	12,672	4,900	3,625	4	61,375
Tramways (e) ..	5,340	..	..	..	387	..	5,727
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	970	1,454	1	867	1,071	(f) 208	4,580
Education ..	6,383	3,654	1,896	1,215	979	520	14,656
Hospitals ..	2,803	1,676	865	644	431	212	6,721
Other Charities ..	1,633	908	718	182	221	106	3,768
All other Expenditure ..	10,091	6,042	(j) 5,990	2,367	2,225	1,004	28,519
Total Expenditure ..	70,061	34,921	28,854	15,529	13,551	4,369	167,288
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 24 17 1	£ s. d. 17 11 2	£ s. d. 27 5 5	£ s. d. 25 2 1	£ s. d. 28 1 9	£ s. d. 14 4 3	£ s. d. 23 1 8

Year ended 30th June— STATE EXPENDITURES 1938-39 AND 1940-41 TO 1943-44.

	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	54,163	27,773	19,316	12,701	11,170	3,641	128,764
1941 ..	60,519	25,040	21,511	13,008	11,421	(a) 3,103	138,402
1942 ..	64,824	32,320	23,590	13,712	11,939	(a) 3,357	149,751
1943 ..	69,080	35,736	29,182	14,000	13,127	(a) 3,400	166,304
1944 ..	70,061	34,924	28,854	15,529	13,551	(a) 3,469	167,288

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Major taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1943-44, see p. 45. (c) Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (d) Includes £120,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments Tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission. (j) Includes £1,420,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund. An additional £1,750,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1943-44.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Works—							
Railways ..	1,510	470	400	370	15	261	3,035
Tramways (b) ..	Cr. 321	..	..	..	..	..	Cr. 321
Roads and Bridges ..	Cr. 69	Cr. 30	164	Cr. 50	..	..	Cr. 362
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Water Supply and Sewerage ..	130	Cr. 6	198	9	Cr. 72	..	330
Electricity Supply ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Public Buildings ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 147	Cr. 59	..	..	..	..	Cr. 206
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	Cr. 14	Cr. 5	..	..	..	..	Cr. 19
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d) ..	Cr. 25	Cr. 656	Cr. 19	Cr. 308	Cr. 110	Cr. 154	Cr. 1,272
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	Cr. 9	..	..	..	..	..	Cr. 9
Other purposes ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Works, &c. ..	1,411	128	345	476	106	499	2,965
Per Head (e) ..	£ s. d. 0 9 11	£ s. d. 0 1 3	£ s. d. 0 6 6	£ s. d. 0 15 5	£ s. d. 0 4 5	£ s. d. 0 10 0	£ s. d. 0 8 2
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	Cr. 6,500	..	..	..	..	..	Cr. 6,500
Other (f) ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grand Total ..	Cr. 5,054	128	345	476	68	1,675	Cr. 2,362

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

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)(g)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Works—							
Railways, Tramways (b) ..	167,040	79,263	66,813	39,827	27,068	7,775	387,806
Roads and Bridges ..	20,857	12,646	5,400	3,842	3,183	..	45,928
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c. ..	22,364	1,408	3,504	8,547	7,514	..	43,337
Water supply and Sewerage ..	40,985	32,916	942	22,733	14,905	..	111,581
Electricity Supply ..	2,568	17,830	..	..	1,023	..	21,421
Public Buildings ..	18,176	8,367	7,570	3,956	2,867	..	40,946
Unemployment Relief ..	17,010	13,143	..	..	..	..	30,153
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	11,567	3,668	26,622	7,725	3,072	..	56,592
Primary Production—							
Land Settlement (d) ..	12,301	44,962	5,592	11,372	17,624	2,775	93,726
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	19,406	..	..	1,967	9,212	3,880	34,471
Other ..	7,827	5,680	8,046	2,166	14,307	26	38,052
Other purposes ..	80	212	224	4,043	3,612	..	8,180
Total Works ..	340,190	218,304	126,740	113,423	99,983	32,784	931,424
Non-Works—							
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	33,030	4,864	5,827	8,669	12,042	1,126	65,558
Other (f) ..	18,162	5,831	14,832	1,272	4,169	1,596	41,365
Grand Total ..	391,382	229,002	142,899	123,364	116,994	35,506	1,038,347

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

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1945.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Australia.		New York.		In Australia.		In New York.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
	Stg.	Stg.	Stg.	Stg.	Stg.	Stg.	Stg.	
New South Wales ..	197,068	145,921	11,562	355,051	6,148	5,501	658	
Victoria ..	113,570	61,336	4,439	179,465	2,841	2,295	221	
Queensland ..	67,343	58,810	5,271	131,433	2,270	2,275	4,924	
South Australia ..	64,321	42,817	1,733	108,871	2,170	1,678	87	
Western Australia ..	50,137	43,742	2,010	95,895	1,604	1,688	101	
Tasmania ..	21,339	8,750	228	30,323	649	331	11	
Total ..	514,278	361,391	25,300	900,978	16,742	13,928	1,257	

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of £1,866 to £1 (8s.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

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

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Three Months ended September—					
	1944-45.			1945-46.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (-).
New South Wales(a)	£'000 14,846	£'000 16,162	£'000 - 1,316	£'000 14,913	£'000 16,104	£'000 - 1,191
Victoria	6,249	8,068	- 1,819	6,241	8,130	- 1,889
Queensland	5,818	5,519	+ 299	5,282	5,854	- 572
South Australia	3,204	3,824	- 620	3,016	3,989	- 973
Western Australia	3,218	3,360	- 142	3,093	3,479	- 386
Tasmania	733	699	+ 34	785	711	+ 74
Total, Six States	34,068	37,832	- 3,764	33,330	38,367	- 5,037
Commonwealth	80,184	80,184	-	89,400	89,400	-
Grand Total(b)	107,694	111,258	- 3,564	115,432	129,767	- 4,347

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department 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 and special grants; also deductions have been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

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

State, &c.	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments (a)		Revenue from Taxation (b)		Expenditure—			
					Administration, Works and Social Services.		Debt Services.	
	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.	1944-45.	1945-46.
New South Wales	£'000 2,029	£'000 2,032	£'000 1,601	£'000 1,756	£'000 4,334	£'000 4,339	£'000 3,840	£'000 3,742
Victoria	1,343	1,357	980	903	2,859	2,932	2,112	2,172
Queensland	954	964	462	510	1,506	1,664	1,360	1,690
South Australia	573	656	394	373	942	1,066	1,426	1,493
Western Australia	823	842	384	215	937	987	1,202	1,208
Tasmania	351	359	194	225	380	410	269	273
Total, Six States	6,078	6,210	3,865	3,982	11,618	12,004	10,209	10,687
Commonwealth	70,681	80,219	65,102	62,041	12,222	14,011	12,222	14,011
Grand Total	6,078	6,210	74,546	84,201	68,720	74,045	22,431	24,698

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding interest, &c., charges), 1944-45, £29,933,000; 1945-46, £45,363,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS (a)

State, &c.	Revenue.		Expenditure.			
			1944-45.		1945-46.	
	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.
New South Wales	£'000 7,881	£'000 1,804	£'000 7,060	£'000 2,006	£'000 5,015	£'000 1,473
Victoria	3,146	73	3,354	43	3,019	78
Queensland	3,659	3,630	3,119	2,563	2,491	2,401
South Australia	1,433	394	1,253	319	1,190	240
Western Australia	1,105	650	990	630	882	339
Tasmania	..	..	..	(d) 50	..	(d) 22
Total, Six States	17,224	2,981	16,286	2,998	13,712	2,903
Commonwealth	802	(e) 6,877	416	(e) 6,904	545	(e) 4,732
Grand Total	18,026	9,858	16,702	9,902	14,257	6,826

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

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1944-45. (a) (d)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (u.e.l.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Tax.
New South Wales	£'000 526	£'000 2,760	£'000 1,073	£'000 1,337	£'000 2,374	£'000 1,855	£'000 487	£'000 750	£'000 8,456
Victoria	94	358	1,854	1,073	1,755	1,453	562	970	6,004
Queensland	87	383	701	584	805	162	102	443	3,165
South Australia	58	290	321	236	602	145	69	129	2,021
Western Australia	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tasmania	8	91	136	229	359	60	554	1,318	1,148
Total States	822	1,242	3,064	4,267	5,532	6,021	1,308	43,428	22,107
Commonwealth	67,177	215,534	3,064	3,030	..	..	5,027	2,015	337,920
Grand Total	67,177	216,356	4,900	6,357	5,532	6,021	6,335	46,343	360,027

PER HEAD OF POPULATION (c)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties (u.e.l.).	Motor Taxes.	Entertainments (including Racing).	All other Taxes.	Total Tax.
New South Wales	£ s. d. 0 3 8	£ s. d. 0 19 3	£ s. d. 0 18 0	£ s. d. 0 9 3	£ s. d. 0 16 6	£ s. d. 0 4 0	£ s. d. 0 5 3	£ s. d. 2 18 8	
Victoria	0 11 0	0 3 2	0 13 1	0 10 8	0 16 6	0 3 0	0 8 3	2 19 1	
Queensland	0 1 8	0 7 2	0 13 1	0 10 11	0 15 0	0 3 0	0 8 3	2 19 1	
South Australia	0 1 7	0 9 3	0 16 8	0 7 8	0 19 3	0 8 1	0 2 2	3 4 8	
Western Australia	0 2 5	0 4 19	0 11 3	0 9 5	0 14 8	0 5 11	0 5 3	2 13 9	
Tasmania	0 0 7	0 7 5	0 11 1	0 5 11	0 18 4	0 4 19	2 4 11	4 13 1	
Total States	0 2 3	0 3 5	0 17 1	0 9 8	0 16 5	0 3 7	0 8 0	3 0 5	
Commonwealth	0 3 0	29 7 2	0 10 0	0 8 5	..	0 13 8	5 18 4	46 0 7	
Grand Total	0 3 0	29 0 5	0 13 4	1 5 6	0 9 7	0 16 5	0 17 3	6 3 9	

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 32 for details of Commonwealth Taxation, 1944-45. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year. (d) Subject to revision.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.					Taxation by State Governments.		Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.	Income Tax.	Other.	
1940-41	£'000 53,780	£'000 43,305	£'000 19,793	£'000 8,506	£'000 125,384	£'000 56,304	£'000 181,688	
1941-42	56,781	77,564	26,830	18,260	179,435	57,260	236,695	
1942-43	64,878	141,027	28,846	22,393	257,144	26,320	283,473	
1943-44	67,292	183,790	27,000	24,067	302,149	21,314	323,463	
1944-45	67,177	215,534	29,672	25,537	337,920	(a) 22,107	360,027	

PER HEAD OF POPULATION (b)

Year.	Customs and Excise.	Income Tax.	Sales Tax.	Other.	Total.
1940-41	£ s. d. 7 12 2	£ s. d. 6 2 6	£ s. d. 2 16 0	£ s. d. 1 4 1	£ s. d. 17 14 9
1941-42	7 18 1	10 17 4	3 15 2	2 11 3	25 2 10
1942-43	9 0 2	19 11 10	4 0 2	3 2 2	35 14 3
1943-44	9 5 3	25 5 11	3 16 10	3 7 10	41 15 10
1944-45	9 3 0	29 7 2	4 0 10	3 9 7	46 0 7

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

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1944-45.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Commonwealth Reimbursements—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income Tax	14,830	6,423	5,734	2,312	2,488	870	32,666
Entertainments Tax	161	374	..	97	98	36	766
Total	14,991	6,797	5,734	2,409	2,586	915	33,432
State Collections(a)	8,456	6,004	3,165	2,021	1,313	1,148	22,107
Grand Total	23,447	12,801	8,899	4,430	3,899	2,063	55,539

Per head of population £ s. d. 8 2 7 6 7 8 8 0 1 7 1 8 7 19 9 8 7 5 7 11 8

(a) Subject to revision.

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

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

Three Months ended September—	At 30th June—									
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total Six States.	Commonwealth (a)	Grand Total.	
1944	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
1945	492	Cr. 158	218	Cr. 162	48	57	495	63,384	63,879	
	612	124	147	(b) 1,297	203	40	2,423	53,035	55,468	

(a) Gross Expenditure, Defence and War Services. (b) Includes £1,265,000 Exchange on Debt repatriation to Australia.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
TOTAL DEBT.						
Commonwealth—		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
War (1914-19)	Australia EA	171,240	167,220	160,531	164,628	159,317
	London £Stg.	30,744	30,745	30,745	30,745	30,745
War (1939-45)	Australia EA	109,640	321,345	712,379	1,098,261	1,357,272
	London £Stg.	17,875	17,875	18,129	0,122	6,122
Works, &c. . .	Australia EA	39,459	39,456	38,241	36,100	35,607
	London £Stg.	65,384	65,134	64,884	64,362	64,112
	New York £Stg.	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,790	15,790
Total		320,348	528,521	917,351	1,299,079	1,552,196
	Australia EA	174,963	173,754	173,738	161,229	160,979
	London £Stg.	15,877	15,876	15,790	15,790	15,790
Total		510,228	718,151	1,106,890	1,476,008	1,728,965
State		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	504,494	504,439	494,115	491,840	514,278
	London £Stg.	384,042	380,422	379,113	375,505	361,391
	New York £Stg.	27,480	25,817	25,610	25,415	25,309
Total		916,022	910,678	898,838	893,760	900,978
Grand Total ..		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	324,842	1,032,960	1,411,466	1,790,919	2,066,474
	London £Stg.	558,045	534,176	552,871	534,734	522,370
	New York £Stg.	43,363	41,693	41,490	41,205	41,099
Total		1,426,250	1,608,829	2,005,737	2,366,858	2,629,943

DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Commonwealth—	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—							
		1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
War (1914-19)		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	23 2 3	23 6 2	23 0 8	22 10 8	21 11 6			
	London £Stg.	12 15 6	12 13 0	12 11 0	12 8 5	12 5 9			
War (1939-45)		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	15 8 9	44 15 10	98 11 2	150 6 2	183 16 10			
	London £Stg.	2 10 5	2 9 10	2 10 2	0 16 9	0 16 7			
Works, &c. . .		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	5 11 1	5 11 5	5 5 10	4 19 1	4 16 5			
	London £Stg.	9 4 1	9 1 7	8 16 2	8 16 2	8 13 8			
	New York £Stg.	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3	2 2 9			
Total		45 2 1	73 13 5	126 17 8	177 15 11	210 3 9			
	Australia EA	24 10 0	24 4 5	24 0 8	22 1 4	21 16 0			
	London £Stg.	3 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8	2 3 3	2 2 9			
Total		71 16 10	100 2 1	153 2 0	202 0 6	234 2 6			
State		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	71 5 4	70 10 5	68 10 10	67 9 11	69 16 7			
	London £Stg.	54 5 0	53 3 8	52 11 10	51 5 2	49 1 5			
	New York £Stg.	3 17 8	3 12 2	3 11 1	3 9 9	3 8 9			
Total		129 8 0	127 6 3	124 13 9	122 4 10	122 6 9			
Grand Total ..		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	110 2 9	143 19 8	195 4 7	245 2 2	270 16 7			
	London £Stg.	78 11 5	77 4 11	76 9 5	73 3 8	70 14 8			
	New York £Stg.	6 2 1	5 16 3	5 14 6	5 12 10	5 11 4			
Total		290 16 3	227 0 10	277 8 6	323 18 8	350 2 7			

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT—continued.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth ..		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	11,249	16,135	25,145	33,945	40,047
	London £Stg. (a)	3,736	3,656	3,290	3,277	3,272
	New York £Stg.	776	776	772	771	771
Total (b)		15,761	20,567	29,207	37,993	44,090
State		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	17,866	17,284	16,803	16,623	16,742
	London £Stg.	14,955	14,500	14,501	14,311	13,927
	New York £Stg.	1,305	1,283	1,272	1,263	1,258
Total (b)		34,216	33,067	32,636	32,197	31,927
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	29,115	33,419	42,008	50,568	56,789
	London £Stg. (a)	18,691	18,156	17,731	17,588	17,199
	New York £Stg.	2,171	2,059	2,044	2,034	2,029
Total (b)		49,977	53,634	61,843	70,199	76,017

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

AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Commonwealth and State	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—							
		1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.
	Australia EA	3 11 1	3 5 1	3 16 7	3 17 3	3 17 4	3 17 4	3 17 9	3 15 2
	London (a)	3 18 2	3 16 7	3 16 7	3 17 3	3 17 4	3 17 4	3 17 9	3 15 2
	New York	5 0 2	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9	4 18 9
Total (b)		3 14 0	3 9 6	3 4 10	3 1 7	2 19 9			

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

SHORT-TERM DEBT. (a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—								
		1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	30th Sept., 1945.
Commonwealth ..		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	5,495	4,220	3,970	1,750	80,481	259,259	343,280	343,280	363,280
	London £Stg.				3,470	3,470	3,220	2,970	2,720	2,720
State		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	46,598	50,228	45,463	45,423	45,083	39,200	33,075	330	
	London £Stg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,879	23,730	22,868	22,868	22,868
Total		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	Australia EA	46,598	50,228	45,463	47,173	125,564	298,450	376,353	343,610	363,280
	London £Stg.	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,838	25,588	25,588

(a) Excludes Overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.

(D.) BANKING.

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

Average for Quarters ended—	Deposits.			Advances. (c)	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills). (d)	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits (d)	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits. (e)
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total. (b)				
June, 1941 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
.. 1942 ..	189,043	298,408	487,451	339,535	142,028	41.3	68.9
.. 1943 ..	227,070	355,646	582,716	329,850	198,420	47.0	64.0
.. 1944 ..	314,000	391,820	705,820	391,680	260,000	60.0	45.1
.. 1945 ..	385,081	308,812	693,893	276,864	399,000	55.6	37.2
Sept., 1944 ..	384,740	328,850	713,590	367,044	300,685	53.8	35.7
Dec., 1944 ..	399,264	324,106	723,372	253,361	410,140	55.1	33.3
Mar., 1945 ..	424,096	340,223	764,319	246,676	450,670	55.4	30.7
June, 1945 ..	431,868	330,573	762,441	251,705	443,400	56.6	31.4

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Customers' Deposits: includes amounts deposited by trading banks with Commonwealth Bank. (c) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (d) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS.
(EXCLUDES COMMONWEALTH BANK.)
AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities. (e).
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1941..	167	3,580	932	157,746	207,342	365,088	372,381
" 1942..	167	3,012	1,061	193,610	192,883	386,502	394,252
" 1943..	167	4,452	955	258,441	196,925	455,366	463,534
" 1944..	167	4,767	1,026	319,928	218,341	538,269	546,573
Dec., 1944..	167	4,956	1,131	335,511	223,309	558,820	560,843
Mar., 1945..	167	4,657	1,073	361,465	220,908	582,373	596,094
June, 1945..	166	5,097	1,083	364,288	224,938	589,226	597,290
Sept., 1945..	166	5,010	1,010	351,321	224,127	575,448	583,332

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

AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(a)	Special Account with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Over-drafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1941..	2,130	34,225	102,354	..	10,297	2,737	2,537	283,054	437,343
" 1942..	1,533	37,049	95,837	36,797	9,996	3,246	3,551	269,944	457,953
" 1943..	1,810	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	2,855	3,928	244,776	528,018
" 1944..	1,968	36,499	148,713	178,600	9,761	3,687	4,200	224,858	608,186
Dec., 1944..	2,055	36,784	168,087	190,768	9,776	3,538	4,630	211,804	627,451
Mar., 1945..	2,080	38,773	181,879	218,746	9,764	3,148	4,142	200,161	668,698
June, 1945..	2,043	33,776	164,070	239,610	9,762	3,240	4,510	205,758	662,786
Sept., 1945..	2,145	34,091	159,664	226,368	9,740	3,486	4,512	211,061	651,068

(a) Includes Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarters ended—	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Department.	Notes held outside Commonwealth Bank. (d)
	Business within Australia.								
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special Account of Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short-term Loans. (a)	Government and Municipal Securities. (b)	Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)	
	Not Bearing Interest. (e)	Bearing Interest.	Total.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1941..	28,699	55,150	83,849	29,078	..	24,626	37,976	74,201	63,724
" 1942..	29,815	37,132	86,047	33,076	37,286	32,129	100,057	58,590	94,917
" 1943..	50,853	98,684	149,637	25,885	100,844	27,026	213,961	80,913	133,350
" 1944..	60,618	82,460	143,078	32,864	179,454	27,800	243,432	143,998	181,109
Sept., 1944..	64,361	101,202	165,563	31,614	183,832	32,111	238,774	172,271	191,661
Dec., 1944..	56,620	94,309	150,938	33,231	191,928	23,787	234,258	177,022	196,095
Mar., 1945..	55,150	106,800	161,956	35,245	220,087	28,851	260,760	185,123	190,456
June, 1945..	59,956	99,294	159,250	30,527	241,193	27,818	271,417	185,025	182,668

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interest deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. (e) See page 36 for details of Note Issue.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1941 ..	87,750	83,689	20,089	27,510	12,521	8,911	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	94,538	91,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1943 ..	122,406	121,219	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,174	(b)	522	357,995
1944 ..	162,867	152,867	65,479	48,592	25,791	14,213	(b)	701	471,530
1945 ..	198,293	182,149	80,094	56,995	31,763	16,914	(b)	846	566,964
1944—									
July ..	166,751	156,884	66,806	49,616	26,376	14,409	(b)	712	481,644
Aug. ..	170,104	161,321	68,128	50,550	26,987	14,878	(b)	718	491,666
Sept. ..	173,937	162,563	69,601	51,313	27,675	15,106	(b)	726	500,021
1945—									
July ..	200,932	181,612	81,153	57,643	32,191	17,193	(b)	869	574,593
Aug. ..	204,794	188,054	82,047	58,580	32,749	17,617	(b)	883	584,704
Sept. ..	207,520	190,937	83,175	59,269	33,307	17,874	(b)	891	592,070

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank. (b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases) of £53,622,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and September, 1945.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June—									
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,599	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,965
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,765	(a)	388	164,260
1943 ..	122,406	23,731	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	229,593
1944 ..	162,867	31,295	65,479	8,474	25,791	4,814	(a)	701	299,331
1945 ..	198,293	38,933	80,094	10,506	31,763	6,006	(a)	846	366,351
1944—									
July ..	166,751	32,097	66,806	8,762	26,376	4,935	(a)	712	306,349
Aug. ..	170,104	33,220	68,128	9,626	26,987	5,056	(a)	718	313,239
Sept. ..	173,937	33,718	69,601	9,217	27,675	5,158	(a)	726	319,132
1945—									
July ..	200,932	39,649	81,153	10,657	32,191	6,157	(a)	869	371,588
Aug. ..	204,794	40,714	82,047	10,987	32,749	6,297	(a)	883	378,441
Sept. ..	207,520	41,862	83,175	11,149	33,307	6,396	(a)	891	384,291

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

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

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)				
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Year 1941 ..	26,078	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,753	2,234	699
" 1942 ..	29,157	23,933	24,555	24,228	5,284	4,226	2,398	774
" 1943 ..	32,351	27,649	27,169	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	879
" 1944 ..	32,942	28,746	27,737	27,730	7,074	5,101	2,774	1,000
1945—								
26th June to 30th July ..	32,806	32,806	29,523	29,502	7,865	5,094	2,961	1,264
31st July to 27th Aug. ..	26,361	26,361	26,791	26,765	7,051	4,600	2,667	1,004
28th Aug. to 24th Sept. ..	29,991	29,991	28,375	28,349	7,439	5,162	2,865	1,110

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

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

A.—Railways.

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.

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,141 (60)	6,127 (60)	6,127 (60)	6,127 (60)	6,128 (60)
Victoria ..	4,759 (25)	4,759 (25)	4,706 (25)	4,758 (25)	4,718 (13)
Queensland ..	6,507 (183)	6,507 (183)	6,507 (183)	6,507 (183)	6,507 (182)
South Australia ..	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,557 (51)	2,547 (51)	2,547 (51)
Western Australia ..	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)	4,381 (277)
Tasmania ..	645 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)	642 (116)
Total ..	27,951 (721)	27,234 (721)	27,241 (721)	27,223 (721)	27,213 (705)

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858	17,700,704	17,823,993
New South Wales ..	149,203,008	149,575,526	150,001,127	151,849,840	152,144,068
Victoria ..	52,037,722	52,229,383	52,718,105	52,637,304	52,746,355
Queensland ..	38,891,138	39,209,815	39,340,089	39,470,733	39,307,071
South Australia ..	30,109,220	30,309,735	30,801,278	31,290,224	30,673,014
Western Australia ..	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048	26,362,545	26,539,724
Tasmania ..	2,155,261	2,248,034	2,348,784	2,407,290	2,765,041
Total (b) ..	318,223,209	319,841,427	322,152,845	324,234,512	325,038,638

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,118	6,127	6,127	6,127	6,128
Victoria ..	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758	4,748
Queensland ..	6,507	6,507	6,507	6,507	6,506
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,549	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,380	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	644	642	642	642	642
Total ..	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225	27,213

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

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Commonwealth ..	958	1,234	2,322	3,473	3,453
New South Wales ..	29,471	32,285	36,368	39,000	37,100
Victoria ..	17,008	17,767	18,249	18,437	16,413
Queensland ..	14,190	14,603	16,396	19,851	19,794
South Australia ..	5,928	5,892	6,599	6,702	6,777
Western Australia ..	6,174	6,144	6,355	6,340	6,044
Tasmania ..	2,064	2,167	2,176	2,217	2,185
Total ..	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110	91,706

GROSS REVENUE—'000 OMITTED.

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Commonwealth ..	622	971	2,105	3,746	3,450
New South Wales ..	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872	35,301
Victoria ..	9,861	11,239	14,520	17,030	15,882
Queensland ..	8,090	8,415	11,654	18,027	16,430
South Australia ..	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811	5,979
Western Australia ..	3,556	3,372	3,996	4,417	4,387
Tasmania ..	536	600	686	843	871
Total ..	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746	82,309

(a) Capital has been reduced during past years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,900,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania, £4,700,000). (b) Includes £2,416,372 Commonwealth property of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States. (c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages. (d) Partly estimated. (e) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	WORKING EXPENSES—'000 OMITTED.				
Commonwealth ..	842	963	1,506	2,171	2,521
New South Wales ..	14,647	17,162	21,713	27,343	27,555
Victoria ..	8,058	8,950	11,600	14,040	13,214
Queensland ..	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400	13,163
South Australia ..	2,037	3,062	3,856	4,661	5,213
Western Australia ..	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447	3,796
Tasmania ..	688	757	854	965	1,136
Total ..	36,368	40,309	51,043	61,027	65,578

NET EARNINGS—'000 OMITTED.

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Commonwealth ..	270	68	689	1,575	938
New South Wales ..	6,108	6,854	6,774	7,529	7,706
Victoria ..	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990	2,668
Queensland ..	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,027	3,267
South Australia ..	391	450	1,088	1,150	706
Western Australia ..	728	814	970	970	591
Tasmania ..	-152	-157	168	-122	-265
Total ..	10,220	12,016	15,459	20,719	15,731

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)

Government.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.
Commonwealth ..	-1.28	0.39	3.95	8.90	5.27
New South Wales ..	1.09	4.58	4.50	4.95	5.10
Victoria ..	3.47	4.37	5.54	5.68	5.06
Queensland ..	1.43	4.34	8.05	16.78	8.19
South Australia ..	0.77	1.48	3.53	3.67	2.50
Western Australia ..	2.78	3.09	3.68	3.68	2.23
Tasmania ..	-7.02	-6.99	7.16	-4.88	-9.60
Total (b) ..	3.21	3.76	4.79	6.29	4.84

Minus sign (-) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1943-44 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.40; Queensland, 4.81; South Australia, 2.27; Tasmania, 2.52; Total, 5.37. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

PARTICULARS FOR YEAR 1943-44.

Particulars.	Commonwealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A. (a)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open ..	2,201	6,128	4,758	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,154
Revenue ..	941	12,866	7,174	4,861	1,671	1,426	810	29,249
Expenses ..	2,434	18,008	7,485	10,842	3,720	2,780	516	46,394
Profit ..	84	(d) 1,027	1,222	728	587	172	46	6,866
Total Revenue ..	3,450	23,904	16,881	16,431	3,978	4,387	872	82,309
Total Expenditure ..	2,921	27,355	13,214	13,163	3,213	3,706	618	(f) 1,156
Profit ..	3,453	37,100	13,433	19,794	4,777	6,044	602,185	91,706
Earnings per train-mile ..	208.06	198.04	199.40	168.70	178.70	148.66	88.06	178.11
Expenditure per train-mile ..	14.70	148.190	168.16	123.40	158.50	128.70	108.50	148.60
Expenditure per cent. on earnings ..	72.87	78.00	81.20	80.12	87.18	86.54	130.46	80.80
Earnings ..	522	250,566	194,438	28,154	27,356	18,773	3,131	382,640
Expenses ..	6	(b)	(b)	1,090	193	257	280	(j)
Other Minerals carried, tons ..	14	(b)	(b)	331	455	145	(i)	3,440
Live Stock carried, tons ..	45	(k) 800	(k) 580	377	256	150	32	3,682
Other Goods carried ..	451	18,003	7,714	4,656	2,744	2,408	606	41,966
Total Freight carried ..	510	19,803	8,294	6,567	3,658	2,560	978	41,966

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted. (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods. (e) Excludes depreciation. (f) Includes Rail-motor miles. (g) Included with Other Goods. (h) Excludes depreciation. (i) Not available. (j) Estimated. (k) Included with Coal and Coke.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	333	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	334	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377
1943	192	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	790	(a)375
1944	189	141	112	112	136	72	4	15	781	(a)370
NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1940	601	387	300	174	200	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	598	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156
1943	592	382	308	175	207	71	..	1	1,736	(b)2,151
1944	591	382	307	173	208	71	..	1	1,733	(b)2,144

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia.
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,563	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941	425,322	270,343	192,015	95,389	65,015	24,992	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,803	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417
1943	498,169	311,791	194,225	107,311	63,880	26,130	1,406	1,951	1,204,862	1,204,862
1944	508,832	314,632	192,085	104,892	67,617	26,939	1,406	2,055	1,218,778	1,218,778

(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 inter-State unions, but also lead State branches of inter-State unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

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

Period.	Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
			Number.	Percentage. (b)
1940 Year	394	401,352	39,110	8.0
1941	395	536,600	20,013	3.7
1942	394	613,334	9,754	1.6
1943	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1944	389	681,689	8,073	1.2
1932—June Quarter(e)	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1941—December	394	572,680	16,628	2.9
1942—March	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June	394	603,096	10,296	1.7
September	394	617,070	9,603	1.6
December	394	645,467	8,550	1.3
1943—March	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June	390	680,292	7,425	1.1
September	390	682,557	7,550	1.1
December	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March	390	688,381	6,987	1.0
June	389	683,463	6,433	1.4
September	389	680,218	7,947	1.2
December	389	674,695	7,925	1.2
1945—March	388	683,632	7,616	1.1
June	388	679,227	7,705	1.1
September	387	668,674	7,769	1.2

(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 directly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 97. (c) Peak of unemployment.

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

Unemployment(a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
1940 Year	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1941	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1944	1.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.5	0.8	1.2
1932—June Quarter(b)	33.2	27.7	10.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1940—December	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March	7.0	3.2	5.0	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September	4.9	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.3	1.2
June	1.3	0.6	1.3	0.9	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0
June	1.9	0.9	0.7	1.3	1.9	0.7	1.4
September	1.6	0.8	0.8	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.2
December	1.6	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	0.6	1.5	1.1	0.8	1.1
September	1.5	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2

(a) See notes to table on page 54. (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 unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

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

Industrial Group.	1932.		1944.		1945.	
	June Qtr.(b)	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
Manufacturing—	%	%	%	%	%	%
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. .. .	39.6	0.9	1.1	0.9	0.9	0.7
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. .. .	33.9	1.7	1.1	1.1	0.9	0.9
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. .. .	19.3	3.0	1.8	2.3	2.5	2.0
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. .. .	22.6	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8
V. Books, Printing, &c. .. .	16.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
VI. Other Manufacturing .. .	43.0	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.8
VII. Building	42.1	1.3	1.3	1.5	1.0	1.2
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. .. .	34.2	3.0	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.0
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services .. .	29.6	1.3	1.8	2.0	2.7	3.2
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous .. .	22.2	0.8	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.7
All Groups	30.6	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2

(a) See notes to table on page 54. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) For classification see page 60.

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. £
			Di-rectly.	Indi-rectly.	Total.	New Dis-putes.	Old Dis-putes.	Total.	
NEW SOUTH WALES.									
Year—1944 ..	801	921	213,007	8,176	221,182	567,565	7,740	575,305	760,380
1944—June Qtr.	200	237	50,084	698	50,782	99,363	5,350	104,713	132,517
Sept. ..	217	279	56,805	3,181	59,986	136,711	..	136,711	173,059
Dec. ..	178	187	48,440	2,471	50,911	129,393	1,045	131,038	177,455
1945—March ..	217	250	53,342	1,631	54,973	153,872	..	153,872	211,400
June ..	202	304	54,233	10,829	65,062	213,607	10,001	223,608	275,774
VICTORIA.									
Year—1944 ..	53	89	13,348	294	13,642	71,358	1,200	72,618	73,223
1944—June Qtr.	15	18	1,445	..	1,445	4,744	..	4,744	3,829
Sept. ..	13	23	4,126	84	4,210	16,214	1,200	17,414	17,404
Dec. ..	13	20	2,049	60	2,109	10,826	..	10,826	17,087
1945—March ..	13	13	1,988	65	2,053	5,381	288	5,293	5,750
June ..	8	8	560	..	560	8,002	..	8,002	7,308
QUEENSLAND.									
Year—1944 ..	23	32	8,493	..	8,493	63,084	..	63,084	67,401
1944—June Qtr.	4	4	1,800	..	1,800	15,601	..	15,601	17,724
Sept. ..	5	9	1,440	..	1,440	4,101	..	4,101	4,146
Dec. ..	8	12	2,990	..	2,990	32,822	..	32,822	31,449
1945—March ..	9	87	6,148	99	6,247	100,943	..	100,943	93,003
June ..	8	12	1,378	..	1,378	8,002	1,170	10,102	10,729
SOUTH AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1944 ..	30	71	18,250	3,230	21,430	70,089	..	70,089	80,614
1944—June Qtr.	11	11	2,539	43	2,582	3,679	..	3,679	3,628
Sept. ..	8	8	8,085	3,187	11,272	10,100	..	10,100	19,528
Dec. ..	4	4	1,081	..	1,081	2,191	..	2,191	1,997
1945—March ..	5	6	289	16	305	2,533	300	2,833	2,785
June ..	4	4	7,304	..	7,304	4,712	..	4,712	4,567
WESTERN AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1944 ..	30	75	7,101	3,867	11,028	44,984	45,000	89,984	93,601
1944—June Qtr.	4	11	506	..	506	4,436	..	4,436	5,809
Sept. ..	12	25	2,541	17	2,558	7,864	..	7,864	7,834
Dec. ..	9	34	2,601	..	2,601	27,608	..	27,608	31,713
1945—March ..	9	6	304	..	304	958	9,129	10,078	11,874
June ..	2	9	424	644	1,068	14,544	..	14,544	13,600
TASMANIA.									
Year—1944 ..	4	4	533	..	533	35,075	..	35,075	36,510
1944—June Qtr.	1	1	114	..	114	228	..	228	250
Sept. ..	1	1	18	..	18	198	..	198	200
Dec. ..	1	1	352	..	352	35,209	..	35,209	36,000
1945—March ..	3	3	355	..	355	730	..	730	843
June ..	1	1	44	..	44	88	..	88	143
AUSTRALIA.									
Year—1944 ..	941	1,192	260,792	15,560	276,358	858,752	54,000	912,752	1,111,729
1944—June Qtr.	235	282	56,497	741	57,238	128,051	5,350	133,401	163,751
Sept. ..	256	345	73,904	6,409	80,373	184,248	1,200	185,508	222,151
Dec. ..	215	258	58,473	2,531	61,004	244,040	1,645	245,685	295,081
1945—March ..	253	305	61,530	1,811	63,347	205,017	9,708	214,725	325,721
June ..	226	338	58,003	11,473	69,476	250,545	11,171	261,716	312,191

Total Average Weekly Wages Paid and Average Earnings in Civil Employment.

(Estimates—Subject to Revision.)

Wages which are recorded on Pay-roll Tax Returns represent approximately 80 per cent. of the total for Australia; the balance has been estimated.

Period.	New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia and Northern Territory.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.	TOTAL AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES PAID.										
								£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.			
1941—42—																		
September Qtr.	4,090	2,044	1,210	840	607	259	9,956											
December ..	4,206	3,073	1,281	878	628	269	10,435											
March ..	4,109	2,069	1,208	874	585	263	10,008											
June ..	4,484	3,143	1,381	936	600	283	10,827											
1942—43—																		
September Qtr.	4,503	3,127	1,453	931	567	273	10,854											
December ..	4,742	3,263	1,538	967	587	283	11,380											
March ..	4,508	3,145	1,412	916	582	269	10,832											
June ..	4,679	3,244	1,549	947	596	293	11,308											
1943—44—																		
September Qtr.	4,649	3,228	1,592	948	600	294	11,311											
December ..	4,947	3,359	1,677	979	622	304	11,888											
March ..	4,584	3,131	1,559	935	593	306	11,108											
June ..	4,726	3,222	1,589	972	614	313	11,436											
1944—45—																		
September Qtr.	4,599	3,135	1,549	962	599	312	11,147											
December ..	4,766	3,260	1,553	964	629	306	11,478											
March ..	4,551	3,073	1,414	913	619	303	10,873											
June ..	4,783	3,223	1,549	911	632	321	11,410											
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER MALE UNIT.(a)																		
1941—42—																		
September Qtr.	5.38	5.52	4.88	5.04	5.35	4.61	5.37											
December ..	5.83	5.76	5.23	5.16	5.50	4.75	5.61											
March ..	5.66	5.70	5.07	5.19	5.33	4.69	5.50											
June ..	6.28	6.18	5.73	5.60	5.73	5.13	6.05											
Year ..	5.83	5.78	5.22	5.25	5.47	4.79	5.63											
1942—43—																		
September Qtr.	6.36	6.33	6.03	5.70	5.67	5.05	6.17											
December ..	6.72	6.71	6.43	6.03	5.89	5.32	6.52											
March ..	6.41	6.48	5.89	5.78	5.82	5.04	6.22											
June ..	6.70	6.75	6.42	6.07	6.00	5.23	6.54											
Year ..	6.54	6.57	6.19	5.89	5.84	5.23	6.30											
1943—44—																		
September Qtr.	6.58	6.80	6.39	6.09	6.09	5.60	6.58											
December ..	7.11	7.10	6.86	6.25	6.30	5.70	6.90											
March ..	6.59	6.56	6.43	5.95	6.04	5.06	6.44											
June ..	6.82	6.79	6.71	6.09	6.24	5.70	6.66											
Year ..	6.80	6.81	6.65	6.10	6.17	5.66	6.64											
1944—45—																		
September Qtr.	6.62	6.60	6.61	5.99	6.08	5.66	6.49											
December ..	6.84	6.84	6.72	6.05	6.30	5.59	6.68											
March ..	6.50	6.42	6.07	5.78	6.15	5.41	6.30											
June ..	6.81	6.75	6.51	5.82	6.25	5.66	6.60											
Year ..	6.69	6.66	6.48	5.91	6.20	5.58	6.32											

(a) Total civil employment expressed in male units is derived by adding to total male employment 45 per cent. of total female employment.

NOTE.—The above figures are approximations subject to revision when data are sufficient for the final estimate of annual amounts paid and average quarterly earnings.

Wages.—Adult Males.—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th June, 1945.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	S.S.W.	Vic.	Q.M.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	124/10	120/0	119/7	115/1	117/11	115/2	120/9
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/8	2/8	2/7	2/8	2/7	2/9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	121/11	120/4	118/11	115/11	124/11	119/0	120/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	41.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8	2/8	2/7	2/10	2/8	2/8
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	119/11	118/4	116/4	116/1	118/1	112/2	118/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.44	44.00	44.13	44.00	43.91
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/8	2/8	2/7	2/8	2/8	2/8
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	116/11	118/5	123/6	123/6	110/5	114/1	118/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/8	2/8	2/8	2/8	2/7	2/8
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	135/0	137/2	125/7	128/1	145/3	127/6	134/4
	Working Hours	42.49	41.91	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.39
	Hourly Wage	3/2	3/3	2/11	2/11	3/4	2/11	3/2
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	110/10	118/3	115/2	117/2	118/8	119/0	118/7
	Working Hours	43.87	43.00	43.78	43.71	44.03	43.75	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/8	2/8	2/7	2/8	2/8	2/8	2/8
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	132/2	132/6	120/2	110/0	125/11	122/0	128/11
	Working Hours	43.06	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/0	3/0	3/0	2/8	2/10	2/8	2/11
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	127/5	122/0	128/7	94/0	137/8	114/3	126/5
	Working Hours	40.70	40.47	40.05	43.79	40.50	41.33	40.80
	Hourly Wage	3/1	3/0	3/1	2/1	3/4	2/9	3/1
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	123/10	123/4	120/10	115/6	119/8	117/7	121/11
	Working Hours	43.80	43.74	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.83
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/9	2/9	2/7	2/8	2/9	2/9
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	113/6	111/4	110/6	106/7	116/4	104/8	111/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/7	2/6	2/6	2/5	2/7	2/4	2/6
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage d	122/9	123/4	119/11	121/4	121/10	121/6	122/2
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage e	121/1	119/8	125/1	119/9	119/9	123/8	121/5
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage e	110/9	112/6	105/8	102/8	107/1	101/0	109/4
	Working Hours	44.00	44.32	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage e	2/6	2/6	2/4	2/4	2/4	2/3	2/5
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	115/7	116/10	111/2	107/6	114/1	108/8	114/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.65	44.00	43.77	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/7	2/7	2/6	2/6	2/7	2/6	2/7
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	121/0	119/8	119/3	114/1	122/1	116/3	119/8
	Working Hours	430/10	119/8	117/1	111/11	122/7	112/11	115/2
	Hourly Wage	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.21	43.15	43.28	43.61
All Groups except XI. and XII. (a)	Weekly Wage	121/0	119/8	119/3	114/1	122/1	116/3	119/8
	Working Hours	43.50	43.91	43.18	44.21	43.15	43.28	43.61
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8	2/8	2/6	2/10	2/7	2/8

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

Wages.—Adult Females.—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 30th June, 1945.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	S.S.W.	Vic.	Q.M.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	61/0	65/5	59/9	55/9	53/11	61/9	62/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4	1/5	1/4	1/3	1/3	1/5	1/5
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	71/10	78/1	75/3	75/3	63/6	71/8	72/8
	Working Hours	44.0	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8	1/8	1/8	1/5	1/7	1/7
L. H., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	69/8	75/1	64/11	65/6	..	59/9	71/6
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	43.00	43.77	..	44.00	43.99
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8	1/5	1/6	..	1/4	1/7
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage b	64/10	71/7	68/7	69/4	68/6	63/2	67/3
	Working Hours	43.58	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage b	1/6	1/7	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/5	1/6
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c.	Weekly Wage	76/4	79/6	81/10	55/8	..	..	70/1
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/8	1/9	1/9	1/3	..	..	1/8
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	70/11	73/11	71/1	66/1	65/10	68/3	71/10
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	43.29	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8	1/8	1/6	1/6	1/6	1/7

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

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 30th June, 1945.

Date.	S.S.W.	Vic.	Q.M.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	56	54	53	54	62	52	55
.. .. 1920	96	94	97	88	100	89	95
.. .. 1940	99	97	97	92	104	92	98
.. .. 1941	105	101	106	93	110	99	104
.. .. 1942	118	116	110	112	117	108	115
.. .. 1943	121	119	116	113	122	116	119
.. .. 1944	123	119	118	113	123	116	119
31st March, 1945	123	119	118	113	123	116	119
30th June, 1945	121	119	119	114	122	116	119
ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE 518.30 (a) IN 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	1,000	1,065	1,042	1,008	1,028	1,028	1,085
.. .. 1920	1,883	1,823	1,940	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,828
.. .. 1940	1,943	1,892	1,968	1,812	2,029	1,867	1,912
.. .. 1941	2,056	2,027	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
.. .. 1942	2,208	2,175	2,150	2,188	2,294	2,111	2,257
.. .. 1943	2,300	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,270	2,329
.. .. 1944	2,367	2,332	2,316	2,278	2,372	2,278	2,322
31st March, 1945	2,367	2,332	2,306	2,218	2,382	2,272	2,322
30th June, 1945	2,361	2,337	2,327	2,226	2,382	2,268	2,326
ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.							
31st December, 1914	26	27	27	27	37	25	27
.. .. 1920	53	51	55	49	57	48	52
.. .. 1940	54	53	56	52	57	53	54
.. .. 1941	57	58	59	55	60	56	58
.. .. 1942	63	64	64	60	64	61	63
.. .. 1943	67	70	69	61	65	63	65
.. .. 1944	71	73	71	64	65	63	71
31st March, 1945	71	74	74	66	65	68	72
30th June, 1945	70	73	74	66	65	68	71
ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE 278.20 (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)							
31st December, 1914	100	1,022	996	883	1,373	950	1,006
.. .. 1920	1,900	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,928
.. .. 1940	2,016	1,965	2,069	1,916	2,116	1,951	1,990
.. .. 1941	2,133	2,118	2,101	2,063	2,209	2,082	2,141
.. .. 1942	2,250	2,301	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368
.. .. 1943	2,301	2,382	2,508	2,353	2,446	2,329	2,516
.. .. 1944	2,362	2,342	2,376	2,306	2,422	2,320	2,347
31st March, 1945	2,362	2,342	2,376	2,306	2,422	2,320	2,347
30th June, 1945	2,309	2,320	2,326	2,331	2,422	2,312	2,443

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 4 19 0	(a) 2 13 6	1.11.45	(b)
Victoria (c) ..	(d) 18 0	(2.13.0)	(1.8.45)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 17 0	2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 14 0	2 6 2	15.10.42	" " " " " "
Western Australia (e) ..	5 0 1	2 14 1	1.7.45	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania (c) ..	(4.14.0)	(2.10.6)	(1.11.45)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 3s. 6d.; Females, £2 15s. 6d.; elsewhere—Males, £4 16s. 6d.; Females, £2 12s. 6d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 1.7.45 for 1944-45 and other portions of State excluding the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 7s. 6d.; Females, £2 18s. 6d.; and from 1.3.45 for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 19s. 7d.; Females, £2 13s. 9d.

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

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

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

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

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

State.	1940.		1941.		1942.		1943.		1944.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	70	22	65	49	72	23	24	11	36	10
Victoria ..	170	..	202	..	202	23	129	5	110	..
Queensland ..	34	45	53	16	27	29	17	35	14	29
South Australia ..	53	7	107	8	100	12	44	7	31	3
Western Australia ..	31	21	30	18	10	19	6	12	9	9
Tasmania ..	18	..	21	..	19	..	20	..	16	..
Commonwealth Court ..	25	13	7	3	62	20	43	17	45	13
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	1	..	5	..	4	..	3	..	4	..
Total ..	402	108	610	94	555	103	286	82	265	84

Section VII.—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 ..

Retail Price Index-Numbers.—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

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

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

City.	1923.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1944.		1945.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
Sydney ..	904	952	962	1,040	1,042	1,025	1,035	1,022	1,027	1,040	1,042
Melbourne ..	884	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,049	1,063	1,046	1,052	1,059	1,063
Brisbane ..	838	889	911	972	975	965	964	959	967	969	965
Adelaide ..	861	900	905	1,012	1,003	993	999	988	993	1,003	1,011
Perth ..	899	949	981	1,029	1,039	1,056	1,067	1,049	1,059	1,064	1,067
Hobart ..	880	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,035	1,044	1,039	1,025	1,032	1,054
Six Capitals (b) ..	886	939	947	1,031	1,037	1,026	1,036	1,022	1,028	1,037	1,040

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

Sydney ..	904	952	962	1,040	1,042	1,025	1,035	1,022	1,027	1,040	1,042
Melbourne ..	884	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,049	1,063	1,046	1,052	1,059	1,063
Brisbane ..	838	889	911	972	975	965	964	959	967	969	965
Adelaide ..	861	900	905	1,012	1,003	993	999	988	993	1,003	1,011
Perth ..	899	949	981	1,029	1,039	1,056	1,067	1,049	1,059	1,064	1,067
Hobart ..	880	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,035	1,044	1,039	1,025	1,032	1,054
Six Capitals (b) ..	886	939	947	1,031	1,037	1,026	1,036	1,022	1,028	1,037	1,040

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (c)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney ..	1,004	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043	1,043
Melbourne ..	935	969	975	975	974	974	973	973	973	973	973
Brisbane ..	841	857	890	862	862	863	863	863	863	863	863
Adelaide ..	868	892	893	893	893	892	892	892	892	892	892
Perth ..	872	882	883	885	885	886	886	886	886	886	886
Hobart ..	913	933	933	933	931	932	932	933	933	933	933
Six Capitals (b) ..	942	973	976	976	975	976	975	975	975	975	975

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

Sydney ..	941	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,027	1,031	1,039	1,040
Melbourne ..	902	953	933	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,026	1,015	1,019	1,023	1,026
Brisbane ..	838	875	889	927	929	923	922	919	924	926	923
Adelaide ..	862	895	899	963	958	951	955	948	951	958	962
Perth ..	887	921	941	971	989	987	994	983	989	992	994
Hobart ..	891	938	953	1,009	1,009	992	998	995	986	991	1,005
Six Capitals (b) ..	906	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,004	1,010	1,002	1,005	1,011	1,013

(a) See note (a) on page 66.

(b) Weighted Average.

(c) See note (c) on page 67.

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

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

State and Town.	1928.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1944.				1945.	
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	1945.
NEW SOUTH WALES—												
Sydney ..	941	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,030	1,036	1,027	1,031	1,039	1,040	
Newcastle ..	898	950	959	1,005	1,000	987	990	984	985	992	993	
Broken Hill ..	948	953	991	1,052	1,044	1,055	1,062	1,059	1,068	1,078	1,076	
Goulburn ..	908	950	957	1,009	1,007	999	1,000	997	999	998	997	
Bathurst ..	867	908	910	957	953	951	956	952	956	961	960	
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	937	980	988	1,036	1,036	1,026	1,032	1,024	1,027	1,035	1,036	
VICTORIA—												
Melbourne ..	902	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,017	1,026	1,015	1,019	1,023	1,026	
Bellarat ..	808	843	841	894	908	907	916	907	908	912	916	
Bendigo ..	817	864	868	920	923	923	930	921	923	925	931	
Geelong ..	872	915	912	950	962	958	968	955	954	958	959	
Warrambool ..	898	944	941	984	993	995	1,006	1,003	1,006	1,003	1,011	
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	895	946	946	1,005	1,012	1,009	1,017	1,007	1,010	1,014	1,017	
QUEENSLAND—												
Brisbane ..	838	875	889	927	929	923	922	919	924	926	923	
Toowoomba ..	806	849	857	913	927	945	943	945	949	953	947	
Rockhampton ..	825	854	863	901	904	908	907	906	918	922	916	
Townsville ..	906	925	933	974	970	975	975	975	980	983	975	
Bundaberg ..	781	817	835	878	888	886	884	884	888	890	884	
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	837	873	886	926	928	926	925	923	928	930	927	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—												
Adelaide ..	862	895	899	963	958	951	955	948	951	958	962	
Kadina, &c. ..	702	739	738	789	784	771	778	774	771	775	787	
Port Pirie ..	838	877	889	943	932	928	927	920	923	932	937	
Mount Gambier ..	801	828	832	870	877	884	893	892	888	896	902	
Peterborough ..	836	895	893	936	926	922	931	925	928	935	941	
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	855	888	892	955	950	944	948	941	943	950	955	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—												
Perth, &c. ..	887	921	941	971	989	987	994	983	989	992	994	
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,152	1,184	1,211	1,160	1,122	1,121	1,126	1,124	1,124	1,131	1,133	
Northam ..	911	946	980	1,005	1,001	999	1,007	993	999	1,003	1,005	
Bunbury ..	945	979	996	1,011	1,010	1,010	1,018	1,007	1,014	1,019	1,019	
Geraldton ..	974	995	1,024	1,048	1,069	1,079	1,089	1,083	1,070	1,076	1,076	
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	909	943	964	988	1,001	1,000	1,006	996	1,001	1,005	1,006	
TASMANIA—												
Hobart ..	891	938	953	1,000	1,009	992	998	995	986	991	1,005	
Lanceston ..	867	901	913	948	953	936	942	938	932	938	949	
Burnie ..	880	914	937	973	998	958	958	950	940	946	962	
Devonport ..	846	882	898	928	942	920	926	919	909	917	931	
Queenstown ..	900	942	947	970	1,005	1,004	1,011	1,010	1,002	1,007	1,022	
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	882	923	937	978	988	970	976	973	965	970	983	
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	902	945	952	1,001	1,005	998	1,004	996	999	1,005	1,007	
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	906	950	956	1,011	1,011	1,004	1,010	1,002	1,005	1,011	1,013	
Warwick (Q.) (c) ..	732	799	817	856	872	886	887	887	888	886	896	
Port Augusta (c) ..	831	878	896	932	914	914	925	918	919	926	930	
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c) ..	1,043	1,028	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,058	1,060	1,054	1,058	1,060	1,060	

(a) Weighted Average. (b) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter, 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090. (c) Not included in weighted averages above. (d) See footnote on page 66.

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

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

State and Town.	1944.		1944.			1945.			Percent- age in- crease from July, 1944, to Sept., 1945.	
	July.	Aug.	Month.		Month.					
			July.	Aug.	Sept.	Sept. Qtr.				
NEW SOUTH WALES—										
Sydney ..	645	1,008	1,048	1,029	1,035	1,044	1,044	1,038	1,042	60.0
Newcastle ..	682	1,054	1,051	1,044	1,050	1,057	1,057	1,052	1,055	54.3
Broken Hill ..	821	1,268	1,290	1,255	1,264	1,283	1,284	1,276	1,281	55.4
Goulburn ..	661	1,080	1,083	1,077	1,080	1,092	1,075	1,068	1,072	62.2
Bathurst ..	615	1,034	1,035	1,027	1,032	1,041	1,042	1,035	1,039	68.8
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	652	1,041	1,043	1,035	1,041	1,050	1,050	1,044	1,048	64.1
VICTORIA—										
Melbourne ..	619	1,071	1,099	1,053	1,063	1,061	1,065	1,061	1,062	71.4
Bellarat ..	617	1,032	1,051	1,046	1,050	1,053	1,055	1,048	1,052	69.0
Bendigo ..	619	1,061	1,057	1,044	1,051	1,060	1,054	1,048	1,054	69.3
Geelong ..	609	1,026	1,031	1,013	1,025	1,011	1,011	1,006	1,009	63.2
Warrambool ..	608	1,057	1,061	1,051	1,056	1,054	1,059	1,078	1,064	77.3
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	618	1,068	1,064	1,052	1,063	1,062	1,062	1,058	1,061	71.2
QUEENSLAND—										
Brisbane ..	591	906	906	900	904	907	907	901	905	62.6
Toowoomba ..	582	1,005	1,014	991	1,011	1,008	1,002	1,002	1,007	72.2
Rockhampton ..	646	1,062	1,060	997	1,060	1,022	1,016	1,006	1,015	55.7
Townsville ..	592	1,002	1,032	1,042	1,049	1,037	1,047	1,044	1,049	..
Bundaberg ..	589	1,029	1,024	1,019	1,024	1,011	1,022	1,015	1,029	..
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	605	979	978	972	976	982	980	971	979	61.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—										
Adelaide ..	609	1,066	1,093	999	1,069	1,013	1,013	1,007	1,011	41.1
Kadina, Moonla, Wallaroo ..	688	1,036	1,036	1,028	1,034	1,039	1,047	1,041	1,047	51.7
Port Pirie ..	722	1,074	1,073	1,056	1,067	1,057	1,064	1,071	1,073	49.4
Mount Gambier ..	695	1,014	1,011	1,011	1,011	1,022	1,022	1,020	1,026	71.4
Peterborough ..	749	1,055	1,051	1,035	1,048	1,066	1,066	1,060	1,064	41.5
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	697	1,060	1,067	994	1,063	1,018	1,017	1,011	1,015	45.1
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—										
Perth and Fremantle ..	719	1,060	1,071	1,061	1,067	1,069	1,069	1,062	1,067	41.8
Kalgoorlie and Boulder ..	931	1,187	1,192	1,184	1,188	1,202	1,201	1,195	1,199	28.1
Northam ..	793	1,055	1,084	1,072	1,080	1,080	1,079	1,071	1,077	..
Bunbury ..	793	1,053	1,051	1,045	1,049	1,057	1,051	1,046	1,051	31.9
Geraldton ..	808	1,117	1,114	1,105	1,112	1,094	1,091	1,086	1,090	34.4
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	790	1,079	1,081	1,071	1,077	1,079	1,078	1,072	1,076	35.7
TASMANIA—										
Hobart ..	678	1,062	1,052	1,047	1,044	1,048	1,048	1,067	1,054	57.4
Lanceston ..	610	959	1,003	968	997	1,004	1,005	1,017	1,009	58.9
Burnie ..	725	1,023	1,042	1,028	1,052	1,028	1,026	1,051	1,035	..
Devonport ..	711	1,019	1,041	1,027	1,029	1,032	1,030	1,054	1,039	..
Queenstown ..	735	1,138	1,155	1,152	1,148	1,159	1,158	1,178	1,165	60.3
FIVE TOWNS (a) ..	672	1,022	1,040	1,034	1,032	1,037	1,037	1,054	1,043	56.8
THIRTY TOWNS (a) ..	651	1,043	1,041	1,032	1,029	1,041	1,045	1,040	1,043	59.8
SIX CAPITALS (a) ..	645	1,040	1,039	1,029	1,036	1,042	1,042	1,037	1,040	60.8
Lithgow (N.) ..	1,076	1,076	1,076	1,074	1,066	1,064	1,058	1,063	1,063	..
Yalburn (V.) ..	1,062	1,075	1,068	1,063	1,056	1,056	1,050	1,054	1,054	..
Warwick (Q.) ..	605	989	984	985	985	1,001	1,000	995	999	64.5
Port Augusta (S.A.) ..	1,069	1,066	1,068	1,061	1,073	1,071	1,069	1,071	1,071	..
Rosebery (T.) ..	1,149	1,146	1,136	1,137	1,133	1,135	1,134	1,141	1,141	..
Canberra (A.C.T.) ..	1,114	1,112	1,108	1,111	1,114	1,112	1,106	1,111	1,111	..

(a) Weighted average. (b) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE ALL ITEMS INDEX.

("C" Series.)

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

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

State and Town.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1944.		1945.		
							Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	913	974	1,028	1,107	1,151	1,144	1,146	1,142	1,138	1,141	1,142
Newcastle .. .	877	945	997	1,060	1,109	1,094	1,093	1,095	1,093	1,090	1,103
Birch Hill .. .	949	994	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,179	1,184	1,184	1,184	1,193	1,199
Grahurst .. .	803	849	1,005	1,067	1,125	1,148	1,117	1,116	1,110	1,111	1,112
Bathurst .. .	800	823	974	1,050	1,091	1,088	1,090	1,089	1,086	1,089	1,090
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	911	972	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,140	1,142	1,138	1,135	1,138	1,139
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne .. .	896	964	1,008	1,109	1,139	1,135	1,140	1,138	1,132	1,134	1,135
Bulwer .. .	850	906	950	1,037	1,084	1,083	1,087	1,087	1,086	1,086	1,085
Bondur .. .	854	920	963	1,054	1,096	1,101	1,104	1,102	1,099	1,098	1,099
Gelong .. .	884	941	984	1,065	1,110	1,112	1,118	1,116	1,114	1,112	1,114
Warrnambool ..	892	954	998	1,078	1,126	1,129	1,138	1,140	1,135	1,135	1,139
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	893	960	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,131	1,136	1,134	1,129	1,131	1,132
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane .. .	852	908	963	1,033	1,072	1,071	1,071	1,069	1,071	1,072	1,069
Toowoomba .. .	843	898	951	1,033	1,080	1,085	1,084	1,084	1,086	1,088	1,085
Rockhampton ..	855	905	959	1,032	1,073	1,074	1,071	1,077	1,073	1,073	1,077
Townsville .. .	892	950	1,005	1,075	1,114	1,117	1,116	1,117	1,116	1,115	1,109
Bundaberg .. .	831	879	938	1,015	1,057	1,057	1,056	1,056	1,059	1,059	1,049
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	854	909	964	1,035	1,075	1,075	1,075	1,073	1,075	1,076	1,073
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide .. .	888	946	988	1,055	1,102	1,098	1,101	1,098	1,098	1,100	1,103
Kadima, &c. ..	786	833	882	967	1,038	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045	1,045
Port Pirie .. .	868	919	976	1,057	1,087	1,081	1,084	1,080	1,080	1,084	1,086
Mount Gambier ..	840	894	946	1,024	1,061	1,064	1,071	1,070	1,067	1,068	1,073
Peterborough ..	868	924	974	1,053	1,087	1,087	1,085	1,080	1,080	1,080	1,093
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	883	931	983	1,069	1,097	1,093	1,096	1,093	1,094	1,096	1,099
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. .. .	882	932	993	1,061	1,104	1,105	1,110	1,104	1,104	1,108	1,108
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,099	1,165	1,275	1,392	1,390	1,204	1,203	1,197	1,204	1,204
Narthur .. .	960	947	1,017	1,079	1,111	1,113	1,118	1,116	1,116	1,115	1,114
Bunbury .. .	914	962	1,018	1,065	1,102	1,110	1,118	1,110	1,111	1,117	1,116
Geraldton .. .	957	990	1,055	1,114	1,165	1,176	1,184	1,168	1,167	1,171	1,172
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	897	940	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,113	1,118	1,112	1,113	1,117	1,117
TASMANIA—											
Hobart .. .	887	945	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,105	1,110	1,106	1,101	1,099	1,107
Lunceford .. .	872	920	974	1,040	1,078	1,067	1,079	1,067	1,064	1,067	1,073
Bermie .. .	905	957	1,011	1,053	1,088	1,085	1,089	1,089	1,083	1,085	1,085
Devonport .. .	848	896	951	1,012	1,058	1,040	1,045	1,042	1,037	1,038	1,045
Queenstown .. .	875	936	987	1,045	1,096	1,102	1,110	1,108	1,104	1,106	1,112
FIVE TOWNS(b) ..	879	936	989	1,060	1,101	1,089	1,094	1,080	1,085	1,085	1,092
THREE TOWNS(b) ..	894	954	1,006	1,087	1,127	1,122	1,125	1,122	1,120	1,122	1,123
SIX CAPITALS(b) ..	897	957	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,126	1,129	1,126	1,123	1,125	1,126
WARREN (O.) (c) ..	800	867	926	1,007	1,055	1,061	1,063	1,061	1,061	1,059	1,066
Port Augusta (S.A.) (c) ..	863	915	980	1,052	1,107	1,076	1,085	1,080	1,080	1,082	1,086
Canberra (A.C.T.) (c) ..	..	988	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,153	1,152	1,149	1,144	1,149	1,148

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1935, quarter 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 averages above.

RETAIL PRICES AND PRICE INDEXES.

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

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

Year—	Period.	Food and Groceries.	Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) (c)	Food, Groceries and Rent (4 and 5 Rooms) (c) (Series).	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items ("C" Series).
1914 (b)	641	649	644	754	749	687
1915 (b)	842	650	777	792	786	782
1916 (b)	812	665	760	881	802	795
1917 (b)	836	685	782	992	882	847
1918 (b)	861	722	812	1,097	972	905
1919 (b)	1,026	768	934	1,238	1,036	1,022
1920 (b)	1,269	851	1,082	1,365	1,194	1,166
1921 (b)	950	877	924	1,246	1,010	1,013
1922 (b)	945	929	939	1,052	999	975
1923	1,009	950	988	1,045	999	1,063
1924	969	988	975	1,003	1,004	987
1925	998	1,008	1,002	991	992	999
1926	1,023	1,026	1,024	986	998	997
1927	1,000	1,030	1,011	975	1,008	1,002
1928	985	1,006	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	859
1937	851	912	872	811	960	873
1938	886	942	906	829	961	897
1939	927	965	939	841	962	920
1940	939	973	959	956	998	957
1941	947	976	956	1,118	1,090	1,008
1942	1,031	976	1,007	1,308	1,112	1,091
1943	1,037	975	1,011	1,440	1,160	1,131
1944	1,026	976	1,004	1,435	1,165	1,126
Quarter—							
1939—September	929	967	936	836	961	916
1943—March	1,040	975	1,012	1,409	1,149	1,123
June	1,058	973	1,023	1,466	1,158	1,143
September	1,036	975	1,010	1,450	1,165	1,133
December	1,015	975	997	1,436	1,168	1,123
1944—March	1,020	976	1,000	1,434	1,166	1,124
June	1,026	976	1,004	1,429	1,165	1,125
September	1,036	975	1,010	1,433	1,164	1,129
December	1,022	975	1,002	1,442	1,163	1,126
1945—March	1,028	973	1,011	1,416	1,161	1,125
June	1,037	973	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126
September	1,040	973	1,013	1,415	1,161	1,126

(a) The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be combined with each other or with the index-numbers in 1923-27, or made equal to 1,000. (b) November. (c) Rent. The rent index-numbers shown in the above and other tables in this bulletin measure the proportionate rise and fall in the average weekly net rental 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 money. They are not the average of rents actually paid by all tenants of 4 and 5-roomed houses. It would be improper to include the average of rents actually paid in an index designed to measure price changes only. The average of rents actually paid is ascertained periodically by Census methods, and a sample Census is now in process of collection for index towns in order to provide fuller information as to rentals (see also page 2 of Labour Report, No. 33).

NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945: ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary .. .	.. .. .	4.05	4.05	4.05	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.14	5.14	5.14	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.20	5.40	5.40
.. self-raising .. .	.. .. .	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.90
Tea	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.79	27.79	27.79	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.60
Sugar .. .. .	.. .. .	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.29	4.29	4.29	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a) ..	.. .. .	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) .. .. .	.. .. .	6.03	6.03	6.03	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	13.80	13.80	13.80	15.21	15.21	15.21	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.30	15.30	15.30	15.20	15.20	15.20
Golden syrup	2 lb.	6.90	6.90	6.90	7.53	7.53	7.53	9.64	9.64	9.64	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.00	8.00	8.00
Oats, flaked (a) .. .	lb.	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.08	4.08	4.08	4.45	4.45	4.45	5.38	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded .. .	.. .. .	13.29	13.29	13.29	13.42	13.42	13.42	13.29	13.29	13.29	14.29	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.33	13.33
Currants .. .. .	.. .. .	10.78	10.80	10.75	11.10	11.10	11.00	11.50	11.43	11.43	11.10	11.10	11.10	10.69	10.75	10.75
Apricots, dried (a) ..	.. .. .	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.83	13.80	14.00	16.10	16.17	16.17	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.00	14.00	14.00
Pears, canned (a) .. .	.. .. .	14.50	14.50	14.50	14.83	14.86	15.07	16.10	16.30	16.17	15.17	15.17	15.17	15.00	15.00	15.00
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.65	8.65	8.83	11.66	11.66	11.66	8.68	8.68	8.58	8.70	8.70	8.70
Onions, brown .. .	lb.	3.44	3.44	3.57	3.29	3.29	3.50	3.43	3.43	3.43	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.60
Soap .. .. .	.. .. .	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.27	7.27	7.27	7.74	7.78	7.78	7.60	7.54	7.60	7.49	7.49	7.43
Kerosene	quart	5.94	5.94	5.86	6.40	6.40	6.40	7.63	7.63	7.56	7.18	7.18	7.18	6.73	6.73	6.65
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory .. .	lb.	20.05	20.05	20.05	20.57	20.57	20.57	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild .. .. .	.. .. .	17.69	17.69	17.69	17.50	17.50	17.50	18.71	18.57	18.57	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.40	18.40	18.40
Eggs, new laid .. .	doz.	28.25	28.30	22.55	28.29	28.29	23.07	31.14	31.14	22.57	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.60	28.60	22.80
Bacon, rashers .. .	lb.	22.00	22.05	22.05	22.00	22.00	22.00	24.00	24.00	23.93	22.30	22.30	22.30	22.50	22.50	22.50
Milk, condensed .. .	tin	9.80	9.80	9.80	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.61	10.64	10.64	10.40	10.40	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
.. fresh	quart	7.59	7.59	7.50	7.90	7.90	7.90	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	12.90	12.90	12.90	12.93	12.93	12.93	16.79	16.71	16.71	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.20	12.20	12.20
.. rib .. .. .	.. .. .	8.10	8.15	8.10	8.29	8.29	8.29	15.14	15.36	15.36	9.00	10.60	10.60	8.69	8.60	8.60
.. steak, rump .. .	.. .. .	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.29	20.29	20.29	24.57	24.57	24.57	20.40	20.80	20.80	18.00	18.00	18.00
.. chuck .. .. .	.. .. .	9.00	9.00	8.95	9.14	9.14	9.14	16.14	16.07	16.07	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.80	8.80	8.80
.. sausages .. .	.. .. .	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.83	8.83	8.83	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	.. .. .	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.64	10.64	10.64	16.21	16.29	16.20	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.20	10.20	10.00
.. brisket .. .. .	.. .. .	7.95	7.95	7.95	8.14	8.14	8.14	14.21	14.29	14.29	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60
Mutton, fore .. .. .	.. .. .	8.90	8.90	8.90	9.36	9.36	9.36	12.00	12.00	12.00	9.10	9.10	9.10	9.00	9.00	9.00
.. quarter .. .	.. .. .	5.85	5.85	5.85	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.07	8.07	8.07	6.10	6.10	6.10	5.60	5.60	5.60
.. loin .. .. .	.. .. .	11.05	11.05	11.05	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.57	8.71	8.64	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.60	9.60	9.60
.. chops, loin .. .	.. .. .	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.57	11.57	11.57	13.50	13.50	13.50	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.00	10.00	10.00
.. leg .. .. .	.. .. .	11.95	11.95	11.95	11.14	11.14	11.14	14.43	14.43	14.43	9.20	9.80	9.80	9.60	9.60	9.60
Pork, leg (a) .. .. .	.. .. .	16.60	16.60	16.60	17.86	17.86	17.86	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
.. loin (a) .. .. .	.. .. .	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
.. chops (a) .. .	.. .. .	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.07	18.07	18.07	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.20	16.20	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents (b) .. .																
4 and 5 Rooms .. .	.. .. .	.. .. .	241.14	.. .. .	.. .. .	243.51	.. .. .	.. .. .	191.75	.. .. .	.. .. .	222.97	.. .. .	.. .. .	212.11	.. .. .

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. footnote (c), page 67.

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

VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
Flour, ordinary ..	..	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.86	4.86	4.86	4.30	4.20	4.30	4.60	4.60	4.60
.. self-raising ..	..	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.21	8.21	8.21	8.07	8.07	8.07	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.10	8.10	8.10
Sugar ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Rice (Australian) (a) ..	..	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	..	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.25	11.25	11.25	11.71	11.71	11.71	12.07	12.07	12.07	11.70	11.70	11.90	11.90	11.90	11.90
Golden syrup ..	..	7.30	7.30	7.30	7.57	7.57	7.57	7.43	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.70
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.13	4.13	4.13	3.88	3.88	3.88	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	..	13.11	13.11	13.11	12.90	12.90	12.90	13.30	13.30	13.30	12.60	12.60	12.40	13.20	13.20	13.20
.. unseeded ..	..	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.50	10.57	10.57	10.50	10.50	10.70	10.70	10.70	10.70
Apricots, dried (a) ..	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	13.06	13.06	13.05	13.40	13.50	13.50	13.25	13.25	13.25	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.50	13.50
Pears, canned (a) ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.50	14.50	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.88	13.88	13.90	14.33	14.33	14.33
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.37	8.37	8.24	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.63	2.63	2.63	2.70	2.79	2.79	2.64	2.64	2.64	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50
Soap ..	..	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	8.20	8.20	7.54	7.54	7.45	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
Kerosene ..	quart	6.38	6.36	6.36	6.68	6.68	6.68	6.67	6.67	6.67	6.23	6.23	6.23	7.10	7.10	7.10
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	..	16.28	16.28	16.28	15.79	15.79	15.79	16.79	16.79	16.64	15.38	15.38	15.63	16.30	16.30	16.30
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.00	28.00	28.00	22.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	22.72	22.72	22.72	23.21	23.21	23.21	22.50	22.50	22.43	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.70	22.70	22.70
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.25	10.30	10.30	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.03	10.03	10.03	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.50	10.50	10.50
.. fresh ..	quart	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.13	7.13	7.13
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.90	13.90	14.00	13.67	13.14	13.14	12.86	12.71	12.64	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.60	12.60	13.00
.. rib ..	..	11.70	11.70	11.80	10.71	10.71	10.71	9.93	9.86	9.86	8.80	8.80	8.80	9.50	9.70	10.40
.. steak, rump ..	..	21.20	21.10	21.10	20.14	20.14	20.14	18.29	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.80	18.00	18.00
.. chuck ..	..	10.05	10.05	10.15	9.43	9.50	9.50	9.57	9.71	9.64	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.60	9.60	10.00
.. sausages ..	..	8.30	8.50	8.50	7.71	8.00	8.00	7.57	7.71	7.71	7.00	7.60	7.60	8.40	8.40	8.60
Beef (corned) oliver—																
.. side ..	..	12.60	12.60	12.70	11.71	11.71	11.71	11.29	11.14	11.14	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.90	11.10	12.20
.. brisket ..	..	9.35	9.35	9.45	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.07	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.80	8.80	9.40
Mutton, leg ..	..	11.61	11.60	11.70	11.50	11.57	11.57	11.64	11.29	11.29	11.00	10.80	11.00	11.30	11.40	12.20
.. forequarter ..	..	6.95	7.00	7.00	6.57	6.57	6.57	6.86	6.93	6.93	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.90	7.30	8.40
.. loin ..	..	9.60	9.80	9.90	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.64	9.43	9.43	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.40	10.00	10.60
.. chops, loin ..	..	10.70	10.80	10.90	10.29	10.29	10.29	11.07	10.57	10.71	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.60	10.80	11.80
.. leg ..	..	12.13	11.05	11.95	12.50	12.57	12.57	11.64	11.30	11.57	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.60	11.80	12.20
Pork, leg (a) ..	..	15.05	15.05	15.95	15.43	15.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
.. loin (a) ..	..	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
.. chops (a) ..	..	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms		262.42	*		178.57			187.14			239.18			234.94	

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

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

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QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

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Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.36	5.36	5.36	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.50	27.50	27.57	28.14	28.07	28.07	27.70	27.70	27.70	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar	"	3.94	3.94	3.94	4.23	4.23	4.29	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.45	4.45	4.45	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.82	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a)	"	6.45	6.45	6.43	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum	1½ lb.	12.59	12.84	12.84	12.98	12.70	12.52	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.20	14.20	14.20	13.30	13.30	13.40
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.91	6.91	6.91	7.71	7.71	7.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	4.06	4.06	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.50	4.70	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.13	4.13	4.13
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.91	12.91	12.91	13.64	13.64	13.64	13.93	13.93	13.93	13.93	13.93	13.93	13.20	13.25	13.30
Currants	"	11.35	11.35	11.35	11.29	11.29	11.29	11.58	11.58	11.58	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	15.09	15.09	15.09	15.86	15.86	16.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.88	15.88	15.88	15.75	15.75	15.75
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	15.20	15.20	15.20	17.00	17.00	16.88	16.33	16.33	16.17	16.09	16.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.03	24.03	24.03	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.37	8.36	8.36	8.87	8.79	8.79	9.50	9.50	9.50	10.63	10.60	1.13	8.80	8.80	8.80
Onions, brown .. .	lb.	2.96	2.96	2.96	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.38	3.38	3.00	3.00	3.00
Soap	lb.	6.94	6.94	6.97	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.26	7.26	7.26	6.93	6.93	6.93
Kerosene	quart	5.38	5.38	5.38	6.14	6.14	6.16	6.80	6.80	6.80	6.64	6.64	6.64	5.98	5.98	6.05
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.82	19.82	19.82	19.63	19.63	19.86	20.21	20.21	20.14	21.60	21.60	21.60	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild	"	15.09	15.09	15.09	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.70	15.70	15.71	16.96	16.40	16.50	15.40	15.40	15.40
Eggs, new laid .. .	doz.	27.91	27.91	22.00	27.86	26.86	21.43	26.57	21.57	13.29	30.00	24.67	22.00	25.40	21.60	15.60
Bacon, rashers .. .	lb.	22.00	22.00	22.00	22.07	22.07	22.07	22.43	22.43	22.43	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10	22.10
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.82	9.82	9.82	9.86	9.86	10.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.10	10.10	10.10
" fresh	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	7.57	7.57	7.57	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.20	9.00	9.20	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin	lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.07	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" rib (a)	"	6.33	6.22	6.22	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.10	7.20	7.20	7.20
" steak, rump ..	"	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.07	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chuck	"	7.35	7.45	7.45	7.50	7.50	7.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	9.30	9.30	9.30
" sausages .. .	"	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.07	8.00	8.00	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-																
" side	"	10.15	10.10	10.10	11.07	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.40	11.40	11.30
" brisket	"	7.65	7.60	7.60	8.07	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	7.60	7.00	7.00	9.40	9.40	9.40
Mutton, leg	"	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.29	9.21	9.14	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00
" loin	"	7.78	7.78	7.78	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.14	8.14	8.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.20	9.20
" chops, loin ..	"	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.29	9.21	9.14	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" leg	"	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.29	9.21	9.14	8.30	8.30	8.20	10.50	10.00	10.00
Pork, leg (a)	"	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.67	15.67	15.50	15.80	15.80	15.80
" loin (a)	"	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" chops (a) .. .	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	13.00	13.00	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms		232.77			216.40			207.08			217.71			169.51	

RETAIL PRICES.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
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(b) Revised Series comparable only with averages published since December Quarter, 1936. See also

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PRIDE.			MOUNT GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.			
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Groceries, &c.—																	
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	..	4.55	4.55	4.55	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	..	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.63	8.63	8.63	8.63
" ..	1 lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.89	27.89	27.89	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	..	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.12	4.12	4.12	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a)	..	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	..	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plain ..	12 lb.	13.15	13.15	13.15	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.96	13.86	13.86	13.60	13.60	13.60	13.63	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	6.95	6.95	6.95	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.30	8.30	8.30	8.63	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked (a) ..	1 lb.	3.78	3.78	3.78	3.95	3.95	3.95	4.20	4.20	4.20	3.75	3.75	3.75	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	..	11.05	11.05	11.05	12.79	12.50	12.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	..	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.64	10.64	10.64	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.13	11.13	11.13	11.13
Apricots, dried (a)	..	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.83	13.83	13.83	14.90	14.67	14.67	15.60	15.75	15.80	14.00	14.25	14.25	15.33	15.33	15.33	15.33
Pears, canned (a) ..	..	13.83	13.83	13.83	14.90	14.67	14.67	15.60	15.75	15.60	14.67	14.75	14.75	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.33
Salmon, in tins (a)	1 lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.57	10.43	10.36	8.86	8.86	8.66	10.38	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown (a)	1 lb.	2.85	2.85	2.85	2.75	2.75	2.83	2.92	2.75	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Soap ..	..	7.30	7.30	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.75	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene ..	quart	5.31	5.31	5.31	5.98	5.98	5.98	6.30	6.30	6.30	5.95	5.95	5.95	6.16	6.16	6.16	6.16
Dairy Produce—																	
Butter, factory ..	1 lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.63	20.63	20.63	20.63
Cheese, mild ..	..	14.78	14.78	14.78	16.36	16.29	16.29	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.40	28.40	22.40	23.20	23.00	17.60	26.50	24.00	18.00	22.60	20.00	14.00	23.25	23.25	18.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers ..	1 lb.	19.00	19.00	19.00	20.57	20.57	20.57	20.42	20.42	20.42	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.50
Milk, condensed ..	quart	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.20	10.20	10.20	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.40	10.40	10.40	9.88	9.88	9.88	9.88
" fresh ..	..	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.86	6.86	6.86	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.80	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																	
Beef, sirloin ..	1 lb.	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.79	11.79	11.79	10.57	10.57	10.57	12.70	12.70	12.70	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
" rib ..	..	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.93	10.86	10.86	10.21	10.36	10.36	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50
" steak, rump ..	..	10.00	10.00	10.00	15.93	15.86	15.86	17.70	17.70	17.70	16.20	16.20	16.40	17.33	17.33	17.33	17.33
" chuck ..	..	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	12.14	12.14	12.14	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.33	10.33	10.33	10.33
" sausages ..	..	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.57	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.80	6.80	6.80	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Beef (tanned) Silver-side ..	..	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.96	12.29	12.29	12.43	12.43	12.43	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
" brisket ..	..	8.95	8.95	8.95	10.11	10.07	10.21	10.43	10.43	10.43	8.90	8.90	9.10	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.50
Mutton, leg ..	..	11.85	11.85	11.85	10.43	10.43	10.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.20	11.00	11.00	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50
" fore-quarter ..	..	5.95	5.95	5.95	7.14	7.07	7.21	7.36	7.36	7.36	5.90	5.90	5.90	5.83	5.83	5.83	5.83
" loin ..	..	9.05	9.05	9.05	9.43	9.57	9.57	9.07	8.93	8.93	8.80	8.70	8.90	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.17
" chops, loin ..	..	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.29	10.29	10.43	11.29	11.36	11.36	10.16	9.90	9.90	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.67
" leg ..	..	12.35	12.35	12.35	10.71	10.71	10.71	12.57	12.57	12.57	11.20	11.00	11.10	11.83	11.83	11.83	11.83
Pork, leg (a) ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.33
" loin (a) ..	..	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops (a) ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	240.49	..	..	97.21	..	..	170.48	..	..	179.81	..	..	180.95	..	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
 footnote (c), page 67.

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

RETAIL PRICES.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 30th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1945 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1945.

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Article.	Unit.	PERTH.			KALGOORLIE.			NORTHAM.			HUNSBURY.			GERALDTON.			
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	
		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Groceries, &c.—																	
Bread	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	..	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
.. self-raising ..	..	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.50	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.63	27.25	27.25	27.25	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar .. .. .	..	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian)(a)	..	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) .. .. .	..	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jan. phos	13 lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.50	12.50	12.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.50	10.50	10.50	8.88	8.88	8.88	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Ons, flaked	lb.	4.50	4.50	4.50	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Raisins, seeded ..	..	12.80	12.80	12.80	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants .. .. .	..	10.35	10.35	10.35	11.50	11.50	11.50	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.88	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.00	14.00	14.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	..	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Salmon, in tin (a) ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes	7 lb.	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.21	10.29	10.29	9.13	9.13	9.00	8.85	8.85	8.85	9.20	9.20	9.20	9.20
Onions, brown .. .	lb.	3.00	3.00	2.05	3.36	3.36	3.36	3.50	3.50	3.38	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
Soap .. .. .	..	7.33	7.33	7.33	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene	quart	6.24	6.24	6.24	8.13	8.13	8.13	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Dairy Produce—																	
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	22.93	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild .. ..	..	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.43	18.43	18.43	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.33	17.33	17.33	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid .. .	doz.	28.00	28.00	28.00	32.14	29.14	22.14	24.00	23.25	16.50	27.50	22.25	16.75	25.00	23.00	18.00	18.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	21.50	21.57	21.57	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.90	9.90	9.90	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
.. fresh	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																	
Beef, sirloin	lb.	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
.. rib .. .. .	..	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
.. steak, rump ..	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.00	19.00	19.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
.. chuck .. .. .	..	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
.. sausages .. ..	..	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.14	10.14	10.00	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-																	
.. slide .. .. .	..	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
.. bricket .. .. .	..	9.00	9.00	9.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Mutton, leg .. ..	..	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
.. forequarter ..	..	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
.. loin .. .. .	..	10.60	10.60	10.60	11.57	11.57	11.57	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.67	10.67	10.67	10.67
.. chops, loin ..	..	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
.. leg .. .. .	..	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.80	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Pork, leg (a) .. ..	..	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
.. loin (a) .. .. .	..	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.59	12.59	12.59	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
.. chops (a)	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.67	15.67	15.67	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	238.81	260.60	226.21	245.27	266.89

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(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies. footnote (c), page 67.

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

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES BULING IN EACH OF THE FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1946 : ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1946.**

Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	July.	Aug.	Sept.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	..	4.55	4.55	4.55	4.36	4.36	4.36	4.80	4.80	4.80	4.60	4.60	4.60	5.00	5.00	5.00
.. self-raising ..	..	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.29	7.29	7.29	7.70	7.70	7.70	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.38	27.38	27.38
Sugar ..	..	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.05	4.05	4.05	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	..	3.80	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago (a) ..	..	7.83	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.60	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Golden syrup ..	2 lb.	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.71	7.71	7.71	7.79	7.79	7.79	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.78	3.75	3.78	3.71	3.67	3.75	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80	3.80
Raisins, seeded ..	..	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.86	12.86	12.86	12.80	12.80	12.80	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	..	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.71	10.71	10.71	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.90	10.90	10.90	11.25	11.25	11.13
Apricots, dried (a)	..	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.33	13.33	13.40	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.50	14.38	14.38
Pears, canned (a) ..	..	13.42	13.42	13.42	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.38	13.50	13.50	13.75	13.50	13.50	14.38	14.33	14.33
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	11.07	10.94	10.94
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.22	3.22	3.22	3.07	3.14	3.14	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.10	3.10	3.10	3.38	3.38	3.38
Snap ..	..	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	7.02	7.02	7.02	6.82	6.82	6.90	6.85	6.85	6.85	6.93	6.90	6.90	7.46	7.46	7.46
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory (a)	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.13	20.13	20.13
Cheese, mild (a) ..	..	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	22.00	27.80	27.83	22.00	26.40	25.40	22.00	24.80	21.00	22.00	29.93	29.43	23.80
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.71	20.86	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.75	10.75	10.75
.. fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.90	7.90	7.90	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	13.00	13.00	14.00	11.71	11.71	12.57	12.00	12.00	13.00	12.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	14.00
.. rib ..	..	11.00	11.00	12.00	10.00	10.00	10.79	10.88	10.88	11.88	11.00	11.33	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.00
.. steak, rump ..	..	18.00	18.00	18.90	16.57	16.57	17.43	15.75	15.75	16.75	16.00	16.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00
.. chuck ..	..	10.90	10.90	11.90	9.57	9.57	10.43	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	13.00	13.00	14.00
.. sausages ..	..	7.78	7.78	8.67	7.86	7.86	8.20	8.25	8.25	8.75	8.67	8.67	9.60	9.67	9.67	10.33
Beef (corned) silver-side	..	13.00	13.00	14.00	10.86	10.86	11.57	11.00	10.75	12.00	11.00	11.00	12.00	13.00	13.00	14.00
.. brisket ..	..	10.50	10.50	11.35	9.29	9.29	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	11.00	12.00	12.00	13.00
Mutton, fore-quarter ..	..	10.50	10.50	11.00	9.71	9.71	10.07	10.38	10.38	11.00	10.50	10.50	11.00	12.50	12.50	13.00
.. rump-quarter ..	..	8.50	8.50	7.00	6.36	6.36	6.71	6.38	6.38	7.00	6.50	6.50	7.00	10.50	10.50	11.33
.. loin ..	..	10.10	10.10	10.50	9.21	9.21	9.50	9.25	9.25	10.00	9.50	9.50	9.67	12.50	12.50	13.00
.. chops, loin ..	..	10.50	10.50	11.00	9.79	9.79	10.07	10.38	10.38	11.00	10.50	10.50	11.00	12.50	12.50	13.00
.. leg ..	..	11.50	11.50	12.00	10.07	10.07	10.36	10.25	10.25	11.00	10.50	10.50	11.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
Pork, leg ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
.. loin ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
.. chops ..	..	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
House Rents (b) ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	251.49	..	..	..	292.45	..	..	214.51	..	..	193.64	..	..	202.31

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.
footnote (c), page 67.

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

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base: 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	1,068	1,963	..	1,070	2,630	1,338
1871..	1,606	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,400	1,229
1881..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,001	1,587	1,121
1891..	865	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,315	841	917	974
1902..	1,067	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	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905..	772	850	894	980	842	1,366	801	859	919
1906..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	918
1907..	1,037	1,017	973	1,029	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908..	1,033	901	1,312	1,178	908	1,355	935	891	1,115
1909..	1,014	907	1,060	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	983
1910..	1,064	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,008	996	898	1,063
1911..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913..	1,016	1,070	1,067	1,054	1,024	1,232	1,128	995	1,088
1914..	1,032	1,097	1,067	1,032	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,148
1915..	1,284	1,070	1,162	1,330	1,133	2,455	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,485	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,700	1,994
1917..	2,129	2,008	1,197	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918..	2,416	2,369	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,086	1,964	1,904
1919..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,269	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921..	2,174	1,962	1,767	2,060	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,963
1922..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,756
1923..	1,829	2,148	1,778	1,837	1,746	2,379	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924..	1,855	2,418	1,647	1,653	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,809	1,885
1925..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,722	2,319	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,816	1,832
1927..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,762
1929..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,863
1930..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,590
1931..	1,826	1,030	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,308	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933..	1,713	1,118	1,175	1,135	1,714	1,387	2,061	2,106	1,499
1934..	1,660	1,201	1,285	1,274	1,735	1,346	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935..	1,662	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,398	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936..	1,569	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937..	1,772	1,406	1,694	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,096	1,956
1938..	1,746	1,651	1,820	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,692
1939..	1,758	1,161	1,789	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,695
1940..	1,854	1,062	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941..	1,960	1,462	1,721	1,654	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942..	2,146	1,507	1,960	1,665	1,938	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943..	2,047	1,945	1,844	1,716	1,939	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117
1944..	2,278	1,967	2,052	1,721	1,949	2,470	3,768	2,442	2,159

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

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both the nomenclature 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. Over the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

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

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods Imported.	Goods Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,163
1929-30	992	984	1,185	988	1,106	980	974	901	980	984
1930-31	1,013	1,096	1,061	1,019	1,041	997	1,079	991	1,020	1,045
1931-32	1,025	1,404	815	1,011	923	970	1,029	991	1,025	1,047
1932-33	1,051	1,152	1,056	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1933-34	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,025	1,060	1,140
1934-35	1,173	1,599	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,332	1,169	1,325	1,123	1,242
1935-36	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,379	1,628	1,279	1,700	1,212	1,373
1936-37	1,310	1,695	1,501	1,432	1,398	1,743	1,287	1,283	1,217	1,396
1937-38	1,397	1,676	1,518	1,428	1,398	1,747	1,308	1,419	1,322	1,405
1938-39	1,213	1,590	1,363	1,470	1,361	1,514	1,311	1,659	1,282	1,356
1939-40	1,234	1,644	1,320	1,410	1,261	1,516	1,318	1,661	1,247	1,369
1940-41	1,257	1,644	1,351	1,410	1,261	1,516	1,318	1,661	1,247	1,369
1941-42	1,302	1,649	1,366	1,410	1,261	1,516	1,318	1,661	1,247	1,369
1942-43	1,308	1,651	1,391	1,425	1,361	1,529	1,321	1,590	1,265	1,365
1943-44	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1944-45	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1945-46	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1946-47	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1947-48	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1948-49	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1949-50	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1950-51	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1951-52	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1952-53	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1953-54	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1954-55	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1955-56	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1956-57	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1957-58	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1958-59	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1959-60	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1960-61	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1961-62	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1962-63	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1963-64	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1964-65	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1965-66	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1966-67	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1967-68	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1968-69	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1969-70	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1970-71	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1971-72	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1972-73	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1973-74	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1974-75	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1975-76	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1976-77	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1977-78	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1978-79	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1979-80	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1980-81	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
1981-82	1,308	1,684	1,381	1,425	1,358	1,561	1,286	1,590	1,265	1,365
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PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

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The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 36 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

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

Period.	Agriculture.							All (Groups).
	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold. (a)	All (Groups).		
1928-29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213	
1937-38	993	1,018	1,012	1,009	1,065	997	1,014	
1938-39	896	878	1,059	918	933	1,011	922	
1939-40	893	1,021	1,066	984	974	1,113	987	
1940-41	1,004	1,086	1,025	1,046	1,076	1,215	1,059	
1941-42	1,019	1,167	1,075	1,098	1,176	1,218	1,107	
1942-43	1,153	1,291	1,177	1,221	1,249	1,191	1,223	
1943-44(b)	1,220	1,295	1,179	1,247	1,290	1,191	1,250	
1944-45(b)	1,275	1,316	1,182	1,277	1,362	1,197	1,276	
1943-44 (b)								
April	1,232	1,283	1,179	1,246	1,295	1,191	1,249	
May	1,235	1,293	1,179	1,251	1,295	1,191	1,254	
June	1,238	1,310	1,179	1,260	1,294	1,193	1,292	
1944-45 (b)								
July	1,237	1,338	1,180	1,273	1,302	1,197	1,273	
August	1,236	1,335	1,183	1,272	1,302	1,197	1,272	
September	1,235	1,317	1,182	1,264	1,302	1,202	1,264	
October	1,237	1,308	1,182	1,277	1,301	1,208	1,277	
November	1,293	1,306	1,182	1,278	1,302	1,208	1,278	
December	1,274	1,305	1,182	1,271	1,301	1,208	1,272	
January	1,279	1,293	1,182	1,268	1,301	1,208	1,268	
February	1,281	1,300	1,182	1,272	1,301	1,208	1,272	
March	1,295	1,310	1,182	1,281	1,301	1,208	1,281	
April	1,295	1,312	1,182	1,282	1,301	1,208	1,281	
May	1,295	1,322	1,182	1,285	1,301	1,210	1,285	
June	1,295	1,343	1,182	1,296	1,301	1,224	1,294	
1945-46 (b)								
July	1,295	1,343	1,182	1,296	1,301	1,227	1,294	
August	1,295	1,343	1,182	1,296	1,297	1,227	1,294	
September	1,295	1,339	1,182	1,294	1,306	1,227	1,292	

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

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 29 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

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

Year.	Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.	Month.	1943-44.		1944-45.		1945-46.	
				Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.	Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.	Ex-cluding Gold.	In-cluding Gold.
1928-29	1,295	1,173	July	1,145	1,148	1,233	1,234	1,359	1,342
1933-34	959	896	August	1,154	1,157	1,258	1,255	1,346	1,326
1934-35	741	753	September	1,149	1,152	1,283	1,279	1,364	1,355
1935-36	942	946	October	1,155	1,159	1,312	1,305	..	..
1936-37	1,155	1,144	November	1,171	1,172	1,306	1,294	..	..
1937-38	1,024	1,022	December	1,172	1,175	1,300	1,295	..	..
1938-39	821	834	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939-40	964	980	January	1,175	1,176	1,317	1,311	..	..
1940-41	1,026	1,039	February	1,172	1,175	1,312	1,307	..	..
1941-42	1,047	1,059	March	1,175	1,176	1,321	1,314	..	..
1942-43	1,137	1,142	April	1,177	1,178	1,333	1,326	..	..
1943-44	1,169	1,171	May	1,192	1,192	1,328	1,319	..	..
1944-45	1,394	1,298	June	1,196	1,196	1,342	1,335	..	..

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

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

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

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.							Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (b)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unions.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). (a)	Food, Groceries (4 and 5 Rooms). (c)	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "B" Series.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—										
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(c)1,000	(b)1,000	(c)1,000	1,000	1,000	%	
1914	1,134	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	1,000	4.7	
1921	1,002	1,410	1,141	1,194	1,431	1,307	1,081	948	3.3	
1928	1,743	1,743	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2	
1932	1,425	1,336	1,390	1,215	1,457	1,075	1,063	1,172	10.8	
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,365	1,526	1,639	1,106	29.0	
1940	1,670	1,590	1,644	1,445	1,519	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0	
1941	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,967	1,194	3.7	
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,663	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6	
1943	1,856	1,595	1,740	2,177	1,766	1,876	2,369	1,231	1.1	
1944	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,168	1,773	1,807	2,326	1,246	1.2	
Quarter—										
1935.										
December	1,400	1,390	1,434	1,188	1,435	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7	
1936.										
March	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,191	1,452	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4	
June	1,455	1,425	1,443	1,191	1,452	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4	
September	1,480	1,449	1,474	1,197	1,455	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8	
December	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,203	1,449	1,430	1,650	1,160	10.7	
1937.										
March	1,510	1,470	1,465	1,205	1,452	1,433	1,662	1,169	9.9	
June	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,221	1,461	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7	
September	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3	
December	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2	
1938.										
March	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0	
June	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,491	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6	
September	1,616	1,547	1,580	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	8.2	
December	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.0	
1939.										
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,820	1,198	9.6	
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5	
September	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,851	1,220	10.2	
December	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3	
1940.										
March	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9	
June	1,688	1,580	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5	
September	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4	
December	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,160	6.2	
1941.										
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,960	1,191	5.3	
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,609	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6	
September	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2	
December	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.0	
1942.										
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8	
June	1,822	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,817	2,127	1,196	1.7	
September	1,887	1,595	1,798	2,028	1,680	1,835	2,162	1,180	1.6	
December	1,880	1,595	1,794	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3	
1943.										
March	1,890	1,595	1,752	2,230	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2	
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1	
September	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,351	1,210	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	1,861	2,322	1,246	1.0	
June	1,834	1,595	1,737	2,160	1,773	1,865	2,322	1,245	1.4	
September	1,852	1,595	1,748	2,160	1,772	1,873	2,327	1,242	1.2	
December	1,827	1,595	1,733	2,180	1,770	1,867	2,332	1,249	1.2	
1945.										
March	1,838	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	1,257	1.1	
September	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,140	1,767	1,868	..	..	1.2	

(a) See footnote (c) on page 67.

(b) Index of nominal weekly wages rates divided by "C" Series Index of retail prices.

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

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

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1944.
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1943-44.
POPULATION (a)—Males ..	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,597,447	4,368,874
Females ..	1,050,477	1,394,308	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,530,775	4,360,841
Total ..	2,300,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,128,222	8,729,715
BIRTHS—Number ..	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,103	136,198	118,509	134,525	153,344
Rate ..	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.94	20.99
DEATHS—Number ..	33,927	47,430	46,330	47,859	54,076	55,500	71,176	69,596
Rate ..	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.92	9.53
MARRIAGES—Number ..	17,244	23,862	27,753	30,482	40,869	38,882	75,148	68,201
Rate ..	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.90	10.58	9.33
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1943-44.
AGRICULTURE—								
Wheat—Area '000 acres	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	7,875
Yield '000 bus.	21,444	25,673	38,562	71,636	120,089	190,612	166,713	109,720
Average yield bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	12.33	13.60	13.93	13.93
Oats—Area '000 acres	1,193	2,416	3,401	6,117	7,733	12,983	13,409	1,416
Yield '000 bus.	4,790	5,726	9,790	9,982	12,147	15,155	22,302	17,712
Average yield bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	16.50	16.56	14.10	16.27	12.52
Barley—Area '000 acres	75,804	68,068	74,511	110,466	298,910	342,300	784,253	442,864
Yield '000 bus.	1,533	1,170	1,320	2,657	6,086	6,291	18,004	7,590
Average yield bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.00	20.30	18.37	22.92	17.14
Maize—Area '000 acres	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,180	269,448	301,360	282,681
Yield '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	7,433
Average yield bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.07	26.29
Hay—Area '000 tons	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,665	2,758	2,444
Yield '000 tons	7.07	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,737
Average yield tons	0.70	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.13
Potatoes—Area '000 acres	(f) 7,293	112,884	109,616	109,463	140,144	145,111	90,424	192,075
Yield '000 tons	(f) 6243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,001	307,102	332,727	599,055
Average yield tons	(f) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.36	3.12
Sugar-cane—Area (v) acres	19,798	45,444	86,150	101,010	128,550	241,576	534,564	229,172
Yield '000 tons	350	736	1,308	1,682	2,437	4,213	11,608	11,608
Av. yield tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	16.09
Vineyards—Area (v) acres	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,662	92,414	112,961	129,739	129,734
Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,292	4,975	8,543	14,191	15,857	19,865
Total gross value of all agricultural production '000	15,519	16,988	23,835	23,774	81,890	74,489	94,451	123,174
PASTORAL, DAIRYING, ETC.—								
Livestock—Sheep '000	65,093	106,421	72,040	92,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	128,174
Cattle ..	8,011	11,112	8,491	11,829	14,411	12,261	13,561	14,184
Horses ..	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,449
Pigs ..	763	846	931	1,111	969	1,168	1,477	1,747
Wool production (d) '000 lb.	319,649	634,046	593,956	798,391	723,659	1,007,456	1,167,168	1,160,016
Butter ..	(f) 42,315	(f) 193,747	(f) 212,074	(f) 297,071	(f) 390,654	(f) 375,694	(f) 375,694	(f) 375,694
Cheese ..	(e) (f) 10,131	(f) 11,845	(f) 15,887	(f) 32,633	(f) 31,423	(f) 67,520	(f) 80,248	(f) 102,410
Mutton and lamb ..	(e) (f) 16,772	(f) 34,021	(f) 53,335	(f) 58,620	71,122	95,110	102,410	102,410
Total gross value of all pastoral and dairying production .. '000	29,538	39,256	36,890	72,883	119,399	103,018	184,857	(e) 123,174
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1943.
MINERAL PRODUCTION—								
Gold ..	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,522	4,010	3,564	15,991	7,851
Silver and lead ..	46	3,790	2,219	3,022	1,510	1,444	6,256	4,335
Copper ..	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	2,195
Tin ..	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	839
Zinc ..	2	2	4	1,415	513	1,590	1,482	1,482
Coal ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,355	10,872	12,680
Total value of all mineral production .. '000	7,830	12,074	21,817	23,303	19,997	13,352	41,257	33,741
	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1943-44.				
FOREST PRODUCTION—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft. (e)	(e)	(e)	452,181	604,791	590,495	236,707	913,075	851,061
FACTORIES—								
Number of factories ..				14,455	18,023	21,057	26,071	27,674
Hands employed .. No.				311,710	378,540	336,058	725,342	766,596
Wages paid .. '000	(g)	(g)	(g)	27,328	68,051	55,932	180,052	211,874
Value of production ..				51,256	121,074	110,982	310,438	306,235
Total value of output ..				133,022	320,332	281,646	773,059	801,759

(a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated. (c) Productive cane. (d) In terms of grams. (e) Not available. (f) Years ended December. (g) Owing to variation in classification effective comparison is impossible. (h) Subject to revision.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.							
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1943-44.
	1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1943-44.
SHIPPING—								
Oversea vessels entered and cleared .. No.	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	2,380
'000 tons	2,540	4,729	6,542	9,983	9,081	11,396	10,768	9,687
COMMERCE—								
Exports—Oversea .. £'000	29,067	37,711	42,424	66,068	103,006	147,718	152,065	214,224
Per head .. £	12/16/2	11/16/9	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	21/6/0	21/6/0	29/6/7
Imports—Oversea .. £'000	27,328	36,443	49,066	79,822	127,847	(a) 85,843	(a) 134,927	(a) 117,111
Per head .. £	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/15/16	23/4/1	18/1/11	18/7/8	16/0/8
Total—Oversea trade .. £'000	56,595	74,154	91,590	145,890	230,653	130,556	266,854	331,335
Per head .. £	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/15/5	40/4/7	45/7/3
Net Customs and Excise duties .. £'000	4,809	7,441	8,637	13,515	27,565	28,525	(b) 55,700	(b) 66,502
Per head .. £	2/2/5	2/9/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/9/1	4/7/1	7/16/1	9/2/0
PRINCIPAL OVERSEA EXPORTS (e)								
Wool—Quantity (d) '000 lb.	328,369	619,290	518,918	729,965	927,844	893,444	937,370	607,422
Value .. £'000	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	38,044	45,767
Wheat—Quantity '000 cwt.	3,219	5,877	12,136	33,069	59,968	76,441	13,388	20,195
Value .. £'000	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,444	19,220	4,645	8,264
Flour—Quantity '000 tons	34	59	34	97	309	411	414	591
Value .. £'000	520	328	500	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	6,099
Butter—Quantity '000 lb.	1,299	4,210	34,667	101,722	127,347	201,639	136,347	104,227
Value .. £'000	307	307	1,451	4,631	7,908	10,250	8,125	6,671
Hides and skins ..	317	874	1,451	3,227	3,137	2,216	5,882	6,752
Tallow ..	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	904
Timber (unressed) ..	363	461	2,611	4,393	5,542	6,370	14,004	13,063
Gold ..	38	73	731	1,021	1,158	433	320	271
Silver and lead ..	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,016	3,438	11,893	9,189	8,188
Copper ..	58	1,322	2,250	3,233	2,697	2,992	7,334	3,795
Coal ..	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	34
Iron ..	361	646	987	901	342	259	182	182
GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—								
Length of line open miles	3,832	3,341	32,573	16,078	23,262	26,059	27,241	27,213
Capital cost .. £'000	12,741	99,744	125,224	152,195	244,356	321,972	322,152	325,030
Gross revenue ..	3,010	8,654	11,038	17,876	39,195	37,580	66,482	82,309
Working expenses ..	2,142	5,704	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,943	66,578
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue .. %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	80.89
POSTAL—								
Letters and post-cards dealt with .. '000	67,649	157,297	229,853	453,963	561,973	791,135	921,901	907,768
Newspapers dealt with ..	29,011	49,077	58,296	100,901	102,011	111,662	129,177	124,244
Deposits .. Per head No.	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,658	140,477	139,512	177,974	170,044
Cheques .. Per head No.	16,66	26,61	27,10	31,54	25,50	21,30	34,94	23,27
CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (e)—								
Note circulation .. £'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(f) 2,214	1,977	167 (g)	106
Coin and bullion held ..	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	(f) 21,272	2,882	4,479	16

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