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QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT,
TO 31ST MARCH, 1906.

COMPILED FROM OFFICIAL RETURNS IN THE OFFICE OF THE
GOVERNMENT STATIST.

QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT, 31ST MARCH, 1906.

Population.—The estimated population on the 31st December, 1905, was 1,218,571—609,674 males, 608,897 females; on the 31st March, 1906, it was 1,220,078—609,583 males, 610,495 females—thus showing an increase of 1,507 persons. The natural increase during the quarter was 3,497, and the excess of emigration was 1,990. The immigration as recorded was 26,729, and the emigration 26,784. New Zealand gained from this State 1,017 persons, Western Australia 206, and the United Kingdom 502 persons. Tasmania lost 1,399 persons, South Australia 279, and New South Wales 205 persons.

Vital Statistics of the State.—Compared with the previous quarter, the births increased by 29 in the quarter under review, the deaths by 382, but the excess of births over deaths decreased by 253, and the marriages by 213. Of the total number of deaths, viz., 3,896; 271 were due to phthisis and 91 to other tubercular diseases; 219 to cancer; 85 to typhoid fever; 11 to diphtheria; and 6 to measles.

Vital Statistics of Melbourne, &c.—The births during the quarter numbered 3,029. This includes 32 cases of twins and 250 illegitimate births. The deaths numbered 1,785, and the excess of births over deaths was 1,244. The deaths from diphtheria numbered 8, from typhoid fever 24, and from tubercular diseases 191, as against 13, 24, and 203 respectively in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total deaths in Melbourne were 1,785, of whom 480 were under twelve months of age; in Ballarat of 227 deaths 62 were of infants; in Bendigo 227 and 63 respectively. In Melbourne and suburbs the deaths of infants under 1 year of age were 15.8 per cent. of the births—a rate considerably higher than that of the whole State for the year 1905, viz., 8.33. In the three towns mentioned there were 608 deaths of people aged 65 years and upwards—or 27 per cent. of the total.

State Revenue and Expenditure.—The total revenue for the quarter was £2,223,591, an increase of £230,935 on the corresponding quarter of the previous year—the principal sources being Railways £1,111,290, Probate Duty £123,860, Stamp Duty £55,823, and Balance of Commonwealth Revenue, £628,036. The total expenditure was £1,412,340, an increase of £138,694 on that of the corresponding quarter of 1905.

Commonwealth Revenue and Expenditure in account with the State of Victoria.—The total Commonwealth Revenue credited to this State (from returns of later date than those published for Victoria) was £885,284 as against £827,881 in the corresponding period of 1905, being an increase of £57,403 for the quarter under review. The principal sources were import duties on Stimulants and Narcotics, £187,796; Sugar, £21,847; Apparel and Textiles, £151,422; Agricultural Products and Groceries, £44,304. From Excise, Spirits yielded £19,138; Beer, £49,299; Tobacco, £41,803. The total expenditure on transferred services was £215,073 (Defence, £54,971; Postmaster-General, £143,369), and "new" expenditure, £50,489—a total of £265,562, as against £278,512 in the corresponding quarter of 1905—a decrease of £12,950.

Railway Statistics.—The total railway revenue for the quarter ended March was £1,094,215, as against £1,013,005 in the corresponding quarter of 1905; the expenditure was £561,183, inclusive of gratuities and pensions, which amounted to £24,920, as against £524,033 in the corresponding quarter of 1905. Comparing the two periods, the train miles run and the revenue per train mile have increased. The number of passengers carried was 16,486,822, an increase of 1,459,449. The tonnage of goods and live stock carried was 1,194,522, an increase of 75,345.

Victorian Banking Returns.—On the 31st March, the total liabilities of the banks were £38,335,770 and the assets £39,674,565, as against £34,668,654 and £37,593,741 on the 31st March, 1905. The reserves amounted to £4,461,637, paid-up capital to £12,965,390. The ratio of coin and bullion to liabilities was 20.34 per cent.

Savings Banks.—On the 31st March, the amount at credit of the 461,345 depositors was £11,347,215. During the quarter 20,057 accounts were opened and 14,032 were closed; the deposits made were £2,215,284, and the withdrawals £2,001,523.

Gold Yields.—The total yield of gold up to the end of March, 1906, is 68,558,132 ounces.

Imports and Exports.—The total value of imports into Victoria during the quarter under review was £5,347,244, of which £1,545,883 was Australian produce. The total exports during the same period were valued at £8,297,007, of which £7,717,540 was Australian produce, and the exports to Australian States £1,864,272.

Exports of Frozen, Preserved, and Perishable Products.—For the first quarter of 1906 the total value of these exports was £900,451, of which £156,686 went to other States, £671,925 to the United Kingdom, £51,998 to South Africa, and £19,842 to Eastern and other ports. The principal exports were—Butter, valued at £600,930; Frozen Meat, £177,524; Milk and Cream, £9,550; Bacon and Hams, £18,361; Frozen Rabbits and Hares, £43,224; and Fruit and Fruit Pulp, £41,383.

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21st May, 1906.

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA ON 31ST MARCH, 1906.

First Quarter, 1906.						Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1905	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	609,674	608,897	1,218,571
Births	...	...	...	...	...	3,752	3,641	...	...	...
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	2,110	1,786	...	...	...
Natural Increase	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,642	1,855	3,497
								611,316	610,752	1,222,068
Migration by Sea—										
Arrivals	...	...	...	...	...	12,488	8,989	...	...	...
Departures as recorded	...	...	...	...	...	13,133	8,714	...	...	...
Allowance for unrecorded departures	...	...	...	...	...	1,182	784	...	...	...
Loss seawards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,827	509	2,336
								609,489	610,243	1,219,732
Migration by Land—										
Arrivals (including allowance for unrecorded)	...	...	...	...	...	3,359	2,418	...	...	...
Departures (including allowance for unrecorded)	...	...	...	...	...	3,265	2,166	...	...	...
Gain by land	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	94	252	346
Estimated Population on 31st March, 1906 (exclusive of full-blooded aborigines)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	609,583	610,495	1,220,078

MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION.

Immigration (as recorded).

Place of Departure.	Total for the Year.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
By Sea—			
New South Wales	13,842	15,092	4,962
Queensland	2,446	2,510	514
South Australia	2,361	2,808	960
Western Australia	7,882	8,936	2,801
Tasmania	19,742	24,310	9,907
New Zealand	3,502	3,655	1,186
South Seas	7	42	
United Kingdom	2,337	2,437	398
South Africa	1,325	1,186	262
Other British Dominions	899	918	272
Foreign Ports	706	904	215
By Rail—			
New South Wales	13,848	14,467	3,914
South Australia	4,346	4,267	1,291
Queensland	175	180	47
Total	73,418	81,712	26,729

Emigration (as recorded).

Destination.	Total for the Year.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
By Sea—			
New South Wales	17,207	15,225	4,954
Queensland	2,053	2,232	547
South Australia	2,877	3,395	800
Western Australia	12,819	10,737	3,007
Tasmania	19,620	23,258	8,508
New Zealand	5,796	5,271	2,203
South Seas	27	7	3
United Kingdom	2,769	2,422	900
South Africa	1,125	1,068	367
Other British Dominions	984	949	244
Foreign Ports	554	840	314
By Rail—			
New South Wales	11,583	13,676	3,717
South Australia	4,121	3,854	1,172
Queensland	131	176	48
Total	81,666	83,110	26,784

EXCESS OF MIGRATION (AS RECORDED).
Excess of Immigration shown thus (+), of Emigration (-).

		Total for the Year.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
		1904.	1905.	
By Sea—				
New South Wales	.. .. ..	-3,365	-133	+8
Queensland	.. .. ..	+393	+278	-33
South Australia	.. .. ..	-516	-587	+160
Western Australia	.. .. ..	-4,937	-1,801	-206
Tasmania	.. .. ..	+122	+1,052	+1,399
New Zealand	.. .. ..	-2,294	-1,616	-1,017
South Seas	.. .. ..	-20	+35	-3
United Kingdom	.. .. ..	-432	+15	-502
South Africa	.. .. ..	+200	+118	-105
Other British Dominions	.. .. ..	-85	-31	+28
Foreign Ports	.. .. ..	+152	+64	-99
By Rail—				
New South Wales	.. .. ..	+2,265	+791	+197
South Australia	.. .. ..	+225	+413	+119
Queensland	.. .. ..	+44	+4	-1
Total	.. .. ..	-8,248	-1,398	-55

VITAL STATISTICS.

		Year.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
		1904.	1905.	
Metropolitan District—				
Marriages	.. .. ..	4,452	4,757	1,148
Births—Males	.. .. ..	6,035	6,196	1,529
" Females	.. .. ..	5,851	5,748	1,500
Deaths—Males	.. .. ..	3,439	3,521	902
" Females	.. .. ..	3,110	3,072	883
Other Urban Districts—				
Marriages	.. .. ..	1,846	2,011	440
Births—Males	.. .. ..	3,226	3,317	828
" Females	.. .. ..	3,015	3,177	788
Deaths—Males	.. .. ..	2,314	2,378	600
" Females	.. .. ..	1,536	1,648	460
Rural Districts—				
Marriages	.. .. ..	1,912	2,006	480
Births—Males	.. .. ..	6,052	6,010	1,395
" Females	.. .. ..	5,584	5,659	1,353
Deaths—Males	.. .. ..	2,239	2,374	608
" Females	.. .. ..	1,746	1,683	443
Total State—				
Marriages	.. .. ..	8,210	8,774	2,068
Births—Males	.. .. ..	15,313	15,523	3,752
" Females	.. .. ..	14,450	14,584	3,641
Deaths—Males	.. .. ..	7,992	8,273	2,110
" Females	.. .. ..	6,401	6,403	1,786
Excess of Births over Deaths	.. .. ..	15,370	15,431	3,497

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES.

	Cause of Death.	NUMBER OF DEATHS.		
		Year.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
1904.	1905.			
Metropolitan District—				
Typhoid Fever	71	41	24
Diphtheria	70	43	8
Measles	46	2
Phthisis	681	626	138
Other Tubercular Diseases	221	201	53
Cancer	424	482	115
Other Urban Districts—				
Typhoid Fever	73	51	33
Diphtheria	46	13	3
Measles	18	1
Phthisis	375	330	69
Other Tubercular Diseases	92	69	19
Cancer	242	248	51
Rural Districts—				
Typhoid Fever	46	29	28
Diphtheria	74	24	11
Measles	15	3
Phthisis	286	279	64
Other Tubercular Diseases	63	72	19
Cancer	227	223	53
Total State—				
Typhoid Fever	190	121	65
Diphtheria	190	80	11
Measles	79	6
Phthisis	1,342	1,235	271
Other Tubercular Diseases	376	342	91
Cancer	893	953	219

**POPULATION, 31ST DECEMBER, 1905; AND BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, QUARTER ENDED
31ST MARCH, 1906.**

Sub-districts.	Municipal Estimates of Population, 31st December, 1905.	Births.						Deaths			Excess of Births over Deaths.	
		Including Twins and Illegitimate Children.			Cases of Twins.	Illegitimate Children	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.			
		Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.								
Melbourne City—Bourke Ward ..	13,030	43	24	19	1	1	33	16	17	10		
" Gipps Ward ..	7,310	11	6	5	..	..	35	17	18	-24	
" Lonsdale Ward ..	2,530	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	
" La Trobe Ward ..	3,520	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
" Albert Ward ..	7,900	22	12	10	..	..	28	16	12	-6	
" Smith Ward ..	14,170	63	28	35	2	17	38	18	20	25		
" Victoria Ward ..	21,020	140	71	69	2	11	61	29	32	79		
" Ropetoun Ward ..	28,570	191	95	96	..	4	83	50	33	108		
Fitzroy City ..	32,380	180	94	86	3	15	97	37	60	83		
Collingwood City ..	33,800	213	95	118	4	7	71	30	41	142		
Richmond City ..	38,320	210	105	105	..	13	73	31	42	137		
Brunswick Town ..	25,200	143	64	79	1	6	75	38	37	68		
Northcote Town ..	11,250	65	35	30	..	1	28	15	13	37		
Prahran City ..	42,300	247	115	132	3	24	91	40	51	156		
South Melbourne City ..	40,520	194	90	104	3	9	96	43	53	98		
Port Melbourne Town ..	12,470	95	50	45	3	3	35	22	13	60		
St. Kilda City ..	20,950	81	37	44	1	3	42	21	21	39		
Brighton Town ..	10,600	52	26	26	..	1	33	10	23	19		
Essendon Town ..	18,650	94	46	48	1	2	32	17	15	62		
Hawthorn City ..	22,800	129	68	61	1	2	55	23	32	74		
Kew Borough ..	8,530	39	19	20	..	..	19	8	11	20	
Footscray City ..	18,200	141	80	61	..	9	72	34	38	69		
Williamstown Town ..	13,680	79	46	33	..	2	38	18	20	41		
Oakleigh Borough ..	1,300	8	1	7	..	..	6	4	2	2	
Caulfield Town ..	10,670	68	38	30	1	3	15	9	6	53		
Malvern Town ..	12,550	61	37	24	..	2	24	13	11	37		
Camberwell and Boroondara Borough	9,630	50	30	20	..	..	18	8	10	32	
Preston Shire ..	4,000	21	8	13	..	..	8	5	3	13	
Coburg Borough ..	7,620	36	19	17	..	..	19	10	9	17	
Remainder of District ..	15,680	76	40	36	1	..	32	13	19	44		
Hospitals, Asylums, &c. ..	4,460	276	150	126	5	115	525	305	220	-249		
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and River ..	1,730	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	-2	
Total ..	515,350	3,029	1,529	1,500	32	250	1,783	992	883	1,244		
Daily average ..	..	33.65	16.99	16.66	.36	2.78	19.83	10.02	9.81	13.82	

DEATHS FROM DIPHTHERIA, TYPHOID FEVER, AND TUBERCULAR DISEASES IN GREATER MELBOURNE IN EACH MONTH.

Month.	Deaths from Diphtheria.					Deaths from Typhoid Fever.					Deaths from Tubercular Diseases.				
	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1902.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.
January ..	2	2	3	2	2	16	7	6	13	4	77	69	78	70	68
February ..	1	1	2	6	5	12	6	15	3	7	69	72	71	57	50
March ..	2	2	3	5	1	6	10	14	8	13	71	72	69	67	73
April ..	6	6	5	2	..	10	9	3	..	..	73	72	73	49	..
May ..	2	1	10	6	..	8	8	5	3	..	78	67	63	81	..
June ..	5	4	12	4	..	6	3	7	5	..	84	67	73	59	..
July ..	3	4	10	7	..	4	2	2	3	..	82	94	83	75	..
August ..	7	6	8	4	..	2	3	2	1	..	72	68	89	63	..
September ..	1	6	5	3	..	2	2	2	Nil	..	73	87	78	72	..
October ..	5	2	5	3	..	1	Nil	5	1	..	75	92	76	91	..
November ..	3	4	1	1	..	1	3	2	Nil	..	81	80	63	63	..
December ..	1	2	6	Nil	..	4	11	2	1	..	83	76	86	71	..
Total ..	38	40	70	43	..	72	65	71	41	..	918	916	902	827	..

THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, together with the Mean Temperature in the Shade, the Mean Atmospheric Pressure, and the amount of Rainfall during the Quarter ended the 31st March, for each of the five years, 1902 to 1906, were as follow:—

Quarter ended 31st March—	Number of—		Mean Temperature.	Mean Height of Barometer.	Rain.			
	Births.	Deaths.			Number of—			
					Inches.	Days.		
1902	2,891	1,784	63.3	29.851	7.92	26		
1903	3,077	1,749	64.8	29.863	5.23	21		
1904	2,929	1,571	62.2	29.859	12.87	32		
1905	2,935	1,717	64.5	29.900	4.26	19		
1906	3,029	1,785	66.4	29.898	4.60	22		

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES IN GREATER MELBOURNE, during the Quarter ended the 31st March, for each of the five years, 1902 to 1906.

Quarter ended 31st March—	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Influenza.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Diarrhoeal Diseases.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Tubercular Diseases.		Diseases of the Nervous System.	Diseases of the Circulatory System.	Diseases of the Respiratory System.	Diseases of the Digestive System.	Diseases of the Urinary System.	Child-bearing (Includes Puerperal Fever).
										Phthisis.	Other Tubercular Diseases.						
1902 ... ...	... ...	11	37	5	34	66	7	99	177	40	172	174	137	332	88	18	
1903	8	8	7	7	5	23	52	5	124	162	51	155	161	320	92	18	
1904 ... ...	... ...	2	4	8	8	35	25	1	105	170	48	162	149	115	235	102	17
1905	2	1	15	... ...	13	24	30	3	117	162	41	174	164	126	272	111	19
1906	2	5	8	8	24	47	1	115	138	53	140	158	150	411	88	24	

AGES AT DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1906.

Age at Death.	Melbourne and Suburbs.		Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
Under 1 year ..	273	207	33	29	34	29	23	20
1 and under 5 years ..	54	42	5	7	14	4	2	..
5 .. 15 ..	37	26	4	4	5	5	..	..
15 .. 25 ..	34	50	4	5	7	9	3	1
25 .. 35 ..	50	79	4	6	6	4	3	3
35 .. 45 ..	66	88	3	6	8	8	7	4
45 .. 55 ..	77	86	9	7	13	4	3	1
55 .. 65 ..	62	73	15	5	13	9	9	6
65 .. 75 ..	122	113	19	21	19	11	4	9
75 years and upwards ..	118	119	24	17	16	9	9	16
Total	902	883	120	107	135	92	63	60

CAUSES OF DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1906.

Causes of Death.	Melbourne and Suburbs.		Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.	
	Males.	Females	Males.	Females	Males.	Females	Males.	Females
CLASS I.—SPECIFIC FEBRILE OR ZYMOTIC DISEASES.								
Order 1.— <i>Miasmatic Diseases.</i>								
Measles	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Influenza	2	3	..	..	..	2	2	..
Whooping Cough	1	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria	4	4	4	2	4	2	1	..
Typhoid, Enteric Fever	8	16	4	..	..	..	..	..
Order 2.— <i>Diarrhoeal Diseases.</i>								
Cholera (Simple)	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	..
Diarrhoea	22	16	8	6	2	1	3	..
Dysentery	5	2	..	..	1	..	..	1
Order 3.— <i>Venereal Diseases.</i>								
Syphilis	8	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gonorrhœa, Stricture of Urethra	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Order 4.— <i>Septic Diseases.</i>								
Erysipelas	1	..	1	..	1	1	..	..
Pyæmia, Septicæmia	2	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Fever .....	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class I.	57	64	13	9	8	6	9	2
CLASS II.—PARASITIC DISEASES.								
Hydatids	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
CLASS III.—DIETIC DISEASES.								
Starvation, Want of Breast Milk .....	..	3	..	1	2	..	..	..
Scurvy	1	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Intemperance—Chronic Alcoholism	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Delirium Tremens .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Total Class III.	2	4	2	2	2	..	1	..
CLASS IV.—CONSTITUTIONAL DISEASES.								
Rheumatic Fever, Rhœumatism of Heart	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Rheumatism	2	2	..	..	1	..	..	..
Gout .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cancer, Malignant Disease	54	61	5	4	6	6	1	2
Tabes Mesenterica	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Tubercular Meningitis (Acute Hydrocephalus)	8	13	7	4	14	5	2	4
Phthisis	69	69	..	..	2	..	..	..
Other Forms of Tuberculosis, Scrofula, &c.	16	14	..	..	..	..	..	..
Purpura, Haemorrhagic Diathesis	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anæmia, Chlorosis, Leucocythaemia	4	4	..	1	..	..	..	..
Diabetes Mellitus	2	6	..	..	..	1	..	1
Total Class IV.	159	173	12	11	27	14	4	8
CLASS V.—DEVELOPMENTAL DISEASES.								
Premature Birth	29	22	..	1	3	3	1	6
Atelectasis	5	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
Cyanosis	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Spina Bifida .....	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cleft Palate, Harelip	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Congenital Defects	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Old Age	41	58	9	5	5	8	2	8
Total Class V.	83	89	11	6	8	11	3	15
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES.								
Order 1.— <i>Diseases of the Nervous System.</i>								
Inflammation of Brain or its Membranes	11	11	2	1	3	3	1	1
Aphæxy	28	19	1	..	3	1	..	4
Softening of Brain .....	..	2	4	..	2	..	..	..
Hemiplegia, Brain Paralysis	6	2	..	..	2	..	..	..
Paralysis	9	10	3	2	1	..	..	..
Insanity (General Paralysis of Insane)	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
Chorea .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Epilepsy	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Convulsions	6	2	1	2	..	1	..	..
Paraplegia, Diseases of Spinal Cord	4	2	..	1	2	1	1	1
Other Diseases of Brain or Nervous System	12	4	2	1	2	1	1	1

CAUSES OF DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG—continued.

Causes of Death.	Melbourne and Suburbs.		Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
CLASS VI.—LOCAL DISEASES—continued.								
Order 2.—Diseases of the Organs of Special Sense.								
Otitis, Otorrhoea .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ophthalmia and Diseases of Eye .....	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Order 3.—Diseases of the Circulatory System.								
Endocarditis, Valvular Disease	32	31	1	4	2	1	2	2
Pericarditis	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Angina Pectoris .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syncope	6	9	2	4	2	2	..	1
Aneurism	7	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Semile Gangrene .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Embolism, Thrombosis	1	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Phlebitis .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Heart Diseases (undefined)	24	34	4	15	8	4	2	2
Order 4.—Diseases of the Respiratory System.								
Laryngitis	1	2	..	..	..	1	..	..
Asthma, Emphysema	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Bronchitis	19	17	7	4	3	1	3	1
Pneumonia	55	41	3	2	16	6	4	2
Congestion of Lungs	1	2	..	1	1	..	..	1
Pleurisy	3	2	1	..	1	..	..	..
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Order 5.—Diseases of the Digestive System.								
Stomatitis	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Dentition	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sore Throat, Quinsy .....	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dyspepsia .....	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hæmatemesis	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Meæna	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of Stomach	7	11	1	6	1	1	1	..
Enteritis	58	44	4	5	6	3	..	..
Gastro-enteritis	103	70	21	16	17	15	11	10
Ulceration of Intestine	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Appendicitis	13	11	..	..	1	1	..	..
Ileus, Obstruction of Intestine .....	..	7	2	1	..	..	..	..
Intussusception of Intestine	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hernia	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fistula .....	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Peritonitis	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ascites	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Gallstones .....	..	10	..	..	..	2	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	5	11	..	2	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of Liver	4	9	1	1	..	1	..	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	3	1	..	..	..	3	..	..
Order 6.—Diseases of the Lymphatic System and Ductless Glands.								
Diseases of Spleen .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Addisons' Disease .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Order 7.—Diseases of the Urinary System.								
Nephritis	2	5	2	..	..	2	..	..
Bright's Disease	33	24	2	2	2	1	4	1
Uramia	3	9	2	2	1	1	..	..
Calculus .....	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Diseases of Bladder and of Prostate	10	..	2	..	2	..	..	..
Other Diseases of Urinary System	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Order 8.—Diseases of the Organs of Generation.								
Ovarian Disease .....	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of Uterus and Vagina .....	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pelvic Abscess .....	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Order 9.—Diseases of Parturition.								
Abortion, Miscarriage .....	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Placenta, Praevia, Flooding .....	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	..
Other Accidents of Childbirth .....	..	9	..	..	..	1	..	..
Order 10.—Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion.								
Arthritis, Ostitis, Periostitis	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Others .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Order 11.—Diseases of the Integumentary System.								
Phlegmon, Cellulitis	3	2	1	..	..	1	..	..
Lupus	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ulcer, Bedsore .....	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Eczema	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Pemphigus	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class VI.	512	490	69	76	80	63	36	33

CAUSES OF DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG—continued.

Causes of Death.	Melbourne and Suburbs.		Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
CLASS VII.—VIOLENCE.								
Order 1.—Accident or Negligence.								
Fractures, Contusions ..	20	6	3	..	4	1	..	..
Gunshot Wounds ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Cuts, &c. ..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Burn, Scald ..	..	6	..	..	..	2	..	..
Sunstroke ..	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poison (Ptomaine) ..	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Drowning ..	11	..	1	..	2	..	1	..
Found Drowned ..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suffocation ..	..	4	3	1	..	..	..	..
Order 3.—Suicide.								
Gunshot Wounds ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	1	..
Poison—								
Arsenic ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cyanide of Potassium ..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..
Prussic Acid ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hanging ..	..	1	1	2	..	..	2	..
Explosion of a Dynamite Cap ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class VII. ..	..	56	21	9	..	6	5	4
CLASS VIII.—ILL-DEFINED AND NOT SPECIFIED CAUSES.								
Dropsey ..	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	..
Debility, Atrophy, Inanition ..	..	30	36	4	3	3	3	5
Tumour ..	..	..	2	..	..	1	..	..
Not Specified or Ill-defined ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total Class VIII. ..	..	32	40	4	3	4	3	6
Grand Total ..	..	902	883	120	107	135	92	63
								60

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MELBOURNE OBSERVATORY, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1906.
(As supplied by the Government Astronomer.)

Detail.		Month of January.	Month of February.	Month of March.
Temperature—Highest in the shade ..	..	109·6° on the 23rd ..	105·1° on the 21st ..	90·0° on the 9th
Lowest in the shade ..	..	45·2° on the 2nd ..	48·3° on the 25th ..	45·7° on the 4th
Mean in the shade ..	..	67·7° ..	68·8° ..	62·7°
Greatest range ..	..	50·5° on the 28th ..	43·4° on the 4th ..	33·8° on the 4th
Least range ..	..	6·1° on the 7th ..	8·6° on the 18th ..	4·9° on the 1st
Mean daily range ..	..	25·0° ..	23·0° ..	19·0°
Barometer—Maximum ..	..	inches 30·151 on the 13th ..	30·158 on the 19th ..	30·505 on the 4th
Minimum ..	..	" 29·383 on the 23rd ..	29·453 on the 28th ..	29·578 on the 10th
Mean ..	..	29·849 ..	29·881 ..	29·965
Rain—Number of days ..	..	4 ..	7 ..	11
inches ..	..	·37 ..	·44 ..	·3·79
Average rainfall previous ten years ..	..	inches 2·82 ..	2·00 ..	2·42
Fog occurred—Number of days ..	..	..	..	3
Mean Humidity ..	..	·610 ..	·631 ..	·718

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF STATE REVENUE.

Head of Receipt.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
Land Tax	100,169	97,879	21,147
Income Tax	319,671	323,337	17,193
Probate Duty	284,523	288,095	123,860
Stamp Duty	166,242	190,613	55,823
Alienation of Crown Lands	271,717	268,084	75,439
Leases and Licences	102,843	107,067	29,296
Railways*	3,609,201	3,655,489	1,111,290
Motor Omnibus Income .. .. .. .. ..	..	654	1,299
Interest on Loans	98,764	68,996	22,199
Repayments of Loans	2,024	2,869	1,773
Balance of Commonwealth Revenue	2,105,825	1,931,312	628,036
Other Revenue	543,370	553,871	136,236
Total State Revenue	7,602,349	7,488,266	2,223,591
Corresponding period previous year	6,878,386	7,602,349	1,992,656
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+ 723,963	- 114,083	+ 230,935

* Revenue as received at the Treasury.

STATE EXPENDITURE.

Head of Expenditure.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
Chief Secretary	605,009	587,153	157,124
Minister of Public Instruction	557,556	555,820	154,720
Attorney-General	67,929	67,068	19,116
Solicitor-General	51,110	51,951	15,454
Treasurer	234,018	220,631	82,775
Commissioner, Land and Survey	77,840	77,439	23,051
Public Works	131,742	140,455	43,831
Minister, Mines	44,969	12,882	
" Water Supply	59,339	33,342	10,943
" Agriculture	79,441	73,807	18,166
" Health	15,767	16,998	5,529
" Railways*	1,888,027	1,794,456	511,942
Special Appropriations	2,839,169	2,710,633	356,807
Total Expenditure	6,606,947	6,374,742	1,412,340
Corresponding period, previous year	6,453,849	6,606,947	1,273,646
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+ 153,098	- 232,205	+ 138,694

* Expenditure as passed through the Treasury.

COMMONWEALTH REVENUE CREDITED TO THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

Source of Revenue.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
Customs*	1,998,005	1,888,001	522,788
Excise*	519,964	545,952	153,011
Post, Telegraph, and Telephone	670,709	701,410	206,861
Other	10,644	10,423	2,624
Total	3,199,322	3,145,786	885,284
Corresponding period, previous year	3,140,300	3,199,322	827,881
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+ 59,023	- 53,530	+ 57,403

* After deductions of Drawback and Repayments, and Inter-State adjustments.

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE IN VICTORIA.*

Principal Sources.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
From Customs—			
Stimulants	523,810	534,767	125,728
Narcotics	241,348	248,151	62,068
Sugar	187,365	79,400	21,847
Agricultural Products and Groceries	161,046	178,905	44,304
Apparel and Textiles	416,742	396,714	151,422
Metals and Machinery	99,801	93,756	30,915
Oils, Paints, and Varnishes	36,533	33,202	7,986
Earthenware	45,014	46,129	11,913
Drugs and Chemicals	15,308	15,237	3,618
Wood, Wicker, and Cane	74,279	84,996	15,214
Jewellery and Fancy Goods	49,287	45,097	10,976
Leather and Rubber	40,787	33,783	11,692
Paper and Stationery	33,212	30,448	7,351
Vehicles	23,044	21,758	6,717
Musical Instruments	19,370	14,490	4,720
From Excise—			
Spirits	90,730	91,342	19,138
Beer	167,396	166,326	49,299
Tobacco	148,012	149,744	41,803
Sugar	103,320	126,527	39,646
Starch	7,761	9,472	2,696
Licences—Tobacco and Cigars	951	950	247
All other Licences	1,820	1,591	182

* After deductions of Drawback and Repayments, and Inter-State adjustments.

COMMONWEALTH EXPENDITURE DEBITED TO THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

Head of Expenditure.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
Trade and Customs			
Trade and Customs	67,965	67,562	16,733
Defence	245,472	242,603	54,971
Postmaster-General	635,091	648,199	143,369
Other "Transferred" Expenditure	35	20	..
Total "Transferred" Expenditure	948,563	958,384	215,073
Proportion of "New" Expenditure	139,707	143,834	30,895
New Works, &c., for Transferred Departments		93,281	19,594
Total Commonwealth Expenditure debited to Victoria	1,088,270	1,195,499	265,562
Corresponding period, previous year	1,121,571	1,088,270	278,512
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	- 33,301	+ 107,229	- 12,950

RAILWAY REVENUE.

Source of Revenue.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
Passengers			
Passengers	1,380,904	1,438,919	390,562
Parcels, &c.	133,495	146,226	36,607
Horses, Carriages, and Dogs	13,348	13,648	3,634
Mails	58,689	61,193	15,187
Rents	52,526	56,533	13,212
Miscellaneous	24,608	12,419	2,702
Live Stock	157,549	196,137	43,608
Goods	1,802,314	1,731,810	588,703
Total Revenue	3,623,433	3,656,885	1,094,215
Corresponding period, previous year	2,990,789	3,623,433	1,013,005
Increase	632,644	33,452	81,210

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
Expenditure exclusive of Gratuities and Pensions ..	£ 1,904,607	£ 1,945,503	£ 536,263
Gratuities and Pensions ..	101,073	97,090	24,920
Total Expenditure	2,005,680	2,042,593	561,183
Corresponding period, previous year ..	1,987,783	2,005,680	524,033
Increase	17,897	36,913	37,160

OTHER RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Item.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	1904.	1905.	
Train Miles run	9,101,478	9,180,293	2,613,415
Revenue per Train Mile	7s. 11.54d.	7s. 11.60d.	8s. 4.49d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile	3s. 9.32d.	3s. 8.74d.	4s. 3.24d.
Expenditure per Train Mile	4s. 2.22d.	4s. 2.86d.	4s. 1.25d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue	52.56	53.20	49.01
Number of Passengers	57,319,564	61,825,186	16,486,822
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	3,399,000	3,300,282	1,126,490
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic	225,077	284,340	68,032
Corresponding Period, Previous Year.			
Train Miles run	9,116,106	9,101,478	2,488,993
Revenue per Train Mile	6s. 0.74d.	7s. 11.54d.	8s. 1.68d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile	2s. 5.14d.	3s. 9.32d.	4s. 1.42d.
Expenditure per Train Mile	4s. 1.60d.	4s. 2.22d.	4s. 0.26d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue	62.90	52.56	49.41
Number of Passengers	53,040,046	57,319,564	15,027,373
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	2,654,054	3,309,000	1,064,165
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic	327,411	225,077	55,012

VICTORIAN BANKING RETURNS—QUARTERLY AVERAGES.

						Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.
	
(a) LIABILITIES—						£
Notes in circulation not bearing interest .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	881,683
Bills in circulation not bearing interest .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	185,187
Balances due to other Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	204,224
Deposits—Government—						
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	238,223
Bearing interest .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,701,360
Deposits—other—						
Not bearing interest .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	13,004,956
Bearing interest .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	19,181,391
Perpetual Inscribed Stock .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	938,746
Total Liabilities .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	38,335,770
Corresponding period 1905 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	34,668,654
Increase .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,667,116
(b) ASSETS—						
Coined gold, silver, and other coined metal .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,330,603
Gold and silver in bullion and bars .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	466,530
Landed and other property .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,918,598
Notes and Bills of other Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	340,386
Balances due from other Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	273,942
All debts due to Banks .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	29,344,506
Total Assets .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	39,674,505
Corresponding period 1905 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	37,593,741
Increase .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,080,824
(c)						
Ratio of Coin and Bullion to Liabilities .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	20.34%
Total Capital paid up .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	12,965,390
Amount of last declared dividend and bonus .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	409,217
Reserves .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,461,037

SAVINGS BANK TRANSACTIONS.

Period.	Deposits.	Withdrawals.	Number of Accounts.			Amount at credit of Depositors.
			Opened.	Closed.	Remaining open at end of period.	
Year ended 31st December, 1904 ..	£ 7,470,683	£ 7,446,919	No. 68,609	No. 52,443	No. 438,860	£ 10,559,552
1905 ..	8,012,972	7,717,788	69,367	53,907	455,320	11,128,682
Quarter ended 31st March, 1906 ..	2,215,284	2,001,523	20,057	14,032	461,345	11,347,215

GOLD PRODUCTION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Yield. ozs.
From 1851 to 1900 ..	.. 64,346,612
1901 ..	.. 789,562
1902 ..	.. 777,738
1903 ..	.. 822,424
1904 ..	.. 821,017
1905 ..	.. 810,050
1906 (March quarter) ..	.. 190,729
Total ..	.. 68,558,132
Value ..	£273,990,446

IMPORTS DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH, 1906.

Articles.	Australian Produce.			Other Produce.			Totals for March Quarter.		
	January.	February.	March.	January.	February.	March.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Apparel and Soft Goods ..	£ 3,624	£ 3,858	£ 6,527	£ 404,039	£ 419,292	£ 368,387	£ 14,009	£ 1,191,718	£ 1,205,727
Coal ..	35,264	30,349	34,064	..	..	..	99,617	..	99,617
Gold—Bullion and Specie ..	22,731	30,933	7,688	45,443	33,309	35,476	61,352	114,228	175,580
Implements and Agricultural Machinery	916	3,289	2,738	15,502	12,566	11,302	6,943	39,460	46,403
Machinery and Machinery ..	765	1,264	1,169	39,776	34,430	52,243	3,198	126,449	129,647
Iron and Steel ..	..	..	..	66,740	59,930	67,644	..	194,314	194,314
Jute Goods—Bags and Sacks ..	1	..	..	23,972	21,173	10,973	1	56,118	56,119
Leather ..	5,028	4,334	6,341	14,170	16,708	16,197	15,703	47,075	62,778
Oils in Bulk (including Kerosene)	354	341	940	8,028	26,219	16,925	1,635	51,172	52,807
Paper ..	397	321	230	34,032	19,254	28,330	948	81,616	82,564
Skins and Hides ..	20,463	18,314	23,268	8,678	8,085	7,685	62,045	25,348	87,393
Spirits ..	1,057	1,353	1,399	22,457	16,704	18,569	3,809	57,730	61,539
Sugar ..	43,192	11,211	10,912	20,046	428	7,541	65,315	28,015	93,330
Tea ..	..	..	..	21,125	36,060	23,413	..	80,598	80,598
Timber ..	3,831	5,892	21,755	40,589	31,670	34,874	31,478	107,133	138,611
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	5,621	3,372	3,948	9,006	25,463	15,576	12,941	50,045	62,986
Wool ..	149,942	47,860	22,387	440	1,997	285	220,189	2,722	222,911
All other Articles ..	349,286	322,281	275,133	547,426	471,687	528,507	946,700	1,547,620	2,494,320
Total ..	642,472	484,972	418,439	1,321,469	1,235,875	1,244,017	1,545,883	3,801,361	5,347,244

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Articles.	Australian Produce.			Other Produce.			Totals for March Quarter.		
	January.	February.	March.	January.	February.	March.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Apparel and Attire ..	24,972	34,447	39,095	4,495	7,641	14,690	98,514	26,826	125,340
Bacon and Hams ..	7,394	11,098	15,698	2	..	2	34,190	4	34,194
Boots and Shoes ..	14,416	24,279	29,368	592	700	1,668	68,063	2,960	71,023
Butter	28,958	34,718	34,669	..	..	..	98,345	..	98,345
Confectionery	5,588	7,778	8,986	78	66	135	22,352	279	22,631
Implements and Agricultural Machinery	3,660	10,102	11,223	2,067	5,536	6,619	24,985	14,222	39,207
Jams and Jellies	6,343	7,631	8,449	7	19	7	22,423	33	22,456
Leather	6,309	8,807	8,429	1,752	3,888	5,036	23,645	10,676	34,221
Sugar	5,968	5,811	6,920	2,021	754	1,201	18,699	3,976	22,675
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	12,013	18,439	17,711	1,409	1,802	1,940	48,163	5,151	53,314
Wool	8,229	4,453	872	6	..	..	13,554	6	13,560
Woollen Piece Goods	5,728	11,432	9,914	3,767	6,317	12,340	27,074	22,424	49,498
All other Articles	210,259	263,161	377,725	126,606	141,475	158,582	851,145	426,663	1,277,808
Total	330,837	442,156	569,059	142,802	168,198	202,220	1,351,052	513,220	1,864,272

EXPORTS OVERSEA DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH, 1906.

Articles.	Australian Produce.			Other Produce.			Totals for March Quarter.		
	January.	February.	March.	January.	February.	March.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Butter	267,250	94,483	39,024	..	1,759	..	400,757	1,759	402,516
Gold	672,261	491,809	570,934	..	..	..	1,735,004	..	1,735,004
Grain and Pulse—									
Oats	679	1,516	2,712	..	..	..	4,907	..	4,907
Wheat	692,502	416,485	316,972	..	..	..	1,425,959	..	1,425,959
Flour	38,759	33,608	69,673	..	..	..	142,040	..	142,040
Hay and Chaff	1,459	187	227	..	..	..	1,873	..	1,873
Leather	20,459	16,097	15,776	691	132	666	52,332	1,489	53,821
Meats	109,950	55,677	38,409	..	..	..	204,036	..	204,036
Skins and Hides	71,415	72,586	77,741	..	..	..	221,742	..	221,742
Tallow	19,400	17,281	22,881	..	..	..	59,562	..	59,562
Wool	1,014,766	433,986	227,084	19,884	20,670	22,445	1,680,836	..	1,680,836
All other Articles	136,559	142,945	157,936	..	..	..	437,440	62,999	500,439
Total	3,045,459	1,781,660	1,539,369	20,575	22,561	23,111	6,366,488	66,247	6,432,735

DESTINATION, QUANTITY, AND VALUE OF EXPORTS OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF VICTORIAN PRODUCE, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1906.

Description of Produce.	United Kingdom.			South Africa.			Other Australian States.			Other Ports.			Destination.			
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Butter	8,947,980	£ 447,398			887,920	£ 44,361	1,858,872	£ 92,943	324,570	£ 16,238	12,018,022	£ 600,930				
Cheese	"	"			13,680	313	189,000	4,231	10,320	237	213,900	9,581				
Milk and Cream	"	"			4,000	100	360,000	9,000	18,000	450	382,000	9,550				
Ham and Bacon	"	"			1,200	35	628,080	18,319	240	7	629,520	18,361				
Eggs	"	"			"		6,390	319	"	"	6,380	319				
Poultry	"	"			3,645	911	1,976	6,665	1,392	"	17,115	4,279				
Rabbits and Hares	"	"			42,239	7,905	946	924	39	"	1,037,364	43,224				
Mutton and Lamb	"	"			1,013,736	22,704	438,080	7,301	165,280	2,754	10,036,200	167,289				
Beef	"	"			9,527,750	153,963	195,080	3,251	62,050	776	3,050	5,451				
Veal	"	"			336,280	4,203	34,980	434	225	1,800	1,800	115,110	2,877			
Pork	"	"			102,610	2,562	9,000	223	50,490	1,262	900	23	77,040	1,927		
Fruit Pulp	"	"	bushels	34,550	16,740	419	8,910	134	31,235	18,741	100	60	66,109	39,165		
	"	"	lbs.	"	20,230	224	"	"	177,400	2,218	"	"	177,400	2,218		
Total	"	"			671,925	"	51,998	"	156,686	"	19,842	"	900,451	"		

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN ARTICLES OF VICTORIAN PRODUCE IN 1904, 1905, AND THE FIRST QUARTER OF 1906.

Produce.	Exports of Produce.		
	1904.	1905.	Quarter ended March, 1906.
	Quantity.		
Butter lbs.	37,948,216	35,917,208	12,018,622
Cheese "	1,072,940	920,520	213,000
Milk and Cream "	1,325,500	1,645,700	382,000
Ham and Bacon "	1,630,600	1,708,800	629,520
Eggs doz.	45,940	48,570	6,390
Poultry and Game head	46,820	51,705	17,115
Rabbits and Hares pairs	4,045,036	5,142,928	1,037,364
Mutton and Lamb lbs.	12,101,533	22,077,520	10,036,200
Beef "	673,200	629,200	436,050
Veal "	1,320,300	928,055	115,110
Pork "	126,320	110,340	77,040
Fruit bushels	95,006	116,603	66,109
Fruit Pulp lbs.	5,342,700	845,900	177,400
Value.			
Butter £	1,744,938	1,763,789	606,930
Cheese	26,824	23,013	4,881
Milk and Cream	27,614	34,285	9,550
Ham and Bacon	44,643	49,840	18,361
Eggs	2,297	2,429	319
Poultry and Game	9,364	10,341	4,279
Rabbits and Hares	210,679	267,860	43,224
Mutton and Lamb	181,523	331,162	167,269
Beef	8,415	7,865	5,451
Veal	16,503	11,600	2,877
Pork	3,158	2,758	1,927
Fruit	47,503	58,301	39,165
Fruit Pulp	66,783	10,753	2,218
Total	2,390,244	2,573,906	900,451