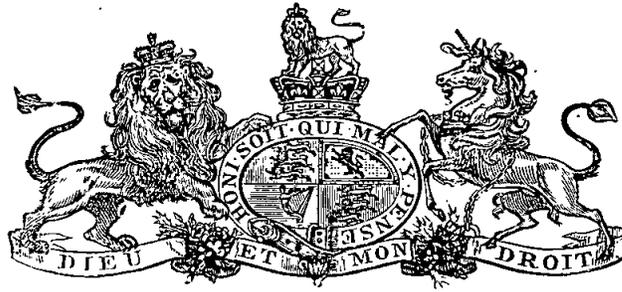


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TO 31ST MARCH, 1907.

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QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT, 31st MARCH, 1907.

Population.—The estimated population on the 31st December, 1906, was 1,237,998—620,380 males, 617,618 females; on the 31st March, 1907, it was 1,241,936—622,308 males, 619,628 females—thus showing an increase of 3,938 persons. The natural increase during the quarter was 4,049, and the excess of emigration was 111. New South Wales gained from this State 1,183 persons, United Kingdom 587, New Zealand 366, South Australia 84, and Queensland 148. Tasmania lost 1,814 persons, Western Australia 321, and South Africa 121 to this State.

Vital Statistics of the State.—Compared with the previous quarter, the marriages decreased by 56 in the quarter under review; the deaths decreased by 631, and the births by 211, which gave an increase in the excess of births over deaths of 420. Of the total number of deaths, viz., 3,285, 269 were due to phthisis and 55 to other tubercular diseases; 214 to cancer; 31 to typhoid fever; and 8 to diphtheria.

Vital Statistics of Melbourne, &c.—The births during the quarter numbered 3,076. This includes 40 cases of twins and 285 illegitimate births. The deaths numbered 1,487, and the excess of births over deaths was 1,589. The deaths from diphtheria numbered 3, from typhoid fever 15, and from tubercular diseases 182, as against 8, 24, and 191 respectively in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total deaths in Melbourne were 1,487, of whom 301 were under twelve months of age. In Ballarat of 199 deaths 44 were of infants; in Bendigo 187 and 54; and in Geelong 83 and 13 respectively. In Melbourne and Suburbs the deaths of infants under 1 year of age were 9.8 per cent. of the births—a rate higher than that of the whole State for the year 1906, viz., 9.29. In the four towns mentioned there were 609 deaths of people aged 65 years and upwards—or 31 per cent. of the total.

State Revenue and Expenditure.—The total revenue for the quarter was £2,235,183, an increase of £11,592 on the corresponding quarter of the previous year—the principal sources being Railways £1,138,750, Probate Duty £80,818, Stamp Duty £57,648, and Balance of Commonwealth Revenue £648,082. The total expenditure was £1,361,452, a decrease of £50,888 on that of the corresponding quarter of 1906.

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 £954,916, as against £885,284 in the corresponding period of 1906, being an increase of £69,632 for the quarter under review. The principal sources were import duties on Stimulants and Narcotics, £193,763; Sugar, £24,515; Apparel and Textiles, £174,812; Agricultural Products and Groceries, £39,352; Metals and Machinery, £38,781. From Excise, Spirits yielded £20,553; Beer, £49,341; Tobacco, £39,390. The total expenditure on transferred services was £232,195 (Defence, £64,891; Postmaster-General, £151,735; and Trade and Customs, £15,569), and "new" expenditure, £74,598—a total of £306,793, as against £265,562 in the corresponding quarter of 1906—an increase of £41,231.

Railways.—Compared with the corresponding quarter of the preceding year, the revenue increased by £57,543, the expenditure by £20,758, train miles run by 187,456, passengers carried by 976,545, and the tonnage of goods and live stock by 51,902.

Victorian Banking Returns.—On the 31st March the total liabilities of the banks were £40,491,978, and the assets £40,564,078, as against £38,335,770 and £39,674,565 on the 31st March, 1906. The reserves amounted to £4,745,715; paid-up capital to £13,009,013. The ratio of coin and bullion to liabilities was 17.20 per cent.

Savings Banks.—On the 31st March the amount at credit of the 484,246 depositors was £12,283,694. During the quarter 21,553 accounts were opened, and 14,395 were closed; the deposits made were £2,417,487, and the withdrawals £2,196,495.

Gold Yield.—The total yield of gold up to the end of March, 1907, is 69,372,724 ounces.

Imports and Exports.—The total value of imports into Victoria during the quarter under review was £6,466,935, of which £2,047,134 was Australian produce. The total exports during the same period were valued at £8,596,217, of which £2,942,283 were exported to Australian States, and the exports of Australian produce were £7,828,799.

Exports of Frozen, Preserved, and Perishable Products.—For the first quarter in 1907 the total value of these exports through Cool Stores was £1,113,216, of which £139,778 went to other States, £865,774 to the United Kingdom, £68,303 to South Africa, and £39,356 to Eastern and other ports. The principal exports were—Butter, valued at £794,896; Frozen Meat, £182,328; Milk and Cream, £19,355; Bacon and Hams, £20,489; Frozen Rabbits and Hares, £21,290; and Fruit and Fruit Pulp, £64,972.

Miscellaneous.—In addition to the general quarterly returns there is also published in this abstract the latest statistics relating to cultivation, live stock, and wool production.

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24th May, 1907.

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA ON 31ST MARCH, 1907.

First Quarter, 1907.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1906	...	...	620,380	617,618	1,237,998
Births	3,744	3,590			
Deaths	1,788	1,497			
Natural Increase	...	...	1,956	2,093	4,049
Migration by Sea—			622,336	619,711	1,242,047
Arrivals	14,360	10,137			
Departures as recorded	14,312	10,154			
Gain seawards	...	...	48	-17	31
Migration by Land—			622,384	619,694	1,242,078
Arrivals (including allowance for unrecorded)	3,818	2,696			
Departures (including allowance for unrecorded)	3,894	2,762			
Loss by land	...	...	76	66	142
Estimated Population on 31st March, 1907 (exclusive of full-blooded aborigines)	...	...	622,308	619,628	1,241,936

MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION.

Immigration (as recorded).

Place of Departure.	Total for the Year.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
By Sea—				
New South Wales	13,842	15,092	17,301	5,450
Queensland	2,446	2,510	2,522	709
South Australia	2,361	2,808	3,140	1,131
Western Australia	7,882	8,936	10,159	3,043
Tasmania	19,742	24,310	26,150	10,567
New Zealand	3,502	3,655	4,088	2,097
South Seas	7	42	7	..
United Kingdom	2,337	2,437	2,606	547
South Africa	1,325	1,186	1,382	368
Other British Dominions	899	918	1,041	262
Foreign Ports	706	904	886	323
By Rail—				
New South Wales	13,848	14,467	16,259	4,534
Queensland	175	180	222	103
South Australia	4,346	4,267	4,423	1,285
Total	73,418	81,712	90,186	30,419

Emigration (as recorded).

Destination.	Total for the Year.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
By Sea—				
New South Wales	17,207	15,225	16,882	6,567
Queensland	2,053	2,232	2,730	861
South Australia	2,877	3,395	2,838	1,148
Western Australia	12,819	10,737	8,714	2,722
Tasmania	19,620	23,258	24,384	8,753
New Zealand	5,796	5,271	6,420	2,463
South Seas	27	7	7	..
United Kingdom	2,769	2,422	2,580	1,134
South Africa	1,125	1,068	878	247
Other British Dominions	984	949	1,103	201
Foreign Ports	554	840	812	370
By Rail—				
New South Wales	11,583	13,676	14,969	4,600
Queensland	131	176	247	99
South Australia	4,121	3,854	3,973	1,352
Total	81,666	83,110	86,537	30,517

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

	Total for the Year.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
By Sea—				
New South Wales	- 3,365	- 133	+419	- 1,117
Queensland	+393	+278	-208	- 152
South Australia	- 516	- 587	+302	- 17
Western Australia	-4,937	- 1,801	+1,445	+321
Tasmania	+122	+1,052	+1,766	+1,814
New Zealand	-2,294	-1,616	-2,332	-366
South Seas	-20	+35	..	..
United Kingdom	-432	+15	+26	-587
South Africa	+200	+118	+504	+121
Other British Dominions	-85	-31	-62	+61
Foreign Ports	+152	+04	+74	-47
By Rail—				
New South Wales	+2,265	+791	+1,290	- 66
Queensland	+44	+4	-25	+4
South Australia	+225	+413	+450	- 67
Total	-8,248	-1,398	+3,649	- 98

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Year.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
Metropolitan District—				
Marriages	4,452	4,757	4,811	1,255
Births—Males	6,035	6,196	6,282	1,556
" Females	5,851	5,748	6,091	1,520
Deaths—Males	3,439	3,521	3,595	770
" Females	3,119	3,072	3,488	717
Other Urban Districts—				
Marriages	1,846	2,011	2,019	460
Births—Males	3,226	3,317	3,489	772
" Females	3,015	3,177	3,308	740
Deaths—Males	2,314	2,378	2,379	503
" Females	1,536	1,648	1,631	374
Rural Districts—				
Marriages	1,912	2,006	2,100	485
Births—Males	6,052	6,010	5,495	1,416
" Females	5,584	5,659	5,729	1,330
Deaths—Males	2,239	2,374	2,363	515
" Females	1,746	1,683	1,776	406
Total State—				
Marriages	8,210	8,774	8,930	2,200
Births—Males	15,313	15,523	15,716	3,744
" Females	14,450	14,584	15,128	3,590
Deaths—Males	7,992	8,273	8,342	1,788
" Females	6,401	6,403	6,895	1,497
Excess of Births over Deaths	15,370	15,431	15,607	4,049

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES.

Cause of Death.	NUMBER OF DEATHS.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	Year.			
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
Metropolitan District—				
Typhoid Fever	71	41	46	15
Diphtheria	70	43	32	3
Measles .. .. .	..	46	2	..
Phthisis	681	626	601	148
Other Tubercular Diseases	221	201	202	34
Cancer	424	482	509	110
Other Urban Districts—				
Typhoid Fever	73	51	63	10
Diphtheria	46	13	11	3
Measles .. .. .	..	18	1	..
Phthisis	375	330	341	73
Other Tubercular Diseases	92	69	62	11
Cancer	242	248	192	61
Rural Districts—				
Typhoid Fever	46	29	53	6
Diphtheria	74	24	7	2
Measles .. .. .	..	15	4	..
Phthisis	286	279	271	48
Other Tubercular Diseases	63	72	71	10
Cancer	227	223	225	43
Total State—				
Typhoid Fever	190	121	162	31
Diphtheria	190	80	50	8
Measles .. .. .	..	79	7	..
Phthisis	1,342	1,235	1,213	269
Other Tubercular Diseases	376	342	335	55
Cancer	893	953	926	214

POPULATION, 31ST DECEMBER, 1906; AND BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1907.

Sub-districts.	Municipal Estimates of Population, 31st December, 1906.	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 ..	13,140	48	30	18	..	6	24	13	11	24
.. Gipps Ward ..	7,390	16	8	8	2	4	15	11	4	1
.. Lonsdale Ward ..	2,560	1	1	..	..	..	2	2	..	-1
.. La Trobe Ward ..	3,550	4	1	3	..	..	4	3	1	..
.. Albert Ward ..	7,910	27	14	13	..	2	25	16	9	2
.. Smith Ward ..	14,200	58	28	30	..	12	22	7	15	36
.. Victoria Ward ..	21,220	123	56	67	1	14	46	23	23	77
.. Hopetoun Ward ..	23,840	223	117	106	5	11	67	33	34	156
Fitzroy City ..	32,680	162	91	71	..	19	70	35	35	92
Collingwood City ..	24,330	175	84	91	2	7	76	37	39	99
Richmond City ..	38,480	208	102	106	..	9	77	43	34	131
Brunswick Town ..	26,150	188	96	92	6	11	66	33	33	122
Northcote Town ..	12,380	89	45	35	..	..	21	15	6	59
Prahran City ..	42,550	238	116	122	2	15	100	40	60	138
South Melbourne City ..	40,000	224	114	110	3	7	62	27	35	162
Port Melbourne Town ..	12,550	72	39	33	3	3	25	13	12	47
St. Kilda City ..	21,640	108	52	56	1	5	36	18	18	72
Brighton Town ..	10,900	44	27	17	..	..	21	8	13	23
Essendon Town ..	18,970	108	61	47	3	2	25	11	14	83
Hawthorn City ..	23,250	110	52	58	3	3	47	20	27	63
Kew Borough ..	8,850	50	23	27	..	..	9	5	4	41
Footscray City ..	18,780	135	72	63	1	3	38	21	17	97
Williamstown Town ..	13,790	65	35	33	3	..	25	11	14	43
Oakleigh Borough ..	1,520	8	4	4	..	..	5	2	3	3
Caulfield Town ..	11,120	47	32	15	1	..	22	8	14	25
Malvern Town ..	13,200	58	31	27	..	..	15	8	7	43
Camberwell Town ..	19,360	43	15	28	..	2	11	5	6	32
Preston Shire ..	4,120	29	12	17	..	..	10	5	5	19
Coburg Borough ..	7,670	28	13	15	1	5	19	9	10	9
Remainder of District ..	16,760	69	32	37	1	..	23	11	12	46
Hospitals, Asylums, &c. ..	4,760	324	153	171	2	145	477	275	202	-153
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and River ..	1,730	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	-2
Total ..	526,400	3,076	1,556	1,520	40	285	1,487	770	717	1,589
Daily Average ..	..	34.18	17.29	16.89	.44	3.17	16.52	8.55	7.97	17.66

* Three cases of triplets also occurred, viz., one at Brighton and two in Women's Hospital.

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.				
	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1903.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.
January ..	2	3	2	2	1	7	6	13	4	4	69	78	79	68	68
February ..	1	2	6	5	2	6	15	3	7	7	72	71	57	50	61
March ..	2	3	5	1	Nil	10	14	8	13	4	72	69	67	73	53
April ..	6	5	2	1	..	10	9	3	10	..	72	73	49	48	..
May ..	1	10	6	3	..	8	5	3	1	..	67	63	81	63	..
June ..	4	12	4	1	..	3	7	5	2	..	67	73	59	80	..
July ..	4	10	7	4	..	2	2	3	4	..	94	83	75	66	..
August ..	6	8	4	2	..	3	2	1	1	..	68	89	63	63	..
September ..	6	5	3	7	..	2	2	Nil	Nil	..	87	78	72	73	..
October ..	2	5	3	4	..	Nil	5	1	Nil	..	92	76	91	84	..
November ..	4	1	1	1	..	3	2	Nil	3	..	80	63	63	61	..
December ..	2	6	Nil	1	..	11	2	1	1	..	76	86	71	74	..
Total ..	40	70	43	32	..	65	71	41	46	..	916	902	827	803	..

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, 1903 to 1907, were as follow:—

Quarter ended 31st March—	Number of—		Mean Temperature.	Mean Height of Barometer.	Rain.	
	Births.	Deaths.			Number of—	
			°	Inches.	Inches.	Days.
1903 ..	3,077	1,749	64.8	29.868	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
1907 ..	3,076	1,487	62.4	29.897	3.44	16

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES IN GREATER MELBOURNE, during the Quarter ended the 31st March, for each of the five years, 1903 to 1907.

Quarter ended 31st March—	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Influenza.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Hydatids.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Tubercular Diseases.		Child-bearing (includes Puerperal Fever)
										Phthisis.	Other Tubercular Diseases.	
1903	8	8	7	7	5	23	7	5	124	102	51	18
1904	12	4	8	8	35	5	1	105	170	48	17	
1905	2	1	15	13	24	2	3	117	162	41	19	
1906	2	5	8	8	24	3	1	115	138	53	24	
1907	10	13	3	15	8	2	110	148	34	12		

AGES AT DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1907.

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	159	142	24	20	31	23	11	2
1 and under 5 years	29	27	6	7	3	5	1	1
5 " 15 "	22	27	4	4	1	1	1	1
15 " 25 "	33	38	6	..	9	5	3	1
25 " 35 "	47	74	4	3	7	4	..	1
35 " 45 "	84	71	6	9	10	9	5	3
45 " 55 "	75	75	14	1	8	3	2	6
55 " 65 "	82	69	5	7	9	5	1	2
65 " 75 "	127	96	22	23	23	8	7	9
75 years and upwards	112	98	17	17	17	6	12	15
Total	770	717	108	91	118	69	42	41

CAUSES OF DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1907.

Causes of Death.	Melbourne and Suburbs.		Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
I. GENERAL DISEASES.								
Typhoid Fever	11	4	2	..	2	..	..	1
Scarlet Fever .. ..	..	5	..	..	1	..	..	..
Whooping Cough	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diphtheria	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
Influenza	7	3	..	..	3	2	1	..
Erysipelas	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Purulent Infection and Septicæmia	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Malignant Pustule and "Charbon" .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Trichinosis, &c. .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of the Larynx	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of the Lungs	68	80	11	6	13	6	2	1
Tuberculosis of the Meninges	6	6	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of the Peritoneum	1	5	..	1	..	2	..	..
Pott's Disease	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of Other Organs	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
General Tuberculosis	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syphilis	6	9	1	..	..	..	..	..
Blennorrhagia of Adults .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cancer, &c., of the Mouth	6	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Cancer, &c., of the Stomach and Liver	26	16	..	2	2	4	2	1
Cancer, &c., of the Peritoneum, the Intestines, and the Rectum	6	4	..	1	1	1	1	..
Cancer, &c., of the Female Genital Organs .. ..	..	9	..	2	..	1	..	1
Cancer, &c., of the Breast .. ..	..	9	..	1	..	1	..	1
Cancer, &c., of other Organs	17	17	1	1	2	1	..	..
Other Tumors (Tumors of Female Genital Organs excepted)	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	2
Acute Articular Rheumatism	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chronic Rheumatism and Gout	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Scurvy .. ..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Diabetes	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	3
Addison's Disease	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leucæmia	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anæmia, Chlorosis	1	3	..	1	..	..	..	..
Acute and Chronic Alcoholism	2	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.
II. DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND OF THE ORGANS OF SPECIAL SENSE.								
Encephalitis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Simple Meningitis	11	5	..	3	..	..	..	..
Progressive Locomotor Ataxia	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Spinal Cord	3	..	2	1	..	..	..	..
Congestion and Hæmorrhage of the Brain	24	36	3	3	2	2	1	2
Softening of the Brain	6	5	1	3	..	..	..	1
Paralysis without indicated Cause	10	9	..	4	2	2	..	..
General Paralysis	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Forms of Mental Alienation	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	1
Epilepsy	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eclampsia (non-puerperal) .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Convulsion of Children under five years	4	5	..	..	1	2	..	..
Tetanus	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Chorea .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Nervous System	6	4	..	..	1	..	..	..
Diseases of the Ear	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
III. DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.								
Pericarditis	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Acute Endocarditis	8	14	..	..	..	..	..	..
Organic Diseases of the Heart	62	55	15	10	6	4	3	7
Angina Pectoris	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Arteries, Atheroma, Aneurism, &c.	12	5	2	..	1	..	..	..
Embolism and Thrombosis	2	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Hæmorrhage .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.								
Diseases of the Larynx .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Thyroid Body .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Bronchitis	8	6	..	..	1	1	..	..
Chronic Bronchitis	7	2	2	1	5	..	..	1
Broncho-pneumonia	15	10	3	1	2	..	..	..
Pneumonia	19	14	5	4	3	2	1	..
Pleurisy	3	1	1	1	..	..	..	..
Congestion of the Lungs and Pulmonary Apoplexy	2	1	2	..	..	2	..	..
Gangrene of the Lungs	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Asthma .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Pulmonary Emphysema	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of Respiratory System (Consumption excepted)	5	..	1	1	1	..	1	..
V. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.								
Diseases of the Mouth and its associated Organs	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Pharynx	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Diseases of the Oesophagus .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ulcer of the Stomach	3	7	..	1	..	..	1	..
Other Diseases of the Stomach (Cancer excepted)	3	3	2	..	1	1	..	1
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (Children under two years)	74	68	11	12	17	11	8	..
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (over two years of age)	12	8	1	4	1	1	3	3
Hernia, Intestinal Obstruction	8	8	1	3	1	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Intestines	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..
Hydatid Tumors of the Liver .. .. .	..	4	..	..	2	..	..	..
Hydatids (Organ not stated)	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cirrhosis of the Liver	6	13	..	..	1	..	..	1
Other Diseases of the Liver	4	10	1	1	..	..	2	1
Diseases of the Spleen .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Simple Peritonitis (non-puerperal)	3	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Appendicitis and Abscess of the Iliac Fossa	5	4	..	1	1	..	..	..
VI. DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINAL SYSTEM AND ADNEXA.								
Acute Nephritis	1	4	1	1	1	..	..	..
Bright's Disease	29	34	1	1	1	..	1	1
Other Diseases of the Kidneys and their Adnexa	12	9	..	1	..	..	..	..
Calculi of the Urinary System	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Bladder	5	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
Diseases of the Prostate	11	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Metritis .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uterine Hæmorrhage (non-puerperal) .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uterine Tumor (non-cancerous) .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Uterus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Other Diseases of the Female Genital Organs .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	4

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.
VII. PUERPERAL CONDITION.								
Accidents of Pregnancy .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Hæmorrhage .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Puerperal Albuminuria and Eclampsia .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other Puerperal Accidents, Sudden Death .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
VIII. DISEASES OF THE SKIN AND OF THE CELLULAR TISSUE.								
Gangrene	1	1	..	3	..	..	..	..
Carbuncle .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Pylæmon, Acute Abscess	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Skin and Adnexa	4	2	..	..	..	1	..	..
IX. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.								
Non-tuberculous Diseases of the Bones	4	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Arthritis and other Diseases of the Joints (Tuberculosis and Rheumatism excepted) .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Organs of Locomotion	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
X. MALFORMATIONS.								
Congenital Malformation (exclusive of Stillborn)	10	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
XI. INFANCY.								
Congenital Debility, Icterus and Scleroma of Children under 3 months of age	31	30	5	2	4	4	2	2
Other Diseases peculiar to Infancy	4	4	..	..	..	1	..	..
Want of Proper Food	1	1	..	..	2	1	..	..
XII. OLD AGE.								
Senile Debility	38	45	10	4	13	6	4	7
XIII. VIOLENCE.								
<i>Accident or Negligence.</i>								
Fractures	18	3	3	1	9	1	1	..
Gunshot Wounds .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Sunstroke .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Burn, Scald	6	8	..	..	..	2	1	..
Poison .. .. .	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..
Drowning	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Found Drowned	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suffocation	6	2	..	..	..	..	1	..
<i>Homicide.</i>								
Manslaughter .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Illegal Operation .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
<i>Suicide.</i>								
Gunshot Wounds	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cut, Stab	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poison—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chloroform	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Strychnine	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Undescribed	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hanging	9	2	1	..	1	..	..	..
Drowning	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIV. ILL-DEFINED DISEASES.								
Dropsy	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	1
Sudden Death	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Marasmus	10	9	2	3	5	3	1	..
Atrophy (three months of age and over) .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inanition	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Unspecified or Ill-defined Causes	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	770	717	108	91	118	69	42	41

METROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MELBOURNE OBSERVATORY, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1907.

(As supplied by the Government Astronomer.)

Detail.	Month of January.	Month of February.	Month of March.
Temperature—Highest in the shade	95·3° on the 18th ..	103·3° on the 27th ..	88·9° on the 11th ..
Lowest in the shade	49·9° on the 10th ..	45·2° on the 10th ..	43·0° on the 27th ..
Mean in the shade	63·5°	63·3°	60·4°
Greatest range	39·0° on the 18th ..	44·7° on the 24th ..	42·9° on the 11th ..
Least range	3·3° on the 23th ..	8·2° on the 14th ..	3·4° on the 15th ..
Mean daily range	19·0°	21·4°	18·3°
Barometer—Maximum inches	30·208 on the 31st ..	30·203 on the 20th ..	30·223 on the 26th ..
Minimum	29·345 on the 5th ..	29·596 on the 16th ..	29·472 on the 19th ..
Mean	29·807	29·915	29·939
Rain—Number of days	4	3	9
.. .. inches	1·10	·63	1·68
Average rainfall in corresponding month of previous ten years inches	2·60	1·74	2·60
Fog occurred—Number of days .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Mean Humidity	·71	·66	·66

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF STATE REVENUE.

Head of Receipt.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
	£	£	£	£
Land Tax	100,169	97,870	98,250	18,423
Income Tax	319,671	323,337	322,425	21,195
Probate Duty	284,523	288,095	335,493	50,818
Stamp Duty	166,242	190,613	212,553	57,648
Alienation of Crown Lands	271,717	268,084	182,385	66,139
Leases and Licences	102,843	107,067	106,979	31,952
Railways*	3,009,201	3,655,489	3,856,336	1,138,750
Motor Omnibus Income .. ..	.. ..	654	2,165 .. ..	.. ..
Electric Street Railway .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5,818	3,212
Interest on Loans	96,764	68,996	69,913	21,854
Repayments of Loans	2,024	2,869	7,455	3,168
Balance of Commonwealth Revenue	2,105,825	1,931,312	2,191,258	648,082
Other Revenue	543,370	553,871	649,950	143,942
Total State Revenue	7,602,349	7,488,266	8,037,930	2,235,183
Corresponding period previous year	6,878,386	7,602,349	7,494,047	2,223,591
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+ 723,963	- 114,083	+ 543,933	+ 11,592

* Revenue as received at the Treasury.

STATE EXPENDITURE.

Head of Expenditure.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
	£	£	£	£
Chief Secretary	605,009	587,153	630,411	164,079
Minister of Public Instruction	557,556	555,820	619,355	153,147
Attorney-General	67,929	67,068	75,024	17,637
Solicitor-General	51,110	51,951	57,885	15,186
Treasurer	234,018	220,631	246,630	61,201
Commissioner, Land and Survey	77,840	77,439	88,770	23,296
.. .. Public Works	131,742	140,455	187,726	49,840
Minister, Mines	59,339	44,969	63,079	15,008
.. .. Water Supply .. ..	.. ..	33,342	46,150	15,222
.. .. Agriculture	79,441	73,807	71,485	22,986
.. .. Health	15,767	16,998	17,293	5,616
.. .. Railways*	1,888,027	1,794,456	1,929,516	468,751
Special Appropriations	2,839,169	2,710,653	2,910,669	349,483
Total Expenditure	6,606,947	6,374,742	6,944,693	1,361,452
Corresponding period, previous year	6,453,849	6,606,947	6,374,741	1,412,340
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+ 153,098	- 232,205	+ 569,952	- 50,888

* 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, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
	£	£	£	£
Customs*	1,998,005	1,888,001	2,074,055	569,008
Excise*	519,964	545,952	592,904	150,421
Post, Telegraph, and Telephone	670,709	701,410	779,540	225,357
Other	10,644	10,423	19,599	10,130
Total	3,199,322	3,145,786	3,466,098	954,916
Corresponding period, previous year	3,140,300	3,199,322	3,145,786	885,284
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+ 59,022	- 53,536	+ 320,312	+ 69,632

* 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, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
	£	£	£	£
From Customs—				
Stimulants	523,810	534,767	553,337	134,611
Narcotics	241,348	248,151	265,247	59,152
Sugar	187,365	79,400	97,504	24,515
Agricultural Products and Groceries	161,046	178,905	178,906	39,352
Apparel and Textiles	416,742	396,714	439,206	174,812
Metals and Machinery	99,801	93,756	124,078	38,781
Oils, Paints, and Varnishes	36,533	33,202	43,994	9,120
Earthenware	45,014	46,129	50,339	11,413
Drugs and Chemicals	15,368	15,287	15,121	3,828
Wood, Wicker, and Cane	74,279	84,996	90,705	20,285
Jewellery and Fancy Goods	49,267	45,097	59,145	12,241
Leather and Rubber	40,787	33,783	42,758	10,703
Paper and Stationery	33,212	30,448	39,741	9,929
Vehicles	23,044	21,758	28,236	7,873
Musical Instruments	19,370	14,490	18,677	4,363
From Excise—				
Spirits	90,730	91,342	94,781	20,553
Beer	167,396	166,326	174,761	49,341
Tobacco	148,012	149,744	168,393	39,390
Sugar	103,320	126,527	143,491	37,819
Starch	7,761	9,472	9,160	2,685
Licences—Tobacco and Cigars	951	950	1,014	254
All other Licences	1,794	1,591	1,304	379

* 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, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
	£	£	£	£
Trade and Customs	67,965	67,562	65,664	15,569
Defence	245,472	242,603	256,989	64,891
Postmaster-General	635,091	648,199	627,703	151,735
Other "Transferred" Expenditure	35	20	20	..
Total "Transferred" Expenditure	948,563	958,384	950,376	232,195
Proportion of "New" Expenditure	139,707	143,834	205,473	42,804
New Works, &c., for Transferred Departments		93,281	116,345	31,794
Total Commonwealth Expenditure debited to Victoria	1,088,270	1,105,499	1,272,194	306,793
Corresponding period, previous year	1,121,571	1,088,270	1,195,499	265,562
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	- 33,301	+107,229	+ 76,695	+ 41,231

RAILWAY REVENUE.

Source of Revenue.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
	£	£	£	£
Passengers	1,380,904	1,438,919	1,562,645	451,409
Parcels, &c.	133,495	146,226	146,365	38,594
Horses, Carriages, and Dogs	13,348	13,648	14,272	3,999
Mails	58,689	61,193	61,375	15,359
Rents	52,526	56,533	54,656	14,272
Miscellaneous	24,608	12,419	12,340	3,613
Live Stock	157,549	196,137	215,820	51,873
Goods	1,802,314	1,731,810	1,839,496	572,639
Total Revenue	3,623,433	3,656,885	3,906,969	1,151,758
Corresponding period, previous year	2,990,789	3,623,433	3,656,885	1,094,215
Increase	632,644	33,452	250,034	57,543

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure exclusive of Gratuities and Pensions	1,904,607	1,945,503	2,056,294	557,296
Gratuities and Pensions	101,073	97,090	103,574	24,645
Total Expenditure	2,005,680	2,042,593	2,164,868	581,941
Corresponding period, previous year ..	1,987,783	2,005,680	2,042,593	561,183
Increase	17,897	36,913	122,275	20,758

OTHER RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Item.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	
Train Miles run	9,101,478	9,180,293	9,677,865	2,800,871
Revenue per Train Mile	7s. 11.54d.	7s. 11.60d.	8s. 0.89d.	8s. 2.69d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile	3s. 9.32d.	3s. 8.74d.	3s. 9.89d.	4s. 2.94d.
Expenditure per Train Mile	4s. 2.22d.	4s. 2.86d.	4s. 3.00d.	3s. 11.75d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue	52.56	53.20	52.64	48.39
Number of Passengers	57,319,564	61,825,186	67,479,148	17,463,367
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	3,399,000	3,300,282	3,485,496	1,165,380
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic	225,077	284,340	302,295	81,044
Corresponding Period, Previous Year.				
Train Miles run	9,116,106	9,101,478	9,180,293	2,613,415
Revenue per Train Mile	6s. 6.74d.	7s. 11.54d.	7s. 11.60d.	8s. 4.49d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile	2s. 5.14d.	3s. 9.32d.	3s. 8.74d.	4s. 3.24d.
Expenditure per Train Mile	4s. 1.60d.	4s. 2.22d.	4s. 2.86d.	4s. 1.25d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue	62.99	52.56	53.20	49.01
Number of Passengers	53,040,046	57,319,564	61,825,186	16,486,822
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	2,654,054	3,399,000	3,300,282	1,126,490
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic	327,411	225,077	284,340	69,032

VICTORIAN BANKING RETURNS—QUARTERLY AVERAGES.

		Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
		£
(a) LIABILITIES—		
Notes in circulation not bearing interest		936,610
Bills in circulation not bearing interest		210,886
Balances due to other Banks		182,770
Deposits—Government—		
Not bearing interest		220,294
Bearing interest		3,335,652
Deposits—other—		
Not bearing interest		14,327,678
Bearing interest		20,982,322
Perpetual Inscribed Stock		925,757
Total Liabilities		40,491,978
Corresponding period 1906		38,335,770
Increase		2,156,208
(b) ASSETS—		
Coined gold, silver, and other coined metal		6,568,134
Gold and silver in bullion and bars		396,820
Landed and other property		1,860,767
Notes and Bills of other Banks		434,424
Balances due from other Banks		283,177
All debts due to Banks		31,020,756
Total Assets		40,564,078
Corresponding period 1906		39,674,565
Increase		889,513
(c)		
Ratio of Coin and Bullion to Liabilities		17.20%
Total Capital paid up		13,009,043
Amount of last declared dividend and bonus		531,536
Reserves		4,745,715

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	68,609	52,443	439,860	10,559,552
" " " 1905	8,012,972	7,717,788	69,367	53,907	455,320	11,128,682
" " " 1906	8,891,746	8,250,562	77,345	55,977	477,038	12,057,455
Quarter ended 31st March, 1907	2,417,487	2,196,495	21,553	14,395	484,246	12,283,694

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	834,775
1907, March quarter	170,546
Total	69,372,724
Value	£277,182,553

IMPORTS DURING THE MARCH QUARTER OF 1906 AND 1907.

Articles.	Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Apparel and Soft Goods	14,009	1,191,718	1,205,727	22,501	1,408,758	1,431,259
Coal	99,617	..	99,617	115,459	..	115,459
Gold—Bullion and Specie	61,352	114,228	175,580	107,380	97,213	204,593
Implements and Agricultural Machinery	6,943	39,460	46,403	5,642	52,987	58,629
Machines and Machinery	3,198	126,449	129,647	4,374	168,122	172,496
Iron and Steel .. .. .	..	194,314	194,314	..	203,870	203,870
Jute Goods—Bugs and Sacks	1	56,118	56,119	518	74,377	74,895
Leather	15,703	47,075	62,778	11,130	38,269	49,399
Oils in Bulk (including Kerosene)	1,635	51,172	52,807	4,012	94,850	98,862
Paper	948	81,616	82,564	847	102,040	102,887
Skins and Hides	62,045	23,348	87,393	73,535	31,679	105,214
Spirits	3,809	57,730	61,539	6,045	56,094	62,139
Sugar	65,315	28,015	93,330	75,109	2,868	77,977
Tea .. .. .	..	80,598	80,598	..	110,207	110,207
Timber	31,478	107,133	138,611	29,107	138,273	167,380
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	12,941	50,045	62,986	14,581	64,186	78,767
Wool	220,189	2,722	222,911	482,701	7,342	490,043
All other Articles	946,700	1,547,620	2,494,320	1,094,193	1,768,666	2,862,859
Total	1,545,883	3,801,361	5,347,244	2,047,134	4,419,801	6,466,935

EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIAN STATES DURING THE MARCH QUARTER OF 1906 AND 1907.

Articles.	Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Apparel and Attire	98,514	26,826	125,340	134,607	38,045	172,652
Bacon and Hams	34,190	4	34,194	34,042	2	34,044
Boots and Shoes	68,063	2,960	71,023	65,629	3,400	69,038
Butter	98,345	..	98,345	90,016	..	90,016
Confectionery	22,352	279	22,631	30,719	526	31,245
Implements and Agricultural Machinery	24,985	14,222	39,207	33,642	11,764	45,406
Jams and Jellies	22,423	33	22,456	19,601	23	19,624
Leather	23,545	10,676	34,221	32,425	12,703	45,128
Sugar	18,699	3,976	22,675	17,728	6,662	24,390
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	48,163	5,151	53,314	53,301	4,933	58,234
Wool	13,554	6	13,560	58,257	..	58,257
Woollen Piece Goods	27,074	22,424	49,498	33,466	23,079	56,545
All other Articles	851,145	426,663	1,277,808	1,653,416	584,348	2,237,764
Total	1,351,052	513,220	1,864,272	2,236,849	685,434	2,942,283

EXPORTS OVERSEA DURING THE MARCH QUARTER OF 1906 AND 1907.

Articles.	Quarter ended 31st March, 1906.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Butter	400,757	1,759	402,516	616,575	..	616,575
Gold—Bullion and Specie	1,735,004	..	1,735,004	210,838	..	210,838
Grain and Pulse—	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oats	4,907	..	4,907	20,170	91	20,261
Wheat	1,425,959	..	1,425,959	908,631	..	908,631
Flour	142,040	..	142,040	117,179	..	117,179
Hay and Chaff	1,873	..	1,873	3,516	..	3,516
Leather	52,332	1,489	53,821	49,333	1,387	50,720
Meats	204,036	..	204,036	238,065	3	238,068
Skins and Hides	221,742	..	221,742	239,632	25	239,657
Tallow	59,562	..	59,562	84,589	..	84,589
Wool	1,680,836	..	1,680,836	2,581,927	..	2,581,927
All other Articles	437,440	62,999	500,439	501,465	80,478	581,943
Total	6,366,488	66,247	6,432,735	5,571,950	81,984	5,653,934

DESTINATION, QUANTITY, AND VALUE OF EXPORTS THROUGH COOL STORES, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1907.

Description of Produce.	Destination.									
	United Kingdom.		South Africa.		Other Australasæ States.		Other Ports.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Butter ..	13,028,960	£ 651,448	1,017,948	£ 50,896	1,424,416	£ 71,220	426,603	£ 21,330	15,887,932	£ 794,896
Cheese ..	57,000	1,320	34,920	800	190,920	4,375	18,240	418	301,680	6,013
Milk and Cream ..	..	..	..	..	734,700	18,368	39,560	987	774,200	19,355
Ham and Bacon ..	..	..	2,160	63	687,300	20,048	12,960	378	702,480	20,489
Eggs ..	..	..	180	6	6,480	243	..	..	6,660	249
Poultry and Game ..	.. 840	108	9,210	1,842	3,570	714	..	..	13,620	2,724
Rabbits and Hares ..	503,676	20,987	6,144	256	1,140	47	..	..	510,960	21,290
Mutton and Lamb ..	9,238,250	133,971	646,880	10,781	194,680	3,245	341,000	5,683	10,420,840	173,680
Beef ..	..	..	159,800	1,997	46,800	585	158,400	1,980	365,000	4,562
Veal ..	..	..	72,180	1,203	..	..	6,750	112	78,930	1,315
Pork ..	22,950	478	..	..	110,070	2,593	..	..	133,020	2,771
Fruit ..	74,803	37,402	..	..	34,849	17,424	..	..	127,513	63,756
Fruit Pulp ..	..	..	..	..	97,300	1,216	..	..	97,300	1,216
Total ..	..	865,774	..	68,308	..	139,778	..	39,356	..	1,113,216

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN ARTICLES THROUGH COOL STORES IN 1904, 1905, 1906, AND MARCH QUARTER OF 1907.

Produce.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.
	<i>Quantity.</i>			
Butter lbs.	37,948,216	35,917,208	46,000,642	15,897,932
Cheese "	1,072,940	920,520	970,440	301,680
Milk and Cream "	1,325,500	1,645,700	2,053,100	774,200
Ham and Bacon "	1,630,600	1,708,800	2,393,920	702,480
Eggs doz.	45,940	48,570	50,237	16,660
Poultry and Game .. head	46,820	51,705	72,410	13,620
Rabbits and Hares .. pairs	4,015,036	5,142,928	4,788,466	510,960
Mutton and Lamb .. lbs.	12,101,533	22,077,520	34,793,920	10,420,840
Beef "	673,200	629,200	1,473,610	365,000
Veal "	1,320,300	928,055	558,990	78,930
Pork "	126,320	110,340	293,410	133,020
Fruit bushels	95,006	116,603	150,568	127,513
Fruit Pulp lbs.	5,342,700	845,900	465,300	97,300
<i>Value.</i>				
	£	£	£	£
Butter "	1,744,938	1,763,789	2,208,066	794,896
Cheese "	26,824	23,013	22,237	6,913
Milk and Cream "	27,614	34,285	51,327	19,355
Ham and Bacon "	44,643	49,840	69,822	20,489
Eggs "	2,297	2,429	2,044	249
Poultry and Game "	9,364	10,341	16,116	2,724
Rabbits and Hares "	210,679	267,860	199,518	21,290
Mutton and Lamb "	181,523	331,162	579,896	173,680
Beef "	8,415	7,865	18,419	4,562
Veal "	16,503	11,600	10,794	1,315
Pork "	3,158	2,758	6,907	2,771
Fruit "	47,503	58,301	86,668	63,756
Fruit Pulp "	66,783	10,753	5,821	1,216
Total "	2,390,244	2,573,996	3,277,635	1,113,216

RETURN OF LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA IN MARCH, 1907.

Districts.	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs. †
		Dairy Cows (milk and dry).	Other Cattle.	Total.		
Central "	79,690	136,465	154,119	290,584	1,160,606	34,047
North-Central "	28,500	54,756	86,299	141,055	942,025	14,428
Western "	60,402	153,701	199,527	353,228	4,618,985	46,482
Wimmera "	55,491	24,032	39,063	63,095	2,243,299	10,742
Mallee "	24,817	16,894	28,839	45,733	431,698	8,245
Northern "	79,649	96,620	157,033	253,653	2,002,262	36,654
North-Eastern "	35,185	69,322	163,476	232,798	750,104	19,445
Gippsland "	43,106	149,519	274,658	424,177	779,461	50,409
Grand Total, March, 1907	406,840*	701,309	1,103,014†	1,804,323	12,937,440	220,452
Grand Total, March, 1906	385,513	649,100	1,088,590	1,737,690	11,455,115	273,682
Increase "	21,327	52,209	14,424	66,633	1,482,325	46,770
Decrease .. .. "	..	..	..	..	..	53,230

* Including 49,952 foals. † Including 373,683 calves under 12 months old.

VICTORIAN AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS.

AREA AND PRODUCE 1905-6 AND 1906-7.

Crop.	Area.		Produce.		Average per acre.	
	1905-6.	1906-7.	1905-6.	1906-7.	1905-6.	1906-7.
Wheat	2,070,517	2,031,883	23,417,670	22,618,043	11.31	11.13
Oats	312,052	380,493	7,282,425	8,845,654	23.18	23.25
Barley—Malting	26,279	50,052	645,456	674,043	24.56	22.43
Other	14,659	22,764	416,683	581,399	28.43	25.54
Maize	11,785	11,559	641,216	716,640*	54.41	62.00
Rye	1,959	1,571	28,893	20,770	14.75	13.22
Peas and Beans	12,253	12,012	265,206	236,636	21.64	23.86
Potatoes—Early crop†	6,670	5,356	17,912	18,124	2.69	3.38
General crop	38,000	50,016	97,440	..	2.59	..
Mangel-wurzel	1,657	1,360	16,400	16,139	9.90	11.87
Beet, Carrots, Parsnips, and Turnips	909	713	6,408	5,644	7.05	7.92
Onions	4,889	4,705	25,597	28,000	5.24	5.95
Hay—Wheaten	203,726	231,408	262,991	299,866	1.29	1.30
Oaten	377,885	377,887	584,941	564,360	1.55	1.49
Other	10,160	11,344	16,245	17,050	1.60	1.44
Grass cut for Seed	2,767	1,859	5,943	3,124	2.15	1.68
Green Fodder of all kinds	34,041	36,502†	..	..	..	..
Vines	26,402	24,560†	..	..	..	..
Orchards and Gardens	52,274	54,021	..	..	..	..
Market Gardens	7,333	7,906	..	..	..	..
Other Tillage	3,745	3,810	..	..	..	..
Total Area under crop	3,219,962	3,302,297	..	..	..	..
Land in Fallow	1,049,915	980,967	..	..	..	..
Total Cultivation	4,269,877	4,293,264	..	..	..	..

* Estimated. † The early crop relates to Potatoes dug before the 1st March. ‡ Subject to revision.

VICTORIAN WOOL CLIP AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION—SEASONS 1905-6 AND 1906-7.

Districts.	Wool Clip.		
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Total.
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Central	5,514,356	607,259	6,121,615
North-Central	4,604,480	555,422	5,159,902
Western	27,224,747	2,495,054	29,719,801
Wimmera	11,877,684	1,027,545	12,905,229
Mallee	2,234,435	183,083	2,417,518
Northern	10,085,620	1,057,867	11,143,487
North-Eastern	3,373,591	361,914	3,735,505
Gippsland	3,028,871	451,272	3,480,143
Total Clip 1906-7	67,943,784	6,739,416	74,683,200
Total Clip 1905-6	58,919,314	5,258,557	64,177,871
Increase	9,024,470	1,480,859	10,505,329
Average weight of fleece 1906-7	6.76	2.45	5.84
Average weight of fleece 1905-6	6.34	2.37	5.57
Increase	.42	.08	.27

	Production.	
	1905-6.	1906-7.
Wool Clip	64,177,871	74,683,200
Estimated quantity of wool stripped from Victorian skins	3,938,935	4,288,186
Estimated quantity of wool on Victorian skins exported	7,621,497	9,462,910
Total Production	75,738,303	88,434,296

It will be seen that the average weight of the fleece of sheep and lambs combined was more than a quarter of a pound greater in 1906-7 than in the previous season. This increase—upon the sheep and lambs shorn (12,794,043)—represents in quantity 3,454,392 lbs., and in value about £144,000.