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FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACTS.

DETERMINATION OF THE CARDBOARD
BOX TRADE BOARD.

Factories and Shops Acts.

DETERMINATION OF THE CARDBOARD BOX TRADE BOARD.

IN accordance with the provisions of the Factories and Shops Acts, the Special Board appointed to determine the lowest prices or rates which may be paid to any person or persons or classes of persons employed either inside or outside a factory or work-room in the process, trade, or business of a maker of cardboard boxes has made the following Determination, namely :—

WAGES.—MALES.

(1) That the lowest wages to be paid to the following persons shall be :—Guillotine cutters or cutters cutting cloth or paper by hand, 1s. 2d. per hour, or 56s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.

All other male adults, 11½d. per hour, or 45s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.

MALE IMPROVERS.—PROPORTION.

(2) That the number of male improvers who may be employed in any factory or work-room or shop or place shall be as follows :—

3 male improvers to 1 journeyman, and	} employed, and being paid not less than 45s. per week of 48 hours or piecework rates; any employer shall count as a journeyman in this connexion.
2 male improvers to each additional journeyman	

MALE IMPROVERS OR APPRENTICES' WAGES.

(3) That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to male improvers or apprentices shall be :—

First year at trade	{ 1st six months .. 5s. per week of 48 hours	} Provided that male improvers, if over the age of eighteen years, shall be paid not less than 15s. per week for a maximum number of 48 hours.
Second ,, ,, .. ..			2nd ,, .. 6s. ,, ,,
Third ,, ,,	8s. ,, ,,	
Fourth ,, ,,	12s. ,, ,,	
Fifth ,, ,,	18s. ,, ,,	
Sixth ,, ,,	23s. ,, ,,	
Seventh ,, ,,	29s. ,, ,,	
	36s. ,, ,,	

and after the seventh year the minimum wage or piecework rates.

FEMALES.—WAGES.

(4) That the lowest rate of wages to be paid to adult females, employed at cloth work, shall be 6½d. per hour, or 25s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week. Other adult females, 5½d. per hour, or 22s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week, or the piecework rates.

FEMALE IMPROVERS.—PROPORTION.

(5) That the number of female improvers who may be employed in any factory or work-room or shop or place shall not exceed two improvers to every five or fraction of five females receiving not less than 22s. per week of 48 hours or the piecework rates.

FEMALE IMPROVERS OR APPRENTICES.—WAGES.

(6) That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to female improvers or apprentices shall be :—

First year at trade	{ 1st six months .. 5s. per week of 48 hours.
Second ,, ,, .. ..		2nd ,, .. 6s. ,, ,,
Third ,, ,,	7s. 6d. ,, ,,
Fourth ,, ,,	12s. 6d. ,, ,,
Fifth ,, ,,	17s. ,, ,,
	20s. ,, ,,

and after the fifth year 6½d. per hour, or 25s. per week of 48 hours in the case of females employed at cloth work, and 5½d. per hour, or 22s. per week in the case of females doing other classes of work, or the piecework rates.

(7) *Overtime.*—That any male employé over the age of 16 years employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of cardboard boxes who works for any time in excess of the maximum number of 48 hours per week shall be paid for such extra time at the rate of time and a third if employed on weekly wages; if employed on piecework he shall be paid one-third in addition to his ordinary earnings at the piecework rate.

STATIONERY BOXES, FOOLSCAP SIZE, MADE OF CARDBOARD, COVERED FLINT OR ANY GLAZED PAPER.

Description.	Size.	Price Complete, per Gross.	If made in Parts.									
			Corner Stays.	Box Bands.	Lid Bands.	Tops.	Backs.	Hinges.	Full Tops.	Bottoms.	Covering Fall.	
Stationery box, with lift-off lid, 8 corner stays, including joins	Up to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x up to 2" deep	5 0 1	8 1	3 1	3 0	7	..	..	..	0	3	..
Stationery box, with lift-off lid, 8 corner stays, including joins, if made with full top	" "	5 0 1	8 1	1	..	..	..	..	2	0 0	3	..
Stationery box, with lift-off lid, 6 corner stays, including joins, and fall front, scored only	" "	5 7 1	3 1	6 1	3 0	7	..	..	..	0	3 0	9
Stationery box, with lift-off lid, 6 corner stays, including joins, and fall front, scored only, if made with full top	" "	5 6 1	3 1	3	..	..	..	..	2	0 0	3 0	9
Stationery box, with hinged lid (1 hinge), 4 corner stays, including joins	" "	5 6 1	3 1	3 1	3 0	7 0	5 0	6	..	0	3	..
Stationery box, with hinged lid (1 hinge), 4 corner stays, including joins, if made with full top	" "	6 0 1	3 1	0	..	..	..	0	6 3	0 0	3	..

Extras on Stationery Boxes.

Labelling, 3d. per gross of labels.
 Edging, 6d. per gross of boxes.
 Thumb holes, 3d. per gross of thumb holes.
 Lining fall of box, 3d. per gross of boxes.
 Lid or fall hinges, 6d. per gross of hinges.

TIE BOXES.

Description.	Price Complete, per Gross.	If made in Parts.											
		Fitting.	Box Band.	Lid Band.	Edge.	Tops.	Bottoms.	Fitting in division with Flange.	Edging each Partition.	Mouthing.	Labels.		
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed 15" x up to 2" deep	7 3	2 0 1	0 0	9 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed 15" x over 2" to 4" deep	7 9	2 0 1	6 0	9 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed 15" x over 4" to 6" deep	8 3	2 6 1	6 0	9 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed over 15" to 20" x up to 2" deep	8 3	2 0 1	6 1	0 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed over 15" to 20" x over 2" to 4" deep	9 3	2 6 2	0 1	0 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed over 15" to 20" x over 4" to 6" deep	9 9	2 6 2	6 1	0 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed 20" to 25" x up to 2" deep	9 6	2 6 2	3 1	0 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed 20" to 25" x over 2" to 4" deep	10 6	3 0 2	9 1	0 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	
Tie box, combined length and width of which does not exceed 20" to 25" x over 4" to 6" deep	11 0	3 3 3	0 1	0 0	9 0	6 0	3 0	9 0	6 0	6 0	6 0	3	

Extras on Tie Boxes.

Box bands, if box not mouthed, up to 15" x over 4" to 6" deep 3d. per gross of box bands extra
 over 15" .. 4d. ..
 Joins 3d. .. of joins
 Dummy divisions, fixed 2s. .. divisions
 Outer lids, fitted with paper 6d. .. lids
 " " calico 9d. ..
 Fitting plain trays 1s. .. trays
 Covering plain trays 1s. ..
 Fitting flange trays 1s. 6d. ..
 Covering flange trays 1s. 6d. ..
 Tray supports, not covered 1s. .. of boxes
 Round or oval blocks, in boxes 2s. 3d. .. blocks
 Corner blocks 1s. 6d. ..
 All other blocks 2s. ..
 Each fly 3d. .. flies
 Collar in tray 6d. .. collars
 Lining trays 6d. .. trays
 Tapes, in boxes or trays 6d. .. fastenings
 Lacing trays 1s. 6d. .. trays
 Staying papers in glass lids 3d. .. stays

WOOD FRAME BOXES.

Description.	Size.	If made in Parts.																	
		Price Complete, per Gross.		Fitting Box.		Fitting Lid.		Box Bands and Bottoms.		Lid Bands.		Top.		Lining.		Flies.		Lacing.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.
Wood frame boxes, wood sides, cardboard lids and bottoms, covered any paper, including binding and covering bottoms and covering box and lid, edging, flies, and lining	Up to 30" in combined measurement of length and width x up to 4" deep	10	01	11	03	01	00	09	82	00	60	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Up to 30" in combined measurement of length and width x over 4" to 6" deep	11	01	11	03	01	00	09	82	00	60	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Up to 30" in combined measurement of length and width x over 6" to 8" deep	12	01	11	04	01	00	09	83	00	60	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 30" to 35" in combined measurement of length and width x up to 4" deep	12	01	31	04	31	30	92	30	92	30	90	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 30" to 35" in combined measurement of length and width x over 4" to 6" deep	13	01	31	04	91	30	92	90	90	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 30" to 35" in combined measurement of length and width x over 6" to 8" deep	14	01	31	05	31	30	93	30	93	30	90	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 35" to 40" in combined measurement of length and width x up to 4" deep	14	02	31	04	61	30	93	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 35" to 40" in combined measurement of length and width x over 4" to 6" deep	15	02	31	05	01	30	93	60	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 35" to 40" in combined measurement of length and width x over 6" to 8" deep	16	02	31	05	61	30	94	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 40" to 45" in combined measurement of length and width x up to 4" deep	14	02	01	04	61	30	93	01	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 40" to 45" in combined measurement of length and width x over 4" to 6" deep	15	02	01	05	01	30	93	61	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 40" to 45" in combined measurement of length and width x over 6" to 8" deep	16	02	01	05	61	30	94	01	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 45" to 50" in combined measurement of length and width x up to 4" deep	15	02	11	04	61	41	03	11	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 45" to 50" in combined measurement of length and width x over 4" to 6" deep	16	02	11	05	01	41	03	71	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 45" to 50" in combined measurement of length and width x over 6" to 8" deep	17	02	11	05	61	41	04	11	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 50" to 55" in combined measurement of length and width x up to 4" deep	16	02	31	04	91	61	33	31	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 50" to 55" in combined measurement of length and width x over 4" to 6" deep	17	02	31	05	31	61	33	91	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 50" to 55" in combined measurement of length and width x over 6" to 8" deep	18	02	31	05	91	61	34	31	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 55" to 60" in combined measurement of length and width x up to 4" deep	18	02	91	35	31	91	33	91	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 55" to 60" in combined measurement of length and width x over 4" to 6" deep	19	03	31	35	31	91	34	31	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00
" " " " " "	Over 55" to 60" in combined measurement of length and width x over 6" to 8" deep	20	03	91	35	91	91	34	31	01	00	60	00	60	00	60	00	60	00

If corners of boxes bound, 6d. per gross of boxes extra.

WIRE STITCHING CARDBOARD BOXES.

In Measurement of Boxes, Length, Width, and Depth to be counted.

Boxes up to 25" stitched by treadle power, 3½d. per 1,000 stitches. } Where box is made
 " " " " " " motive " 3d. " " } throughout by one
 " over 25" " " treadle " 4½d. " " } kind of stitch.
 " " " " " " motive " 4d. " " }
 Where ends and sides of boxes only are stitched by treadle power, 6½d. per 1,000 stitches for all boxes over 25".
 Where ends and sides of boxes only are stitched by motive power, 6d. per 1,000 stitches for all boxes over 25".

STUDDING BOXES.

Studding Boxes by treadle power, 6½d. per 1,000 studs.
 " " motive " 5½d. "

METAL EDGING BOXES.

Metal edging watch boxes and dental boxes, without inset by treadle power, small, 10d. per gross for box and lid.
 Metal edging watch boxes and dental boxes, with inset by treadle power, medium size, 1s. 2d. per gross for box and lid.
 Metal edging watch boxes and dental boxes, with inset by treadle power, large size, 1s. 4d. per gross for box and lid.
 Metal edging watch boxes and dental boxes, without inset by motive power, small, 7d. per gross for box and lid.
 Metal edging watch boxes and dental boxes, with inset, by motive power, medium size, 11d. per gross for box and lid.
 Metal edging watch boxes and dental boxes, with inset, by motive power, large size, 1s. 1d. per gross for box and lid.
 Metal edging all other boxes, length and width of which do not exceed 25" by 3" deep, by treadle power, boxes, 6d. per gross; lids, 6d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes over 25" and up to 3" in depth, boxes, 9d. per gross; lids, not to exceed 3" in depth, 9d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes over 25" and over 3" to 4" in depth, boxes, 1s. 3d. per gross; lids, not to exceed 3" in depth, 9d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes, over 25" and over 4" to 5" in depth, boxes, 1s. 9d. per gross; lids, not to exceed 3" in depth, 9d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes, over 25" and over 5" to 6" in depth, boxes, 2s. 3d. per gross; lids, not to exceed 3" in depth, 9d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes, over 25" and over 6" to 7" in depth, boxes, 2s. 9d. per gross; lids, not to exceed 3" in depth, 9d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes, over 25" and over 7" to 8" in depth, boxes, 3s. 3d. per gross; lids, not to exceed 3" in depth, 9d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes, over 25" and over 8" to 9" in depth, boxes 3s. 9d. per gross; lids, not to exceed 3" in depth, 9d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes, over 25" and over 9" in depth, boxes, 4s. 3d. per gross; lids, not to exceed 3" in depth, 9d. per gross.
 Metal edging boxes, not to exceed 25" in length and width by 3" deep, lid up to 3" deep, by motive power—

Boxes, 25" by up to 3" deep,	4d. per gross;	lids, 4d. per gross.
" " over 3 to 4" deep,	10d. per gross;	lids, 4d. per gross.
" " " 4" " 5" "	1s. 4d. " " "	" " "
" " " 5" " 6" "	1s. 10d. " " "	" " "
" " " 6" " 7" "	2s. 4d. " " "	" " "
" " " 7" " 8" "	2s. 10d. " " "	" " "
" " " 8" " 9" "	3s. 4d. " " "	" " "
" " " 9" " "	3s. 10d. " " "	" " "

Metal edging boxes, over 25" in length and width by up to 3" deep, lid over 25" by up to 3" deep by motive power—

Boxes over 25" in length and width by 3" deep, 7d. per gross; lids, up to 3", 7d. per gross.

Boxes over 25" in length and width, by over 3" to 4" deep, 1s. 1d. per gross; lids, up to 3", 7d. per gross.

Boxes over 25" in length and width, by over 4" to 5" deep, 1s. 7d. per gross; lids, up to 3", 7d. per gross.

Boxes over 25" in length and width, by over 5" to 6" deep, 2s. 1d. per gross; lids, up to 3", 7d. per gross.

Boxes over 25" in length and width by over 6" to 7" deep, 2s. 7d. per gross; lids, up to 3", 7d. per gross.

Boxes over 25" in length and width, by over 7" to 8" deep, 3s. 1d. per gross; lids, up to 3", 7d. per gross.

Boxes, over 25" in length and width, by over 8" to 9" deep, 3s. 7d. per gross; lids, up to 3", 7d. per gross.

Boxes, over 25" in length and width, by over 9" deep, 4s. 1d. per gross; lids, up to 3", 7d. per gross.

All lids over 3" in depth to be paid at the rate of 6d. per gross extra for every 1 inch that the depth of lid is increased.

If box and lid are made in one piece, rates to be same as fixed above; if separate and hinged with only two corners of lid metal edged, half rate to be paid for lid.

The Board determines under the provisions of Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 98 of the *Factories and Shops Act* 1905, No. 1975, that any employer may fix and pay piecework rates to any person or persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of cardboard boxes for any articles for which a piecework rate has not been fixed, provided that such employer shall base such piecework prices or rates on the earnings of an average worker working under like conditions, and such piecework prices or rates shall be fixed so that an average male worker can earn not less than 11½d. per hour, and an average female worker not less than 6½d. per hour if employed at cloth work, and 5½d. per hour if engaged in any other class of work, these being the minimum wages provided to be paid to males and females other than cutters and apprentices and improvers.

CARDBOARD CARTON MAKING.

MALES.—WAGES.

(9) That the lowest wages payable to the following persons shall be:—Cutter makers making cutters for cartons, 1s. 1d. per hour, or 5s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.

All other adult males employed at carton work, 11½d. per hour, or 45s. for a maximum number of 48 hours per week.

MALE IMPROVERS.—PROPORTION.

(10) That the number of male improvers who may be employed in any factory or work-room or shop or place at carton work shall be:—

3 male improvers to 1 journeyman; and	}	employed and being paid not less than 11½d. per hour, or 45s. per week of 48 hours, or piecework rates; any employer to count as a journeyman in this connexion.
2 male improvers to each additional journeyman		

MALE IMPROVERS OR APPRENTICES.—WAGES.

(11) That the lowest prices or rates of payment payable to male improvers or apprentices employed at carton work on platen press machines shall be:—

1st year at trade, 15s. per week of 48 hours	
2nd " " 20s. " "	
3rd " " 25s. " "	
4th " " 30s. " "	
5th " " 36s. " "	

and after the fifth year, 11½d. per hour, or 45s. per week of 48 hours, or the piecework rate.

FEMALES.—WAGES.

(12) That the lowest price or rate of payment payable to adult females employed at carton work shall be 4½d. per hour, or 18s. per week of 48 hours, or the piecework rates.

FEMALE IMPROVERS.—PROPORTION.

(13) That the number of female improvers who may be employed in any factory or work-room or shop or place shall be four improvers to each female employed, and being paid not less than 18s. per week of 48 hours, or piecework rates.

FEMALE IMPROVERS OR APPRENTICES.—WAGES.

(14) 1st year at trade—1st 6 months	5s. per week of 48 hours
—2nd " " "	6s. " "
2nd " " "	7s. 6d. " "
3rd " " "	10s. 6d. " "
4th " " "	14s. " "

and after the 4th year, 4½d. per hour, or 18s. per week of 48 hours, or the piecework rate.

OVERTIME.

(15) That any male employé over the age of sixteen years employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of cardboard cartons who works for any time in excess of the maximum number of 48 hours per week shall be paid for such extra time at the rate of time and a third, if employed on weekly wages; if employed on piecework he shall be paid one third in addition to his ordinary earnings at the piecework rates.

PIECEWORK RATES.—CARDBOARD CARTON MAKING.

(16) Wire stitching cartons by motive power—

Cartons up to 10" in length x 6" wide when folded,	2d. per 1,000 stitches.
" over 10" " x 6" " "	2½d. " "
" up to 10" " x over 6" wide when folded,	3d. per 1,000 stitches.
" over 10" " x " 6" " "	3½d. " "
Cartons made in two pieces,	4d. per 1,000 stitches.
Taping cartons,	2s. per 1,000 cartons.
Labelling cartons,	1s. per 1,000 cartons.

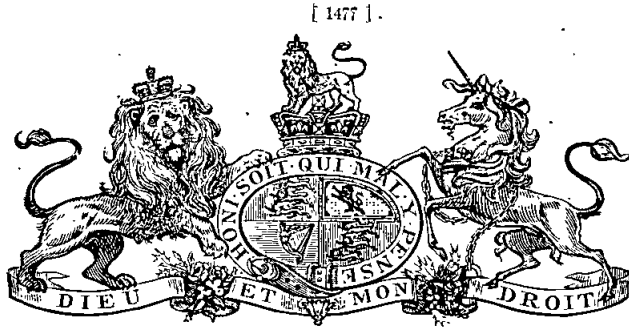
(17) The Board determines under the provisions of Sub-sections (1) and (2) of Section 98 of the *Factories and Shops Act 1905*, No. 1975, that any employer may fix and pay piecework rates to any person or persons employed in the process, trade, or business of a maker of cardboard cartons for any articles for which a piecework rate has not been fixed, provided that such employer shall base such piecework prices or rates on the earnings of an average worker, working under like conditions, and such piecework prices or rates shall be fixed so that an average male worker, working as a cutter maker, can earn not less than 1s. 1d. per hour, and engaged in any other class of work not less than 11½d. per hour, and an average female worker not less than 4½d. per hour, these being the minimum wages provided to be paid to males and females other than apprentices and improvers engaged in carton work.

(18) All materials used in the manufacture of cardboard boxes must be provided free of charge to the maker.

(19) That this Determination shall come into force from and after the sixteenth day of March, 1908.

ROBERT N. CORNEY,
Chairman.

11th February, 1908.



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QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT,
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QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT, 31st DECEMBER, 1907.

Population.—The estimated population on the 30th September, 1907, was 1,250,796—626,931 males, 623,865 females; on the 31st December, 1907, it was 1,258,140—631,140 males, 627,000 females—thus showing an increase of 7,344 persons. The natural increase during the quarter was 4,126, and the excess of immigration was 3,218. Tasmania gained from this State 2,181 persons, and New Zealand 853. New South Wales lost 1,278 persons, Queensland 407, South Australia 732, Western Australia 1,776, South Africa 461, and United Kingdom 1,176 to this State.

Vital Statistics of the State.—Compared with the previous quarter, the marriages increased by 123 in the quarter under review; the deaths decreased by 156, and the births by 69, which gave an increase in the excess of births over deaths of 87. Of the total number of deaths (3,855), 338 were due to phthisis and 65 to other tubercular diseases; 252 to cancer; 17 to typhoid fever; and 27 to diphtheria.

Vital Statistics of Melbourne, &c.—The births during the quarter numbered 3,371. This includes 28 cases of twins, 2 cases of triplets, and 305 illegitimate births. The deaths numbered 1,801, and the excess of births over deaths was 1,570. The deaths from diphtheria numbered 14, from typhoid fever 10, and from tubercular diseases 210, as against 6, 4, and 219 respectively in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total deaths in Melbourne were 1,801, of whom 323 were under twelve months of age. In Ballarat, of 188 deaths, 12 were of infants; in Bendigo, 219 and 42; and in Geelong, 93 and 18 respectively. In Melbourne and Suburbs the deaths of infants under 1 year of age were 9.6 per cent. of the births—a rate higher than that of the whole State for the same period, viz., 7.7. In the four towns mentioned there were 772 deaths of people aged 65 years and upwards—or 34 per cent. of the total.

State Revenue and Expenditure.—The total revenue for the quarter was £2,124,834, an increase of £259,641 on the corresponding quarter of the previous year—the principal sources being Railways £1,080,187, Probate Duty £87,075, Stamp Duty £56,352, and Balance of Commonwealth Revenue £610,952. The total expenditure was £1,687,504, a decrease of £119,134 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 £1,021,511, as against £798,859 in the corresponding period of 1906, being an increase of £222,652 for the quarter under review. The principal sources were import duties on Stimulants and Narcotics, £160,688; Sugar, £2,028; Apparel and Textiles, £120,266; Agricultural Products and Groceries, £57,177; Metals and Machinery, £67,658. From Excise, Spirits yielded £60,782; Beer, £55,992; Tobacco, £32,429. The total expenditure on transferred services was £262,634 (Defence, £66,411; Postmaster-General, £180,211; and Trade and Customs, £16,012), and "new" expenditure, £163,297—a total of £425,931, as against £364,740 in the corresponding quarter of 1906—an increase of £61,191.

Victorian Banking Returns.—On the 31st December the total liabilities of the banks were £39,616,692, and the assets £43,732,080, as against £38,877,692 and £40,949,484 on the 31st December, 1906. The reserves amounted to £5,234,983; paid-up capital to £13,441,231. The ratio of coin and bullion to liabilities was 20.30 per cent.

Savings Banks.—On the 31st December the amount at credit of the 501,393 depositors was £12,951,779. During the quarter 19,152 accounts were opened, and 15,837 were closed; the deposits made were £2,498,295, and the withdrawals £2,374,368.

Gold Yield.—The total yield of gold up to the end of December, 1907, is 69,956,447 ounces.

Imports and Exports.—The total value of imports into Victoria during the quarter under review was £9,020,791, of which £4,312,242 was Australian produce. The total exports during the same period were valued at £10,382,518, of which £3,281,383 were exported to Australian States, and the exports of Australian produce were £9,530,808. In addition to the usual quarterly return, details of the principal articles of Australian and other production imported and exported during 1907 are also published. Of the total trade last year imports were valued at £28,197,448 (£11,096,734 Inter-State, and £17,100,714 Oversea), and exports at £28,735,672 (£11,623,576 Inter-State and £17,112,096 Oversea).

Exports of Frozen, Preserved, and Perishable Products.—For the fourth quarter in 1907, the total value of these exports through Cool Stores was £1,359,238, of which £145,152 went to other States, £1,122,386 to the United Kingdom, £69,693 to South Africa, and £22,007 to Eastern and other ports. The principal exports were—Butter, valued at £963,596; Frozen Meat, £316,817; Milk and Cream, £38,514; Bacon and Hams, £19,922; Frozen Rabbits and Hares, £4,796; and Fruit, £2,152.

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17th February, 1908.

ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1907.

Year 1907.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1906	...	...	620,380	617,618	1,237,998
Births	15,989	15,380			
Deaths	7,980	6,562			
Natural Increase	...	...	8,009	8,818	16,827
Migration by Sea—			628,389	626,436	1,254,825
Arrivals as recorded	46,277	29,507			
Departures "	44,063	28,982			
Gain seawards	...	...	2,214	525	2,739
Migration by Land—			630,603	626,961	1,257,564
Arrivals (including allowance for unrecorded)	15,972	10,023			
Departures (including allowance for unrecorded)	15,435	9,984			
Gain by land	...	...	537	39	576
Estimated Population on 31st December, 1907 (exclusive of full-blooded aborigines)	...	...	631,140	627,000	1,258,140

MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION.

Immigration (as recorded).

Place of Departure.	Total for the Year.			Quarter ended in 1907.				Year 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	
By Sea—								
New South Wales	13,842	15,092	17,301	5,450	4,323	3,398	5,585	18,756
Queensland	2,446	2,510	2,522	709	612	781	1,152	3,254
South Australia	2,361	2,808	3,140	1,131	770	581	958	3,440
Western Australia	7,882	8,936	10,150	3,043	2,142	1,784	3,420	10,389
Tasmania	19,742	24,310	26,150	10,567	6,317	4,627	5,972	27,483
New Zealand	3,502	3,655	4,088	2,097	1,383	868	857	5,205
South Seas	7	42	7	...	...	...	2	2
United Kingdom	2,337	2,437	2,606	547	460	590	1,401	2,998
South Africa	1,325	1,180	1,382	368	902	298	594	2,162
Other British Dominions	809	918	1,041	262	333	187	247	1,029
Foreign Ports	706	904	886	323	127	162	454	1,066
By Rail—								
New South Wales	13,848	14,467	16,259	4,534	3,957	4,011	5,401	17,903
Queensland	175	180	222	103	78	81	81	343
South Australia	4,346	4,267	4,423	1,285	1,113	1,185	1,803	5,386
Total	73,418	81,712	90,186	30,419	22,517	18,555	27,925	99,416

Emigration (as recorded).

Destination.	Total for the Year.			Quarter ended in 1907.				Year 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	
By Sea—								
New South Wales	17,207	15,225	16,882	6,567	5,382	3,767	5,533	21,249
Queensland	2,053	2,232	2,730	861	1,217	1,078	749	3,905
South Australia	2,877	3,395	2,838	1,148	961	704	891	3,704
Western Australia	12,819	10,737	8,714	2,722	2,065	1,192	1,644	7,623
Tasmania	19,620	23,258	24,384	8,753	4,428	4,248	8,153	25,582
New Zealand	5,796	5,271	6,420	2,463	859	746	1,710	5,778
South Seas	27	7	7	...	...	...	1	3
United Kingdom	2,769	2,422	2,580	1,134	893	375	225	2,627
South Africa	1,125	1,068	878	247	147	117	133	644
Other British Dominions	884	949	1,103	201	275	223	344	1,043
Foreign Ports	534	840	812	370	277	118	122	887
By Rail—								
New South Wales	11,583	13,676	14,969	4,600	4,522	4,509	4,175	17,806
Queensland	131	176	247	99	91	57	77	324
South Australia	4,121	3,854	3,973	1,352	1,235	1,253	1,138	4,978
Total	81,666	83,110	86,537	30,517	22,352	18,388	24,896	96,153

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

	Total for the Year.			Quarter ended in 1907—				Year 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Decr.	
By Sea—								
New South Wales	- 3,365	- 133	+ 419	- 1,117	- 1,059	- 369	+ 52	- 2,493
Queensland	+ 393	+ 278	- 208	- 152	- 605	- 297	+ 403	- 651
South Australia	- 516	- 587	+ 302	- 17	- 191	- 123	+ 67	- 264
Western Australia	- 4,937	- 1,801	+ 1,445	+ 321	+ 77	+ 592	+ 1,776	+ 2,766
Tasmania	+ 122	+ 1,052	+ 1,766	+ 1,814	+ 1,889	+ 379	- 2,181	+ 1,901
New Zealand	- 2,294	- 1,616	- 2,332	- 366	+ 524	+ 122	- 853	- 573
South Seas	- 20	+ 35	..	..	..	+ 1	- 2	- 1
United Kingdom	- 432	+ 15	+ 26	- 587	- 433	+ 215	+ 1,176	+ 371
South Africa	+ 200	+ 118	+ 504	+ 121	+ 755	+ 181	+ 461	+ 1,518
Other British Dominio	- 85	- 31	- 62	+ 61	+ 58	- 36	- 97	- 14
Foreign Ports	+ 152	+ 64	+ 74	- 47	- 150	+ 44	+ 332	+ 179
By Rail—								
New South Wales	+ 2,265	+ 791	+ 1,290	- 66	- 565	- 498	+ 1,226	+ 97
Queensland	+ 44	+ 4	- 25	+ 4	- 13	+ 24	+ 4	+ 19
South Australia	+ 225	+ 413	+ 450	- 67	- 122	- 68	+ 665	+ 408
Total	- 8,248	- 1,398	+ 3,640	- 98	+ 165	+ 167	+ 3,029	+ 3,263

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Year.			Quarter ended in 1907—				Year 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Decr.	
Metropolitan District—								
Marriages	4,452	4,757	4,811	1,255	1,488	1,208	1,398	5,349
Births—Males	6,035	6,196	6,282	1,556	1,672	1,634	1,715	6,517
" Females	5,851	5,748	6,001	1,520	1,588	1,581	1,656	6,343
Deaths—Males	3,439	3,521	3,595	770	855	1,002	918	3,545
" Females	3,119	3,072	3,488	717	780	898	883	3,278
Other Urban Districts—								
Marriages	1,846	2,011	2,019	460	617	510	446	2,033
Births—Males	3,226	3,317	3,489	772	901	933	878	3,484
" Females	3,015	3,177	3,308	740	820	890	829	3,279
Deaths—Males	2,314	2,378	2,379	503	496	606	571	2,176
" Females	1,536	1,648	1,631	374	371	394	395	1,534
Rural Districts—								
Marriages	1,912	2,006	2,100	485	621	545	542	2,193
Births—Males	6,052	6,010	5,945	1,416	1,578	1,535	1,450	5,988
" Females	5,584	5,659	5,729	1,330	1,507	1,477	1,444	5,758
Deaths—Males	2,239	2,374	2,368	515	497	623	624	2,259
" Females	1,746	1,683	1,776	406	392	488	464	1,750
Total State—								
Marriages	8,210	8,774	8,930	2,200	2,726	2,263	2,386	9,575
Births—Male	15,313	15,523	15,716	3,744	4,091	4,102	4,052	15,989
" Female	14,450	14,584	15,128	3,590	3,913	3,948	3,929	15,380
Deaths—Males	7,992	8,273	8,342	1,788	1,848	2,231	2,113	7,980
" Female	6,401	6,403	6,895	1,497	1,543	1,780	1,742	6,562
Excess of Births over Deaths	15,370	15,431	15,607	4,019	4,613	4,039	4,126	16,827

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES.

Causes of D.ath.	NUMBER OF DEATHS.							
	Year.			Quarter ended in 1907—				Year 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Decr.	
Metropolitan District—								
Typhoid Fever	71	41	46	15	16	9	10	50
Diphtheria	70	43	32	3	13	22	14	52
Measles .. .. .	..	46	2	..	1	11	16	28
Phthisis	681	626	601	148	144	170	172	634
Other Tubercular Diseases	221	201	202	34	43	48	38	163
Cancer	424	482	509	110	129	130	139	508
Other Urban Districts—								
Typhoid Fever	73	51	63	10	13	1	3	27
Diphtheria	46	13	11	3	5	8	9	25
Measles .. .. .	..	18	1	..	..	7	3	10
Phthisis	375	330	341	73	83	77	83	309
Other Tubercular Diseases	92	69	62	11	1	6	14	41
Cancer	242	248	162	61	..	66	49	218
Rural Districts—								
Typhoid Fever	46	29	53	6	..	..	4	14
Diphtheria	74	24	7	2	..	6	4	15
Measles .. .. .	..	15	4	..	..	1	2	3
Phthisis	286	279	271	48	..	78	83	270
Other Tubercular Diseases	63	72	71	10	..	7	13	37
Cancer	227	223	225	43	9	61	64	227
Total State—								
Typhoid Fever	190	121	162	31	53	10	17	91
Diphtheria	190	80	50	8	21	36	27	92
Measles .. .. .	..	79	7	..	1	19	21	41
Phthisis	1,342	1,235	1,213	2	288	318	338	1,213
Other Tubercular Diseases	376	342	335	55	60	61	65	241
Cancer	893	953	926	214	260	257	252	983

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

Sub-districts.	Municipal Estimates of Popula- tion, 31st December, 1907.	Births.					Deaths.			Excess of Births over Deaths.
		Including Twins and Illo- gitimate Children.			Cases of Twins.	Illegiti- mate Children.	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	
		Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.						
Melbourne City—Bourke Ward	13,100	62	22	40	2	1	29	15	14	33
" Gipps Ward	7,360	12	4	8	..	..	24	15	9	-12
" Lonsdale Ward	2,550	6	3	3	..	1	2	1	1	4
" La-Trobe Ward	3,540	2	..	2	..	..	1	..	1	1
" Albert Ward	7,870	16	6	10	1	..	20	16	4	-4
" Smith Ward	14,240	58	22	36	..	9	31	10	21	27
" Victoria Ward	21,150	147	69	78	1	20	50	25	25	97
" Hoptetoun Ward	28,750	218	13	125	3	17	72	34	38	146
Fitzroy City	33,240	201	108	93	1	15	90	44	46	111
Collingwood City	34,930	218	125	93	1	7	73	35	38	145
Richmond City	39,200	257	131	126	2	13	85	2	43	172
Brunswick Town*	27,080	216	112	104	..	7	64	35	29	152
Northcote Town	13,330	81	36	45	2	8	34	18	16	47
Prahran City	42,600	221	106	115	..	15	83	33	50	138
South Melbourne City	41,820	249	125	124	2	17	103	61	42	146
Port Melbourne Town	12,670	83	45	38	1	6	25	11	14	58
St. Kilda City	22,400	94	46	48	..	2	50	17	35	44
Brighton Town	11,500	58	23	35	2	..	35	12	23	23
Essendon Town	19,500	106	53	53	1	2	40	20	20	66
Hawthorn City	24,640	128	68	60	3	..	48	19	29	80
Kew Borough	9,200	50	27	23	..	2	20	10	10	30
Footscray City	19,470	147	87	60	1	2	44	24	20	103
Williamstown Town	13,810	88	51	37	1	2	54	26	28	34
Oakleigh Borough	1,570	7	5	2	..	2	6	3	3	1
Caulfield Town	11,830	58	29	29	1	1	22	11	11	36
Malvern Town	13,290	76	40	36	..	..	32	10	22	44
Camberwell Town	10,600	44	22	22	1	2	20	7	13	24
Preston Shire	4,350	28	16	12	..	..	14	3	11	14
Coburg Borough	8,090	44	28	16	..	2	26	14	12	18
Remainder of District	17,850	86	50	36	..	2	42	18	24	44
Hospitals, Asylums, &c.	4,740	310	163	147	2	150	561	331	230	-251
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and River	1,730	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	-1
Quarter ended—										
December	338,000	3,371	1,715	1,656	28	305	1,801	918	883	1,570
September		3,215	1,634	1,581	31	271	1,900	1,002	898	1,315
June		3,198	1,612	1,586	26	284	1,635	855	780	1,563
March		3,076	1,556	1,520	40	285	1,487	770	717	1,589
Total 1907		12,860	6,517	6,343	125†	1,145	6,823	3,545	3,278	6,037

* Constituted a City on the 8th January, 1908.

† Five cases of triplets also occurred during the year.

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	13	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	2	10	9	3	10	7	72	73	49	48	50
May	1	10	6	3	8	8	5	3	1	6	67	63	81	63	63
June	4	12	4	1	3	3	7	5	2	3	67	73	59	80	74
July	4	10	7	4	6	2	2	3	4	3	94	83	75	66	70
August	6	8	4	2	8	3	2	1	1	1	68	89	63	63	78
September	6	5	3	7	8	2	2	Nil	Nil	5	87	78	72	73	70
October	2	5	3	4	6	Nil	5	1	Nil	2	92	76	91	84	70
November	4	1	1	1	7	3	2	Nil	3	5	80	63	63	61	65
December	2	6	Nil	1	1	11	2	1	1	3	76	86	71	74	75
Total	40	70	43	32	52	65	71	41	46	50	916	902	827	803	797

THE BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, together with the Mean Temperature in the Shade, the Mean Atmospheric Pressure, the amount of Rainfall, and the number of days on which rain fell during the Quarter ended the 31st December, for each of the five years, 1903 to 1907, were as follow:—

Quarter ended 31st December—	Number of—		Mean Temperature.	Mean Height of Barometer.	Rain.	
	Births.	Deaths.			Number of—	
			°	Inches.	Inches.	Days.
1903	2,928	1,819	61.0	29.886	9.35	33
1904	2,895	1,588	60.2	29.858	4.12	22
1905	2,914	1,570	56.5	29.860	7.00	30
1906	3,046	1,789	58.2	29.840	6.14	32
1907	3,371	1,801	60.0	29.841	8.95	25

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

Quarter ended 31st December—	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Influenza.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Hydatids.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Tubercular Diseases.		Child-bearing (includes Puerperal Fev. &c.)
										Phtisis.	Other Tubercular Diseases.	
1903	2	3	6	26	8	14	2	4	127	183	65	13
1904 ... ..	...	3	5	4	12	9	3	...	116	157	68	17
1905	6	1	6	1	4	2	4	1	132	171	54	25
1906 ... ..	...	...	31	48	6	4	3	2	166	174	43	13
1907	16	1	39	2	14	10	5	...	139	172	38	17

AGES AT DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 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	178	145	8	4	29	13	10	8
1 and under 5 years	50	36	7	3	5	4	4	..
5 " 15 "	35	37	2	7	3	4	1	2
15 " 25 "	40	55	2	2	4	5	2	4
25 " 35 "	58	64	7	6	1	9	2	2
35 " 45 "	78	106	6	7	12	4	1	2
45 " 55 "	106	71	11	10	12	4	3	4
55 " 65 "	97	94	10	11	9	7	2	3
65 " 75 "	139	133	23	12	19	15	3	7
75 years and upwards	137	139	39	8	31	26	13	20
Total	918	883	118	70	128	91	41	52

CAUSES OF DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, QUARTER ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 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	3	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
Measles	7	9	1	..	1	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough	1	1	1	..	..	..	2	..
Diphtheria and Croup	4	10	2	3	..	2	..	..
Influenza	16	23	7	..	2	6	..	4
Dysentery	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Purulent Infection and Septicæmia	4	6	1	..	1	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of the Larynx	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of the Lungs	82	90	4	7	16	7	2	2
Tuberculosis of the Meninges	12	6	1	2	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of the Peritoneum	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pott's Disease .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Tuberculosis of Other Organs .. ..	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..
General Tuberculosis	3	10	1	..	..	..	..	1
Syphilis	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cancer, &c., of the Mouth	16	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Cancer, &c., of the Stomach and Liver	39	19	3	3	2	1	..	2
Cancer, &c., of the Peritoneum, the Intestines, and the Rectum	6	8	..	..	..	..	..	1
Cancer, &c., of the Female Genital Organs .. ..	..	14	..	1	..	..	..	1
Cancer, &c., of the Breast .. ..	..	12	..	..	..	1	..	2
Cancer, &c., of the Skin	4	..	1	..	1	..	..	..
Cancer, &c., of other Organs	11	16	2	..	..	..	..	1
Other Tumors (Tumors of Female Genital Organs excepted) .. ..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Articular Rheumatism	1	7	..	1	..	1	..	1
Chronic Rheumatism and Gout	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diabetes	11	7	..	..	..	..	..	2
Exophthalmic Goitre .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Leucæmia .. ..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Aldison's Disease	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anæmia, Chlorosis	1	3	1	..	..	..	1	..
Acute and Chronic Alcoholism .. ..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lead Poisoning	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Morphia Poisoning .. ..	..	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	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Simple Meningitis	10	12	1	1	4	..	1	..
Progressive Locomotor Ataxia	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Spinal Cord	6	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Congestion and Hæmorrhage of the Brain	32	42	6	..	4	4	3	3
Softening of the Brain .. .. .	..	2	..	2	..	..	2	..
Paralysis without indicated Cause	6	3	2	1	3	1	..	..
General Paralysis	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Forms of Mental Alienation	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Epilepsy	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Convulsions of Children under five years	3	6	..	2	..	..	..	..
Tetanus	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Nervous System	5	2	2	1	..	..	1	..
III. DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.								
Acute Endocarditis	8	10	5	..	..	..	..	..
Organic Diseases of the Heart	67	78	18	14	15	14	2	5
Angina Pectoris	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Diseases of the Arteries, Atheroma, Aneurism, &c.	15	5	1	..	..	..	..	2
Embolism and Thrombosis	2	5	1	..	1	1	..	..
Diseases of the Veins (Varicæ, Varicose, Ulcer and Hæmorrhoids) .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hæmorrhage	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..
IV. DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.								
Diseases of the Larynx .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Thyroid Body .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Acute Bronchitis	1	2	..	..	..	1	2	1
Chronic Bronchitis	14	18	6	1	3	3	1	1
Broncho-pneumonia	29	16	7	2	4	4	1	..
Pneumonia	45	42	..	3	5	2	3	..
Pleurisy	5	1	1	2	..	1	..	..
Congestion of the Lungs and Pulmonary Apoplexy	5	3	..	1	..	1	1	..
Gangrene of the Lungs	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Asthma	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pulmonary Emphysema .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of Respiratory System (Consumption excepted)	4	..	2	..	1	1	..	..
V. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.								
Diseases of the Mouth and its associated Organs	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Pharynx .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Diseases of the Æsophagus .. .. .	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..
Ulcer of the Stomach	6	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Stomach (Cancer excepted)	7	4	1	2	1	1	..	..
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (Children under two years)	76	65	..	..	13	8	2	1
Diarrhœa and Enteritis Chronic (Children under two years)	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Diarrhœa and Enteritis (over two years of age)	10	25	..	1	2	1	1	2
Hernia, Intestinal Obstruction	8	7	3	2	1	2	..	1
Other Diseases of the Intestines .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Icterus Gravis	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hydatid Tumors of the Liver	1	3	..	..	1	1	..	..
Cirrhosis of the Liver	11	10	..	3	..	..	..	1
Biliary Calculi	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Liver	4	1	..	1	1	..	..	..
Diseases of Spleen	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Simple Peritonitis (non-puerperal)	2	3	1	3	..	2	..	..
Appendicitis and Abscess of the Iliac Fossa	6	4	3	1	..	1	1	..
VI. DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINAL SYSTEM AND ADNEXA.								
Acute Nephritis	3	1	..	..	3	..	..	..
Bright's Disease	68	46	..	1	3	1	1	1
Other Diseases of the Kidneys and their Adnexa	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Bladder	8	2	..	..	..	..	1	..
Hydatids of Bladder	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Urethra, Urinary Abscess, &c.	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Prostate	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Uterine Hæmorrhage (non-puerperal) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Uterine Tumor (non-cancerous) .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Uterus .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Female Genital Organs .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..

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 .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Hemorrhage .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	..	4	..	1	..	1	..	1
Puerperal Albuminuria and Eclampsia .. .. .	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Puerperal Accidents .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
VIII. DISEASES OF THE SKIN AND OF THE CELLULAR TISSUE.								
Gangrene	1	5	..	1	..	1	..	..
Carbuncle	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phlegmon, Acute Abscess .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Skin and Adnexa	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
IX. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.								
Non-tuberculous Diseases of the Bones .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Arthritis and other Diseases of the Joints (Tuberculosis and Rheumatism excepted) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Amputation	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
X. MALFORMATIONS.								
Congenital Malformation (exclusive of Stillborn)	6	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
XI. INFANCY.								
Congenital Debility, Icterus and Scleroma of Children under 3 months of age	19	13	..	..	3	1	2	2
Premature Birth	30	21	1	..	8	4	1	2
Other Diseases peculiar to Infancy .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
XII. OLD AGE.								
Senile Debility	43	44	18	2	12	11	3	6
XIII. VIOLENCE.								
Suicide by—								
Poison	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hanging or Strangulation	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firearms	4	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Cutting Instruments	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Throwing himself before a railway train	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fractures	10	3	..	..	1	..	..	..
Other Accidental Injuries	15	3	5	1	6	1	3	1
Burning by Fire	2	6	..	1	1	..	..	..
Scalds	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Insolation	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Accidental Drowning	5	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Found Drowned	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Inhalation of Noxious Gases (Suicide excepted)	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suffocation	7	6	..	..	..	1	..	..
Poison (accidental)—								
Aconite .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Carbolic Acid	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Permanganate of Potash .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lysol .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Strychnine	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other External Violence—								
Murder	2	3	..	..	2	..	..	..
XIV. ILL-DEFINED DISEASES.								
Dropsy	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sudden Death .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unspecified or Ill-defined Causes of Death	17	13	1	..	..	..	..	..
Total	918	883	118	70	128	91	41	52

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MELBOURNE OBSERVATORY, QUARTER ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1907.
(As supplied by the Government Astronomer.)

Detail.	Month of October.	Month of November.	Month of December.
Temperature—Highest in the shade	89.3 on the 29th ..	94.8 on the 12th ..	105.3 on the 25th
Lowest in the shade	38.3 on the 6th ..	44.3 on the 19th ..	45.5 on the 20th
Mean in the shade	55.8	63.2	61.1
Greatest range	44.1 on the 25th ..	40.2 on the 17th ..	53.4 on the 25th
Least range	6.8 on the 26th ..	.7 on the 3rd ..	5.3 on the 27th
Mean daily range	19.6	17.4	20.1
Barometer—Maximum inches	30.345 on the 4th ..	30.332 on the 7th ..	30.200 on the 31st
Minimum	29.374 on the 18th	29.303 on the 22nd	29.365 on the 7th
Mean	29.844	29.872	29.806
Rain—Number of days	9	8	8
.. inches	1.51	2.34	5.10
Average rainfall in corresponding month of previous ten years inches	2.33	1.67	1.69
Fog occurred—Number of days .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	..
Mean Humidity .. ..	.629 .. ..	.631 .. ..	.669

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, MELBOURNE OBSERVATORY, DURING YEAR 1907.
(As supplied by the Government Astronomer.)

Detail.	
Temperature—Highest in the Shade °	105.3. on the 25th December
Lowest °	30.2. on the 26th June
Mean °	56.7
Greatest range °	53.4. on the 25th December
Least °	.7. on the 3rd November
Mean daily range °	18.0
Barometer—Maximum inches	30.529. on the 6th June
Minimum	29.303. on the 22nd November
Mean	29.915
Rain—Number of Days	102
.. Inches	22.26
Average Rainfall previous ten years inches	25.50
Fog occurred—Number of Days	17
Mean Humidity .. ..	.699

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF STATE REVENUE.

Head of Receipt.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Land Tax	100,169	97,879	98,250	18,423	28,943	15,721	29,833
Income Tax	319,671	323,337	322,425	21,195	299,590	32,053	9,577
Probate Duty	284,523	288,095	335,493	80,818	165,786	58,929	87,075
Stamp Duty	166,242	190,613	212,553	57,648	57,478	56,087	56,352
Alienation of Crown Lands	271,717	268,113	182,385	66,139	37,960	36,354	33,509
Leases and Licences	102,843	107,067	106,979	31,952	23,872	37,740	23,399
Railways*	3,609,201	3,655,982	3,856,336	1,138,750	1,007,143	851,195	1,080,187
Electric Street Railway .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	5,818	3,212	2,081	1,915	2,819
Interest on Loans	96,764	68,492	66,913	21,854	9,898	24,886	33,875
Repayments of Loans	2,024	3,787	7,455	3,168	2,702	1,096	1,811
Balance of Commonwealth Revenue	2,105,825	1,931,312	2,191,258	648,082	433,011	726,747	610,952
Other Revenue	543,370	559,370	652,115	143,942	249,135	157,347	155,445
Total State Revenue	7,602,349	7,494,047	8,037,980	2,235,183	2,317,599	2,000,070	2,124,834
Corresponding period previous year	6,878,386	7,602,349	7,494,047	2,223,591	2,065,123	1,890,363	1,865,193
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+ 723,963	- 108,302	+ 543,933	+ 11,592	+ 252,476	+ 109,707	+ 259,641

* Revenue as received at the Treasury.

STATE EXPENDITURE.

Head of Expenditure.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.				
Chief Secretary	£ 605,000	£ 587,153	£ 630,411	£ 164,079	£ 207,547	£ 109,421	£ 175,591
Minister of Public Instruction .. .	557,556	555,820	619,355	153,147	203,331	99,833	165,042
Attorney-General .. .	67,929	67,068	75,024	17,637	19,694	12,428	19,131
Solicitor-General .. .	51,110	51,951	57,885	15,186	14,765	9,081	14,089
Treasurer .. .	234,018	220,631	246,630	61,201	73,365	36,627	63,542
Commissioner, Lands and Survey .. .	77,840	77,439	88,770	23,206	31,732	14,844	24,648
Commissioner Public Works .. .	131,742	140,455	187,726	49,840	91,431	41,609	101,712
Minister, Mines .. .	59,339	44,969	63,079	15,008	19,541	9,134	17,977
" Water Supply .. .	59,339	33,342	46,150	15,222	18,693	9,717	18,035
" Agriculture .. .	79,441	73,807	71,485	22,086	27,719	16,044	21,964
" Health .. .	15,767	16,998	17,993	5,616	5,809	2,791	5,122
" Railways* .. .	1,888,027	1,794,456	1,929,516	468,751	676,997	233,103	642,970
Special Appropriations .. .	2,839,169	2,710,653	2,910,669	349,483	384,878	1,481,397	417,381
Total Expenditure .. .	6,606,947	6,374,742	6,944,693	1,361,452	1,775,502	2,078,029	1,687,504
Corresponding period, previous year .. .	6,453,849	6,606,947	6,374,742	1,412,340	1,607,130	2,118,585	1,806,638
Increase (+); Decrease (-) .. .	+153,098	-232,205	+569,951	-50,888	+168,372	-40,556	-119,134

* 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.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.				
Customs* .. .	£ 1,998,005	£ 1,888,001	£ 2,074,055	£ 569,008	£ 455,426	£ 727,267	£ 596,455
Excise* .. .	519,964	545,952	592,904	150,421	151,252	163,590	213,914
Post, Telegraph, and Telephone .. .	670,709	701,410	779,540	225,357	173,291	213,830	205,679
Other .. .	10,644	10,423	19,599	10,130	3,558	3,113	5,463
Total .. .	3,199,322	3,145,786	3,466,098	954,916	783,527	1,107,800	1,021,511
Corresponding period, previous year .. .	3,140,300	3,109,322	3,145,786	885,284	782,278	1,000,358	798,859
Increase (+); Decrease (-) .. .	+ 59,022	-53,536	+320,312	+69,632	+1,249	+107,442	+222,652

* 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.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.				
From Customs—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Stimulants .. .	523,810	534,767	553,337	134,611	141,490	145,980	153,742
Narcotics .. .	241,348	248,151	265,247	59,152	60,237	138,980	6,946
Sugar .. .	187,365	79,400	97,504	24,515	9,406	6,392	2,028
Agricultural Products and Groceries .. .	161,046	178,905	178,906	39,352	38,244	40,423	57,177
Apparel and Textiles .. .	416,742	396,714	439,206	174,812	69,611	204,839	126,206
Metals and Machinery .. .	99,801	93,756	124,078	38,781	33,532	46,583	67,658
Oils, Paints, and Varnishes .. .	36,533	33,202	43,991	9,120	9,654	12,509	15,608
Earthenware .. .	45,014	46,129	50,339	11,413	11,553	19,121	29,311
Drugs and Chemicals .. .	15,368	15,287	15,124	3,828	3,671	4,344	5,617
Wood, Wicker, and Cane .. .	74,279	84,996	90,705	20,285	24,546	27,457	35,779
Jewellery and Fancy Goods .. .	49,267	45,097	56,145	12,241	11,084	20,375	21,791
Leather and Rubber .. .	40,787	33,783	42,758	10,703	9,889	14,079	15,038
Paper and Stationery .. .	33,212	30,448	39,741	9,929	9,071	13,071	20,975
Vehicles .. .	23,044	21,758	28,236	7,873	8,386	9,559	18,590
Musical Instruments .. .	19,370	14,490	18,677	4,363	5,287	8,714	7,332
From Excise—							
Spirits .. .	90,730	91,342	94,781	20,553	27,561	26,391	60,782
Beer .. .	167,396	166,326	174,761	49,341	37,263	40,071	35,992
Tobacco .. .	148,012	149,744	168,393	39,390	44,116	49,508	32,429
Sugar .. .	103,320	126,527	143,491	37,819	39,316	47,023	58,686
Starch .. .	7,761	9,472	9,160	2,685	2,740	2,704	2,065
Licences—Tobacco and Cigars .. .	951	950	1,014	254	255	392	394
All other Licences .. .	1,794	1,591	1,301	1,379	..	..	1,067

* 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.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Trade and Customs	67,965	67,562	65,664	15,569	16,263	15,513	16,012
Defence	245,472	242,603	256,989	64,891	63,959	68,646	66,411
Postmaster-General	635,091	648,199	627,703	151,735	174,586	172,275	180,271
Other "Transferred" Expenditure ..	35	20	20	..	..	89	..
Total "Transferred" Expenditure ..	948,563	958,384	950,376	232,195	254,838	256,523	262,634
Proportion of "New" Expenditure ..	139,707	143,834	205,473	42,804	35,680	102,064	133,123
New Works, &c., for Transferred Departments		93,281	116,345	31,794	63,929	15,730	30,174
Total Commonwealth Expenditure debited to Victoria	1,088,270	1,195,499	1,272,194	303,793	351,547	374,317	425,931
Corresponding period, previous year	1,121,571	1,088,270	1,195,499	265,562	331,411	310,481	364,740
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	- 33,301	+107,229	+ 76,695	+41,231	+23,136	+63,836	+61,191

RAILWAY REVENUE.

Source of Revenue.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Passengers	1,380,904	1,438,919	1,562,645	451,400	388,241	394,618	464,764
Parcels, &c.	133,495	146,226	146,365	38,594	38,381	35,973	41,185
Horses, Carriages, and Dogs ..	13,348	13,648	14,272	3,999	3,640	4,137	2,968
Mails	58,689	61,193	61,375	15,359	15,701	15,302	15,445
Rents	52,626	56,533	54,656	14,272	14,373	14,055	14,447
Miscellaneous	24,608	12,419	12,340	3,013	2,941	2,724	3,028
Live Stock	157,549	196,137	215,820	51,873	44,697	49,181	102,784
Goods	1,802,314	1,731,810	1,839,496	572,639	420,747	374,056	445,768
Total Revenue	3,623,433	3,656,885	3,906,969	1,151,758	928,721	890,046	1,090,389
Corresponding period, previous year	2,990,789	3,623,433	3,656,885	1,094,215	880,592	847,132	1,085,030
Increase	632,644	33,452	250,084	57,543	48,129	42,914	5,359

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Expenditure exclusive of Gratuities and Pensions	1,904,607	1,945,503	2,056,294	577,206	528,538	555,835	549,408
Gratuities and Pensions	101,073	97,090	108,574	24,645	28,567	25,282	24,391
Total Expenditure	2,005,680	2,042,593	2,164,868	581,941	557,105	581,117	573,799
Corresponding period, previous year ..	1,987,783	2,005,680	2,042,593	561,183	555,177	509,606	538,902
Increase	17,897	36,913	122,275	20,758	1,928	71,511	34,897

OTHER RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Item.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
	1904.	1905.	1906.				
Train Miles run	9,101,478	9,180,293	9,677,865	2,800,871	2,458,794	2,423,623	2,699,990
Revenue per Train Mile	7s. 11-54d.	7s. 11-60d.	8s. 0-89d.	8s. 2-69d.	7s. 6-65d.	7s. 4-14d.	8s. 0-92d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile	3s. 9-32d.	3s. 8-74d.	3s. 9-89d.	4s. 2-94d.	3s. 3-06d.	2s. 9-16d.	4s. 0-09d.
Expenditure per Train Mile	4s. 2-22d.	4s. 2-86d.	4s. 3-00d.	3s. 11-75d.	4s. 3-59d.	4s. 7-04d.	4s. 0-83d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue ..	52-56	53-20	52-61	48-39	56-91	62-45	50-39
Number of Passengers	57,319,564	61,825,186	67,479,448	17,463,367	18,044,609	17,979,704	19,124,227
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	3,399,000	3,300,282	3,485,496	1,165,380	912,878	791,941	783,924
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic	225,077	284,340	302,295	81,044	68,615	76,463	130,894
Corresponding Period, Previous Year.							
Train Miles run	9,116,106	9,101,478	9,180,293	2,613,417	2,288,201	2,260,676	2,515,573
Revenue per Train Mile	6s. 6-74d.	7s. 11-54d.	7s. 11-60d.	8s. 4-49d.	7s. 8-36d.	7s. 5-93d.	8s. 7-52d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile	2s. 5-14d.	3s. 9-32d.	3s. 8-74d.	4s. 3-24d.	3s. 0-86d.	3s. 2-58d.	4s. 7-13d.
Expenditure per Train Mile	4s. 1-60d.	4s. 2-22d.	4s. 2-86d.	4s. 1-25d.	4s. 7-50d.	4s. 3-35d.	4s. 0-39d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue ..	62-99	52-56	53-20	49-01	60-19	57-10	46-74
Number of Passengers	53,040,046	57,319,564	61,825,186	16,486,822	16,580,019	16,781,161	17,631,446
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	2,651,054	3,399,000	3,300,282	1,126,499	786,726	745,260	827,080
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic	327,411	225,077	284,340	68,032	68,608	63,508	102,087

VICTORIAN BANKING RETURNS—QUARTERLY AVERAGES.

	Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th September, 1907.	Quarter ended 31st December, 1907.
(a) LIABILITIES—				
Notes in circulation not bearing interest ..	£ 936,610	£ 911,603	£ 844,016	£ 889,357
Bills in circulation not bearing interest ..	210,886	288,748	198,252	297,350
Balances due to other Banks ..	182,779	164,320	192,890	182,696
Deposits—Government—				
Not bearing interest ..	220,294	244,821	223,374	222,586
Bearing interest ..	3,535,652	2,941,048	2,884,440	2,443,069
Deposits—other—				
Not bearing interest ..	14,327,678	13,767,431	12,761,273	13,409,272
Bearing interest ..	20,082,322	20,467,919	20,955,126	21,187,535
Perpetual Inscribed Stock ..	965,757	971,959	979,049	984,827
Total Liabilities ..	40,491,978	39,757,849	39,043,429	39,616,692
Corresponding period 1906 ..	38,335,770	37,970,454	37,883,084	38,877,692
Increase ..	2,156,208	1,787,395	1,159,745	739,000
(b) ASSETS—				
Coined gold, silver, and other coined metal ..	6,568,134	6,968,370	7,411,458	7,661,166
Gold and silver in bullion and bars ..	396,820	369,617	384,111	382,614
Landed and other property ..	1,860,767	1,850,728	1,846,736	1,844,237
Notes and Bills of other Banks ..	434,424	323,228	326,983	379,077
Balances due from other Banks ..	283,177	238,778	252,660	226,254
All debts due to Banks ..	31,020,756	31,894,070	32,569,272	33,238,732
Total Assets ..	40,564,078	41,644,791	42,791,220	43,732,080
Corresponding period 1906 ..	39,074,565	39,515,384	40,689,595	40,949,484
Increase ..	889,513	2,129,407	2,101,625	2,782,596
(c)				
Ratio of Coin and Bullion to Liabilities ..	17.20%	18.46%	19.97%	20.30%
Total Capital paid up ..	13,009,043	13,015,781	13,441,231	13,441,231
Amount of last declared dividend and bonus ..	531,536	522,459	522,459	549,604
Reserves ..	4,745,713	4,998,669	5,152,920	5,234,983

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	55,577	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
" " 30th June, 1907 ..	2,418,655	2,212,230	21,552	14,480	491,318	12,792,591*
" " 30th Sept. 1907 ..	2,522,427	2,491,005	23,883	17,123	498,078	12,824,821
" " 31st Dec. 1907 ..	2,498,295	2,374,368	19,152	15,837	501,393	12,951,779

* Includes interest, £296,015.

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
" June " ..	195,771
" Sept. " ..	179,269
" Dec. " ..	208,683
Total ..	69,956,447
Value ..	£279,471,591

IMPORTS DURING THE MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER QUARTERS OF 1907.

Articles	Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.			Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.			Quarter ended 30th September, 1907.			Quarter ended 31st December, 1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Apparel and Soft Goods ..	£ 22,501	£ 1,408,758	£ 1,431,259	£ 20,459	£ 806,649	£ 827,108	£ 17,672	£ 1,550,905	£ 1,568,577	£ 17,397	£ 927,691	£ 945,088
Coal ..	115,459	..	115,459	123,196	..	123,196	129,872	40	129,912	129,854	..	129,854
Gold—Billion and Specie ..	107,380	97,213	204,593	77,955	96,657	174,612	91,078	89,220	180,298	162,011	119,219	281,230
Implements and Agricultural Machinery	5,642	52,987	58,629	4,549	19,482	24,031	3,376	23,829	27,205	5,083	69,585	65,668
Machines and Machinery ..	4,374	168,122	172,496	5,632	194,354	199,986	6,883	226,375	233,258	7,257	224,486	231,743
Iron and Steel ..	..	203,870	203,870	..	231,786	231,786	3,401	210,165	213,566	4,342	130,472	134,814
Jute Goods—Bags and Sacks	.. 518	74,377	74,895	1,584	58,519	60,103	606	106,074	106,680	384	129,556	129,940
Leather ..	11,136	38,266	49,399	16,879	65,799	72,678	15,779	66,711	82,490	16,951	47,370	64,321
Oils in Bulk (including Kerosene)	4,012	94,850	98,862	2,544	87,943	90,487	3,623	62,789	66,412	1,338	119,448	120,786
Paper ..	847	102,040	102,887	390	101,080	101,470	329	105,703	106,122	473	108,388	108,761
Skins and Hides ..	73,535	31,679	105,214	92,319	45,179	137,498	133,639	44,096	178,035	107,181	34,695	141,876
Spirits ..	6,045	56,064	62,109	4,445	69,647	74,092	7,287	79,490	86,777	10,031	70,965	80,996
Sugar ..	75,109	2,868	77,977	39,213	14,082	53,295	259,899	10,971	270,870	378,878	64	378,942
Tea ..	..	110,207	110,207	..	106,025	106,025	..	142,080	142,080	..	136,998	136,998
Timber ..	29,107	138,273	167,380	30,803	139,963	170,766	27,174	148,375	175,549	39,126	204,669	243,795
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes	14,586	64,234	78,820	14,932	108,836	123,768	14,481	86,356	100,837	20,890	54,379	75,469
Wool ..	482,701	7,342	490,043	45,078	4,373	49,451	883,418	7,705	891,123	1,076,152	4,480	1,080,632
All other Articles ..	1,094,188	1,753,411	2,847,599	885,998	1,778,358	2,664,356	981,458	1,899,962	2,881,420	1,743,794	2,334,984	4,078,778
Total ..	2,047,134	4,404,594	6,451,728	1,365,976	3,917,742	5,283,718	2,680,275	1,890,936	4,571,211	4,312,242	4,768,549	9,029,791

EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIAN STATES DURING THE MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER QUARTERS OF 1907.

Articles.	Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.			Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.			Quarter ended 30th September, 1907.			Quarter ended 31st December, 1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Apparel and Attire ..	£ 134,907	£ 38,048	£ 172,955	£ 167,557	£ 45,333	£ 212,890	£ 171,021	£ 35,025	£ 206,046	£ 174,261	£ 27,362	£ 201,623
Bacon and Hams ..	34,042	2	34,044	40,936	2	40,938	9,075	..	9,075	39,280	40	39,320
Boots and Shoes ..	65,629	3,409	69,038	110,464	3,956	114,420	114,472	3,349	117,821	149,911	3,061	152,972
Butter ..	90,016	..	90,016	92,258	..	92,258	99,337	..	99,337	92,397	65	92,462
Confectionery ..	30,719	526	31,245	42,486	547	43,033	41,642	605	42,247	50,968	1,220	52,188
Implements and Agricultural Machinery ..	33,042	11,764	44,806	35,568	9,564	45,132	29,327	7,233	36,560	54,498	13,000	67,498
Jams and Jellies ..	19,601	23	19,624	19,090	26	19,116	19,910	27	19,937	22,900	51	22,951
Leather ..	32,425	12,703	45,128	39,826	8,207	47,533	37,745	15,398	53,138	33,421	6,951	40,372
Sugar ..	17,728	6,602	24,330	16,891	1,985	18,876	18,433	107	18,540	15,750	837	16,587
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes ..	53,301	4,933	58,234	66,300	5,728	72,028	81,831	6,431	88,262	74,480	5,247	79,727
Wool ..	58,257	..	58,257	7,249	..	7,249	5,929	..	5,929	60,201	..	60,201
Woolen Piece Goods ..	33,466	23,079	56,545	29,072	31,238	60,310	26,593	33,797	60,390	18,545	19,872	38,417
All other Articles ..	1,653,416	584,348	2,237,764	1,163,779	589,646	1,753,425	1,399,895	715,925	2,115,420	1,736,729	680,246	2,416,975
Total ..	2,256,849	685,434	2,942,283	1,830,976	696,232	2,527,208	2,055,205	817,497	2,872,702	2,523,341	735,042	3,258,383

EXPORTS OVERSEA DURING THE MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER QUARTERS OF 1907.

Articles.	Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.			Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.			Quarter ended 30th September, 1907.			Quarter ended 31st December, 1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce e.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Butter ..	£ 616,575	£ ..	£ 616,575	£ 51,708	£ ..	£ 51,708	£ 93,768	£ ..	£ 93,768	£ 782,785	£ ..	£ 782,785
Gold—Ballion and Specie ..	210,838	..	210,838	438,010	180	438,190	377,710	..	377,710	483,353	..	483,353
Grain and Pulse—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oats ..	20,170	91	20,261	10,539	..	10,539	11,805	..	11,805	7,482	..	7,482
Wheat ..	908,631	..	908,631	390,939	..	390,939	311,937	..	311,937	149,729	..	149,729
Flour ..	117,179	..	117,179	194,830	..	194,830	128,894	..	128,894	93,564	..	93,564
Hay and Chaff ..	3,516	..	3,516	3,289	..	3,289	3,473	..	3,473	4,748	..	4,748
Leather ..	49,333	1,387	50,720	40,512	1,277	41,789	41,634	1,630	43,264	57,971	4,277	62,248
Meats ..	238,063	3	238,066	61,847	17	61,864	98,396	6	98,402	273,001	..	273,001
Skins and Hides ..	239,632	25	239,657	165,694	25	165,719	235,088	..	235,088	338,717	..	338,717
Tallow ..	84,589	..	84,589	48,469	..	48,469	23,196	..	23,196	49,504	..	49,504
Wool ..	2,581,927	..	2,581,927	201,919	..	201,919	233,129	..	233,129	1,220,741	..	1,220,741
All other Articles ..	501,457	80,478	581,935	493,234	69,632	562,866	511,232	82,776	594,008	545,872	89,301	635,263
Total ..	5,571,912	81,984	5,653,896	2,130,990	71,401	2,202,391	2,070,262	84,412	2,154,674	7,007,467	93,668	7,101,135

VALUE OF ARTICLES IMPORTED AND EXPORTED EACH MONTH—1906 AND 1907.

Month.	1906.			1907.		
	Inter-State.	Oversea.	Total.	Inter-State.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports.</i>						
January ..	685,936	1,278,005	1,963,941	932,818	1,601,456	2,534,304
February ..	531,814	1,189,033	1,720,847	765,603	1,364,448	2,130,051
March ..	472,066	1,190,390	1,662,456	530,851	1,256,522	1,787,373
April ..	458,768	833,463	1,292,231	511,029	1,283,393	1,794,432
May ..	517,245	1,253,097	1,770,342	558,964	1,209,734	1,759,618
June ..	471,313	1,056,577	1,527,890	504,040	1,225,548	1,729,588
July ..	491,335	1,331,990	1,823,325	575,957	1,614,317	2,190,274
August ..	718,250	1,456,187	2,174,437	754,169	1,466,402	2,220,571
September ..	1,135,949	1,230,196	2,366,145	1,462,794	1,567,572	3,030,366
October ..	1,810,735	1,388,366	3,199,101	1,786,273	1,393,732	3,180,005
November ..	1,676,849	1,202,518	2,879,367	1,660,429	1,432,157	3,092,586
December ..	1,408,979	1,445,315	2,854,294	1,053,767	1,694,453	2,748,220
Total ..	10,373,239	14,855,163	25,228,402	11,096,734	17,100,714	28,197,448
<i>Exports.</i>						
January ..	482,639	3,066,034	3,548,673	950,389	2,468,099	3,418,488
February ..	610,354	1,804,221	2,414,575	1,057,622	2,144,489	3,202,111
March ..	771,279	1,562,189	2,333,468	934,272	1,041,308	1,975,580
April ..	839,737	772,815	1,612,552	879,700	654,972	1,534,672
May ..	1,264,836	918,298	2,183,134	837,092	848,277	1,685,369
June ..	820,041	532,008	1,352,049	819,416	699,142	1,518,558
July ..	777,180	698,248	1,475,428	791,899	782,329	1,574,228
August ..	827,753	882,606	1,710,359	1,162,955	634,422	1,797,377
September ..	1,247,500	875,843	2,123,343	917,848	737,623	1,655,471
October ..	988,210	1,605,556	2,593,766	1,016,219	1,892,642	2,908,861
November ..	894,639	2,371,104	3,265,743	1,310,508	2,658,278	3,968,786
December ..	1,258,783	3,020,807	4,279,590	954,356	2,550,215	3,504,571
Total ..	10,807,972	18,110,020	28,917,992	11,623,576	17,112,096	28,735,672

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS—1903 TO 1907.

Year.	Total Value of—					
	Imports.			Exports.		
	Inter-State.	Oversea.	Total.	Inter-State.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1903 ..	5,519,556	12,339,615	17,859,171	8,522,056	11,183,012	19,707,068
1904 ..	7,354,018	12,742,424	20,096,442	8,232,223	16,172,694	24,404,917
1905 ..	9,350,051	12,957,855	22,307,906	8,730,187	14,028,641	22,758,828
1906 ..	10,379,239	14,855,163	25,234,402	10,807,972	18,110,020	28,917,992
1907 ..	11,096,734	17,100,714	28,197,448	11,623,576	17,112,096	28,735,672

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED DURING 1906 AND 1907 (INTER-STATE AND OVERSEA).

Article.	1906.			1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ale and Beer	8,042	98,170	106,212	9,134	106,605	115,739
Animals (Horses, Cattle, and Sheep)	1,821,978	49,541	1,871,519	2,312,916	41,983	2,354,899
Apparel and Soft Goods	70,851	3,978,349	4,049,200	78,029	4,694,003	4,772,032
Boots and Shoes	27,761	100,836	128,597	36,233	103,463	144,696
Coal	471,897	3,909	475,806	489,381	40	489,421
Cocoa and Chocolate	59	90,401	90,460	282	124,830	125,112
Copper and Copper in Matte	354,512		354,512	317,520	33	317,553
Cordage and Twines	3,283	175,595	178,878	1,504	196,072	197,576
Drugs and Chemicals	59,760	226,481	286,241	59,350	264,970	324,320
Earthenware, China, &c.	769	85,099	85,868	535	114,884	115,419
Fruits (Fresh and Dried)	104,796	67,633	172,339	127,819	55,353	183,172
Gold (Bullion and Specie)	374,080	544,827	918,907	438,424	401,309	839,733
Hats and Caps	4,907	170,380	175,287	6,262	195,882	202,144
Implements and Machinery	41,138	637,429	678,567	42,796	970,220	1,013,016
Iron and Steel	506	710,488	710,994	7,843	776,303	784,146
Jute Goods (Bags, Sacks, &c.)	328	459,356	460,684	3,092	368,526	371,618
Leather	65,385	216,812	282,197	60,739	208,149	268,888
Manures	6,521	210,339	216,860	5,538	189,025	194,563
Metals—Manufactures of	18,057	916,747	934,804	23,776	1,143,214	1,166,990
Oils in Bulk	8,542	328,901	337,443	11,517	365,001	376,518
Paper	2,289	366,629	368,918	2,039	417,201	419,240
Skins and Hides	325,416	120,564	445,980	406,974	155,649	562,623
Spirits	20,811	272,360	293,171	27,808	276,196	304,004
Sugar	524,681	240,227	764,908	753,099	27,985	781,084
Tea		366,557	366,557		495,310	495,310
Timber	115,947	565,128	681,075	126,210	631,280	757,490
Tobacco, &c.	56,637	271,477	328,114	64,889	314,438	379,327
Vehicles	5,149	194,145	199,294	6,868	288,915	295,786
Wool	3,571,906	6,150	3,578,056	3,037,349	23,900	3,111,249
All other Articles	1,628,326	4,074,628	5,702,954	1,797,701	4,936,079	6,733,780
Total	9,694,244	15,540,168	25,234,402	10,305,627	17,891,821	28,197,448

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO AUSTRALIAN STATES DURING 1906 AND 1907.

Article.	1906.			1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Animals (Horses, Cattle, and Sheep)	1,199,499	4,183	1,203,682	1,000,030	3,731	1,003,761
Apparel and Attire	507,950	107,912	615,862	647,446	145,765	793,211
Biscuits	35,348	232	35,580	37,934	130	38,064
Boots and Shoes	358,770	11,280	370,050	440,476	13,775	454,251
Butter	434,320	3	434,323	374,008	65	374,073
Confectionery	150,024	2,274	152,298	165,815	2,898	168,713
Fruits—Fresh	64,848	3,884	68,732	97,986	2,387	100,373
Grain, &c.—						
Oats	107,209	47	107,256	71,159	40	71,199
Wheat and Flour	118,237	46	118,283	98,486		98,486
Malt	103,521	121	103,642	132,306	781	133,087
Hats and Caps	106,130	27,036	133,166	130,458	33,445	163,903
Hay and Chaff	133,240		133,240	126,966		126,966
Implements—Agricultural	176,429	47,288	223,717	153,035	41,651	194,686
Jams and Jellies	79,435	193	79,628	81,501	127	81,628
Leather	123,622	40,532	164,154	142,912	43,259	186,171
Onions	78,630		78,630			62,002
Piece Goods—Woolen	80,476	91,433	171,909	107,676	107,986	215,662
Potatoes	174,283	1	174,284	54,824		54,824
Hides	37,532	106	37,638	31,370	584	31,954
Skins—Sheep	19,998		19,998	48,190	8	48,198
Starch	47,641	742	48,383	62,386	266	62,652
Tobacco, &c.	235,102	20,864	255,966	275,912	22,339	298,251
Wool	127,430	12	127,442	131,636		131,636
All other Articles	3,909,796	2,040,403	5,950,199	4,191,857	2,537,968	6,729,825
Total	8,409,380	2,398,592	10,807,972	8,666,371	2,957,205	11,623,576

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED OVERSEA, 1906 AND 1907.

Article.	1906.			1907.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Animals (Horses, Cattle, and Sheep) ..	174,710	15	174,725	177,370	593	177,963
Apparel and Soft Goods ..	40,383	29,248	69,631	8,313	29,308	37,621
Biscuits ..	7,678	1	7,679	15,039	..	15,039
Boots and Shoes ..	12,902	730	13,632	17,951	866	18,817
Butter ..	1,633,514	1,759	1,635,273	1,544,836	..	1,544,836
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	3,187	429	3,616	8,076	325	8,401
Fruits (Fresh and Dried) ..	28,304	748	29,052	110,858	2,218	113,076
Gold (Bullion and Specie) ..	2,932,376	544,827	3,477,203	1,509,911	150	1,510,061
Grain, &c.—						
Oats ..	15,371	..	15,371	49,996	91	50,087
Wheat ..	2,255,331	..	2,255,331	1,761,236	..	1,761,236
Flour ..	508,656	..	508,656	534,467	..	534,467
Hay and Chaff ..	7,806	..	7,806	15,026	..	15,026
Indiarubber Goods ..	29,645	3,599	33,244	38,681	2,047	40,728
Jams and Jellies ..	9,121	..	9,121	11,135	..	11,135
Leather ..	192,267	7,291	199,558	189,450	8,571	198,021
Implements and Machinery ..	64,053	20,773	84,826	49,495	19,119	68,614
Manures ..	2,013	1,330	3,343	12,077	1,506	13,583
Meats—						
Mutton and Lamb ..	383,705	..	383,705	479,712	..	479,712
Rabbits and Hares ..	221,064	..	221,064	154,789	..	154,789
Other ..	34,045	414	34,459	36,808	31	36,839
Oils in Bulk ..	35,858	6,131	41,989	43,957	6,307	50,264
Skins and Hides ..	928,738	29	928,767	1,009,131	50	1,009,181
Soap ..	13,287	2,276	15,563	14,185	2,626	16,811
Sugar ..	53	16,044	16,097	5	58,378	58,383
Tallow ..	204,776	..	204,776	205,758	..	205,758
Tea ..	..	20,422	20,422	..	18,657	18,657
Tobacco, &c. ..	36,836	1,687	38,523	54,047	479	54,526
Wine ..	55,766	2,193	57,959	71,444	1,640	73,084
Wool ..	6,026,940	..	6,026,940	7,237,716	..	7,237,716
All other Articles ..	1,415,740	175,949	1,591,689	1,410,162	178,503	1,597,665
Total ..	17,274,125	835,895	18,110,020	16,780,631	331,465	17,112,096

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

Description of Produce.	Destination.											
	United Kingdom.		South Africa.		Other Australian States.		Other Ports.		Total.		Quantity.	Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.		
Butter lbs.	16,107,682	£ 805,381	1,298,136	£ 64,906	1,487,194	£ 74,259	379,012	£ 18,950	19,271,974	£ 963,596	19,271,974	£ 963,596
Cheese "	35,400	811	17,160	393	295,200	6,785	6,600	151	354,360	8,120	354,360	8,120
Milk and Cream "	9,500	237	2,880	84	1,314,600	37,865	16,500	412	1,540,800	38,514	1,540,800	38,514
Ham and Bacon .. .. "	..	..	..	..	676,560	19,733	3,600	105	683,040	19,922	683,040	19,922
Eggs doz.	..	..	..	..	18,306	610	..	..	18,306	610	18,306	610
Poultry and Game head	..	180	12,165	2,433	9,400	1,880	..	..	22,465	4,493	22,465	4,493
Rabbits and Hares pairs	104,130	4,338	9,000	375	432	18	1,560	65	115,122	4,796	115,122	4,796
Mutton and Lamb lbs.	21,311,320	310,790	62,800	770	138,520	2,020	99,480	1,450	21,602,120	315,030	21,602,120	315,030
Beef "	4,000	50	..	..	..	..	18,400	230	22,400	280	22,400	280
Veal "	3,330	55	43,920	732	..	..	36,450	607	83,700	1,394	83,700	1,394
Pork "	3,690	76	..	..	..	..	1,800	37	5,490	113	5,490	113
Fruit bushels	500	250	..	..	..	..	..	..	500	250	500	250
Fruit Pulp lbs.	17,500	218	..	..	3,805	1,902	..	..	17,500	218	17,500	218
Total .. ..	..	1,122,386	..	69,693	..	145,152	..	22,007	..	1,859,238	..	1,859,238

EXPORTS OF CERTAIN ARTICLES THROUGH COOL STORES IN 1904, 1905, 1906, AND MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, AND DECEMBER QUARTERS OF 1907.

Produce.	1904.	1905.	1906.	Quarter ended 31st March, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th June, 1907.	Quarter ended 30th Sept., 1907.	Quarter ended 31st Dec., 1907.
<i>Quantity.</i>							
Butter lbs.	37,948,216	35,917,208	46,009,642	15,897,932	2,704,538	3,779,800	19,271,974
Cheese "	1,072,940	920,520	970,440	301,680	249,600	220,440	354,360
Milk and Cream .. "	1,325,500	1,645,700	2,053,100	774,200	714,100	1,199,800	1,540,600
Ham and Bacon .. "	1,630,000	1,708,800	2,393,920	702,480	928,800	671,040	683,040
Eggs doz.	45,940	48,570	50,237	6,660	9,210	30,870	18,306
Poultry and Game .. head	46,820	51,705	72,410	13,620	15,825	4,365	22,465
Rabbits and Hares .. pairs	4,045,036	5,142,928	4,788,466	510,960	600,864	2,007,432	115,122
Mutton and Lamb .. lbs.	12,101,533	22,077,520	34,793,920	10,420,840	1,236,560	378,160	21,602,120
Beef "	673,200	629,200	1,473,610	365,000	29,600	45,000	22,400
Veal "	1,320,300	928,055	558,990	78,930	260,910	140,310	83,700
Pork "	126,320	110,340	293,310	133,020	41,580	21,870	5,490
Fruit bushels	95,006	116,603	150,568	127,513	37,657	6,418	4,305
Fruit Pulp lbs.	5,342,700	845,900	465,800	97,300	65,400	..	17,500
<i>Value.</i>							
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Butter "	1,744,938	1,763,789	2,208,066	794,896	135,226	188,918	963,596
Cheese "	26,824	23,013	22,237	6,913	5,718	5,051	8,120
Milk and Cream .. "	27,614	34,285	51,327	19,355	17,852	29,995	38,514
Ham and Bacon .. "	44,643	49,840	69,822	20,489	27,090	19,845	19,922
Eggs "	2,297	2,429	2,044	249	344	1,029	610
Poultry and Game .. "	9,364	10,341	16,116	2,724	3,165	873	4,493
Rabbits and Hares .. "	210,679	267,860	199,518	21,290	25,034	83,642	4,796
Mutton and Lamb .. "	181,523	331,162	579,896	173,680	20,607	5,613	315,030
Beef "	8,415	7,865	18,419	4,502	370	562	280
Veal "	16,503	11,600	10,794	1,315	4,348	2,388	1,394
Pork "	3,158	2,758	6,907	2,771	865	453	113
Fruit "	47,503	58,301	86,668	63,756	18,828	3,208	2,152
Fruit Pulp "	66,783	10,753	5,821	1,216	817	..	218
Total "	2,390,244	2,573,096	3,277,635	1,113,216	260,264	341,477	1,359,238

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