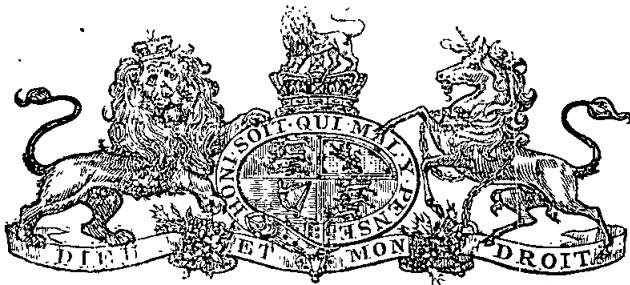


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QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

TO 31ST MARCH, 1909.

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

QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT, 31st MARCH, 1909.

Population.—The estimated population on the 31st December, 1908, was 1,273,313—640,180 males, 633,133 females; on the 31st March, 1909, it was 1,278,344—642,756 males, 635,588 females—thus showing an increase of 5,031 persons. The natural increase during the quarter was 3,836, and the excess of immigration was 1,195. New South Wales gained from this State 1,774 persons, Western Australia 72, and New Zealand 31. Tasmania lost 2,809 persons, South Australia 311, South Africa 75, and the United Kingdom 132.

Vital Statistics of the State.—Compared with the previous quarter, the marriages increased by 90 in the quarter under review, the births by 35, and the deaths by 52, which gave a decrease in the excess of births over deaths of 17. Of the total number of deaths (3,580), 222 were due to phthisis, and 52 to other tubercular diseases; 253 to cancer; 61 to typhoid fever; and 7 to diphtheria and croup.

Vital Statistics of Melbourne, &c.—The births during the quarter numbered 3,197. This includes 38 cases of twins, and 292 illegitimate births. The deaths numbered 1,702, and the excess of births over deaths was 1,495. The deaths from diphtheria and croup numbered 4, from typhoid fever 22, and from tubercular diseases 140, as against 6, 30, and 195 respectively in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. The total deaths in Melbourne were 1,702, of whom 358 were under twelve months of age. In Ballarat, of 196 deaths, 40 were of infants; in Bendigo, 178 and 49, and in Geelong, 116 and 25 respectively. In Melbourne and Suburbs the deaths of infants under 1 year of age were 11·2 per cent. of the births—a rate higher than that of the whole State, viz., 9·7. In the four towns mentioned there were 671 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 £2,308,739—an increase of £121,148 on the corresponding quarter of the previous year—the principal sources being Railways £1,210,250, Probate Duty £93,616, Stamp Duty £54,828, and Balance of Commonwealth Revenue £636,295. The total expenditure was £2,040,272, an increase of £276,378 on that of the corresponding quarter of 1908.

Commonwealth Revenue and Expenditure in Account with the State of Victoria.—The total Commonwealth Revenue credited to this State was £1,034,432, as against £1,120,513 in the corresponding period of 1908, being a decrease of £86,081 for the quarter under review. The principal sources were import duties on Stimulants and Narcotics, £218,533; Agricultural Products and Groceries, £51,502; Apparel and Textiles, £174,660; and on Metals and Machinery, £42,160. From excise, Spirits yielded £14,331; Beer, £48,661; Tobacco, £43,113; and Sugar, £61,725. The total expenditure on transferred services was £266,188 (Defence, £74,682; Postmaster-General, £173,902; Trade and Customs, £17,604), and "new" expenditure, £130,313—a total of £396,501, as against £331,417 in the corresponding quarter of 1908—an increase of £65,084.

Railways.—Compared with the corresponding quarter of the preceding year, the revenue increased by £203,912, the expenditure by £66,724, train miles run by 470,070, passengers carried by 1,293,291, and the tonnage of goods and live stock by 319,844.

Victorian Banking Returns.—On the 31st March the total liabilities of the banks were £39,844,947 and the assets £42,839,525, as against £39,837,815 and £43,414,417 on the 31st March, 1908. The reserves amounted to £5,958,434; paid-up capital to £13,615,861. The ratio of coin and bullion to liabilities was 19.56 per cent.

Savings Banks.—On the 31st March the amount at credit of the 527,329 depositors was £13,626,702. During the quarter 23,775 accounts were opened, and 16,351 were closed; the deposits made were £2,754,050 and the withdrawals £2,484,354.

Gold Yield.—The total yield of gold up to the end of March, 1909, is 70,830,939 ounces.

Imports and Exports.—The total value of imports into Victoria during the quarter under review was £6,154,948, of which £1,945,744 were from the other States of Australia. The total exports during the same period were valued at £8,079,132, of which £2,634,580 were exported to Australian States. The exports of Australian produce were valued at £7,333,837.

Exports of Frozen, Preserved, and Perishable Products.—For the first quarter in 1909, the total value of these exports through Cool Stores was £482,384, of which £82,940 went to other States, £323,040 to the United Kingdom, £20,570 to South Africa, and £55,834 to Eastern and other ports. The principal exports were—Butter, valued at £237,849; Mutton and Lamb, £111,691; Fruit, £77,865; and Rabbits and Hares, £20,984.

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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BIRTHS IN BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, DURING THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, FOR EACH OF THE FIVE YEARS, 1905 TO 1909.

Quarter ended 31st March—	Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.							
	Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.		Males.		Females.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.		
1905 .. .	129	156	173	156	103	70						
1906 .. .	153	139	173	177	97	81						
1907 .. .	161	131	181	174	69	71						
1908 .. .	152	163	193	174	99	86						
1909 .. .	140	109	165	172	98	81						

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES IN GREATER MELBOURNE, DURING THE QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, FOR EACH OF THE FIVE YEARS, 1905 TO 1909.

Quarter ended 31st March—	Measles	Scarlet Fever.	Influenza	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Hydatids.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Tubercular Diseases.		Child-bearing (Includes Tubercular Fever.)
										Males.	Females.	
1905 .. .	2	1	15	13	24	2	3	117	162	41	19	
1906 .. .	12	5	8	8	24	3	1	115	138	53	24	
1907 .. .	10	13	3	14	8	2	2	110	146	38	12	
1908 .. .	1	3	..	6	30	2	1	143	158	37	11	
1909 .. .	2	5	28	4	22	5	1	147	111	29	15	

AGES AT DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1909.

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 .. .	205	153	27	13	27	22	14	11
1 and under 5 years .. .	58	55	8	4	4	3	1	4
5 .. . 15 .. .	20	20	4	2	1	..	4	..
15 .. . 25 .. .	51	44	2	3	4	3	1	3
25 .. . 35 .. .	47	56	7	2	5	8	3	4
35 .. . 45 .. .	81	77	12	6	7	4	3	5
45 .. . 55 .. .	102	71	9	6	9	10	8	2
55 .. . 65 .. .	90	72	12	10	11	4	4	3
65 .. . 75 .. .	113	116	16	14	12	11	10	8
75 years and upwards .. .	135	136	25	14	19	14	16	12
Total .. .	902	800	122	74	99	79	64	52

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

Cause of Death.	Melbourne and Suburbs.		Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
XIII. VIOLENCE.								
Suicide by—								
Poison—								
Lysol	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phosphorous .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hanging or Strangulation .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Firearms	2	..	1	..	1	..	1	..
Cutting Instruments	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Precipitation from a Height	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Being passed over by a Railway Train	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fractures .....	..	1	..	1	..	..	4	1
Other Accidental Injuries	23	2	9	..	1	..	..	..
Burning by Fire	2	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
Insolation .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..
Electric Shock .....	..	1	..	..	2	..	..	..
Accidental Drowning	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Found Drowned	10	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Inhalation of Noxious Gases (Suicide excepted) .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Suffocation	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poison (accidental)	2	2	..	1	..	..	1	..
Snakebite .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Murder	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manslaughter .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIV. ILL-DEFINED DISEASES.								
Dropsey .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sudden Death .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unspecified or Ill-defined Causes of Death	12	12	7	..	1	2	1	1
Total	902	800	122	74	99	79	64	52

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, CENTRAL WEATHER BUREAU, MELBOURNE, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1909.

(As supplied by the Commonwealth Meteorologist.)

Detail.	Month of January.	Month of February.	Month of March.
Temperature—Highest in the shade	98.9 on the 28th ..	101.5 on the 23rd ..	93.1 on the 3rd ..
Lowest in the shade	46.5 " 23rd ..	48.0 " 5th ..	40.4 " 27th ..
Mean in the shade	65.9 ..	66.9 ..	65.1 ..
Mean Maximum	74.8 ..	77.3 ..	75.1 ..
Mean Minimum	57.1 ..	56.5 ..	55.0 ..
Greatest daily range	45.7 on the 27th ..	42.5 on the 23rd ..	36.2 on the 12th ..
Average during corresponding month of previous ten years	67.8 ..	67.4 ..	63.8 ..
Number of days on which the Thermometer rose to 100° or over .....	..	1	..
Barometer—Maximum	inches 30.244 on the 6th ..	30.237 on the 5th ..	30.318 on the 15th ..
Minimum	" 29.568 " 3rd ..	29.634 " 10th ..	29.636 " 18th ..
Mean	" 29.935 ..	29.966 ..	29.945 ..
Rain—Number of days	inches 11 ..	5 ..	12 ..
Average rainfall in corresponding month of previous ten years	inches 3.24 ..	1.47 ..	1.19 ..
Fog occurred—Number of days .....	..	..	..
Mean Humidity	per cent. 60 ..	56 ..	58 ..
Wind—prevailing direction	South ..	South ..	South-west ..

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF STATE REVENUE.

Head of Receipt.	Year ended 31st December.				Quarter ended 31st March, 1909.
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	
Land Tax	£ 97,879	£ 98,250	£ 92,920	£ 88,339	£ 15,931
Income Tax	323,337	322,425	302,415	308,295	9,247
Probate Duty	288,095	335,493	302,608	416,247	93,616
Stamp Duty	190,613	212,553	227,565	217,030	54,828
Alienation of Crown Lands	268,113	182,385	173,962	177,235	63,514
Leases and Licences	107,067	106,979	116,963	120,802	32,246
Railways*	3,655,982	3,856,336	4,077,275	3,892,908	1,210,250
Electric Street Railway .. ..	..	..	5,818	10,027	11,059
Interest on Loans, &c.	130,950	138,364	158,780	184,417	28,056
Repayments of Loans	3,787	7,455	8,777	6,318	4,959
Balance of Commonwealth Revenue	1,931,312	2,191,258	2,418,702	1,990,735	636,295
Other Revenue	487,912	580,664	637,602	542,370	156,480
Total State Revenue	7,494,047	8,037,980	8,677,686	7,955,755	2,308,739
Corresponding period previous year	7,602,349	7,494,047	8,037,990	8,677,686	2,187,591
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	-108,302	+543,933	+239,706	-721,031	+121,148

* Revenue as received at the Treasury.

STATE EXPENDITURE.

Head of Expenditure.	Year ended 31st December.				Quarter ended 31st March, 1909.
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	
Chief Secretary	£ 587,153	£ 630,411	£ 656,638	£ 673,067	£ 188,240
Minister of Public Instruction	555,820	619,355	621,353	645,812	162,209
Attorney-General	67,068	75,024	68,890	71,984	18,722
Solicitor-General	51,951	57,885	53,721	57,220	14,825
Treasurer	220,631	246,630	234,735	216,826	43,381
Commissioner, Lands and Survey	77,439	88,770	94,520	99,988	31,165
Commissioner Public Works	140,455	187,726	284,592	381,258	126,707
Minister, Mines and Forests	44,969	63,079	61,660	69,333	16,871
" Water Supply	33,342	46,150	61,667	69,469	17,975
" Agriculture	73,807	71,485	88,713	92,302	31,021
" Health	10,998	17,993	19,338	20,452	6,069
" Railways*	1,794,456	1,929,516	2,023,521	2,156,350	598,294
Special Appropriations	2,710,653	2,910,669	2,633,139	2,750,765	785,093
Total Expenditure	6,374,742	6,944,693	6,902,487	7,303,886	2,040,272
Corresponding period, previous year	6,606,947	6,374,742	6,944,693	6,902,487	1,763,894
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	-232,205	+569,951	-42,206	+401,399	+276,378

* Expenditure as passed through the Treasury.

RAILWAY REVENUE.

Source of Revenue.	Year ended 31st December.				Quarter ended 31st March, 1909.
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	
Passengers	£ 1,438,919	£ 1,562,645	£ 1,698,032	£ 1,742,192	£ 452,656
Parcels, &c.	146,226	146,365	154,133	159,081	42,579
Horses, Carriages, and Dogs	13,648	14,272	14,744	15,565	4,514
Mails	61,193	61,375	61,807	66,179	16,314
Rents	56,533	54,636	57,147	56,543	14,614
Miscellaneous	12,419	12,340	12,306	13,578	4,975
Live Stock	196,137	215,820	248,535	263,952	51,560
Goods	1,731,810	1,839,496	1,813,210	1,612,093	608,524
Total Revenue	3,656,885	3,906,969	4,060,914	3,929,183	1,195,726
Corresponding period, previous year	3,623,433	3,656,885	3,906,969	4,060,914	991,814
Increase	33,452	250,094	153,945	- 131,731*	203,912

* Decrease.

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

	Year ended 31st December.				Quarter ended 31st March, 1909.
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	
Expenditure exclusive of Gratuities and Pensions	£ 1,045,503	£ 2,056,294	£ 2,191,077	£ 2,349,990	£ 629,290
Gratuities and Pensions	97,030	108,574	102,885	104,503	25,965
Total Expenditure	2,042,593	2,164,898	2,293,962	2,454,493	655,255
Corresponding period, pre- vious year	2,005,680	2,042,593	2,164,868	2,293,962	588,531
Increase	36,913	122,275	120,094	160,531	66,724

OTHER RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Item.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended 31st March, 1909.
	1907.	1908.	
Train Miles run	10,383,278	10,717,634	3,143,769
Revenue per Train Mile	7s. 9-86d.	7s. 3-98d.	7s. 7-20d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile	3s. 7-22d.	2s. 11-36d.	3s. 7-20d.
Expenditure per Train Mile	4s. 2-64d.	4s. 4-62d.	4s. 0d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue	52-95	59-81	52-63
Number of Passengers	72,611,907	78,694,310	19,945,191
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	3,654,123	3,405,236	1,279,019
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic	357,016	414,430	79,712
Corresponding Period, Previous Year.			
Train Miles run	9,677,865	10,383,278	2,676,609
Revenue per Train Mile	8s. 0-89d.	7s. 9-86d.	7s. 4-93d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile	3s. 9-89d.	2s. 7-22d.	3s. 2-46d.
Expenditure per Train Mile	4s. 3-00d.	4s. 2-64d.	4s. 2-47d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue	52-64	53-95	56-76
Number of Passengers	67,479,448	72,611,907	18,651,900
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	3,485,496	3,654,123	944,582
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic	302,295	357,016	94,305

VICTORIAN BANKING RETURNS—QUARTERLY AVERAGES.

		Quarter ended 31st March, 1909.
LIABILITIES—		£
Notes in circulation not bearing interest ..		884,613
Bills in circulation not bearing interest ..		165,185
Balances due to other Banks ..		166,165
Deposits—Government—		
Not bearing interest		305,766
Bearing interest		2,208,321
Deposits—other—		
Not bearing interest		13,717,547
Bearing interest		21,309,535
Perpetual Inscribed Stock ..		997,815
Total Liabilities		<u>39,814,947</u>
Corresponding period 1908 ..		<u>39,837,815</u>
Increase		<u>7,132</u>
 ASSETS—		
Coined gold, silver, and other metal ..		7,387,003
Gold and silver in bullion and bars ..		409,012
Landed and other property ..		1,763,840
Notes and Bills of other Banks ..		423,124
Balances due from other Banks ..		265,993
All debts due to Banks ..		32,589,553
Total Assets		<u>42,839,525</u>
Corresponding period 1908 ..		<u>43,414,417</u>
Decrease		<u>574,892</u>
 Ratio of Coin and Bullion to Liabilities ..		19.56%
Total Capital paid up ..		13,615,861
Amount of last declared dividend and bonus ..		567,647
Reserves		5,958,434

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	477,088	12,057,455
" " 1907	9,850,864	9,274,098	86,140	61,335	501,393	12,951,779
" " 1908	10,171,472	10,106,032	85,332	66,820	519,905	13,350,885
Quarter ended 31st March, 1909	2,754,050	2,484,354	23,775	16,351	527,329	13,626,702

GOLD PRODUCTION OF VICTORIA.

Period.		Yield. ozs. (gross).
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 .. ..	..	754,270
1908 .. ..	..	721,220
1909 (March quarter) .. ..	..	153,271
	Total	<u>76,830,939</u>
	Value	<u>£282,923,781</u>

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO VICTORIA FROM OTHER STATES DURING THE FIRST THREE MONTHS, 1908 AND 1909.

Article.	Imported from other States during first Three Months of—					
	1908.			1909.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Animals (Horses, Cattle, and Sheep) ..	£ 241,123	2,300	243,423	£ 284,476	..	284,476
Apparel and Soft Goods ..	£ 19,799	38,781	58,580	£ 12,120	5,253	17,373
Boots and Shoes ..	£ 7,229	1,478	8,707	7,645	536	8,181
Butter ..	{ lbs. 567,050	..	567,050	£ 868,402	..	868,402
	{ £ 23,605	..	23,605	38,260	..	38,260
Cement ..	{ cwt. 21,938	59	21,997	11,459	..	11,459
	{ £ 3,298	12	3,310	1,886	..	1,886
Coal ..	{ tons 303,391	..	303,391	£ 206,526	..	206,526
	{ £ 179,279	..	179,279	117,938	..	117,938
Copper and Copper in Matte ..	£ 44,676	..	44,676	59,561	..	59,561
Fruits—Fresh ..	£ 23,357	98	23,455	22,932	783	23,715
Gold (Bullion and Specie) ..	£ 124,072	..	124,072	£ 206,682	60,000	266,682
Grain, &c.—						
Barley ..	{ centals 66,563	..	66,563	£ 110,681	..	110,681
	{ £ 32,569	..	32,569	40,647	..	40,647
Oats ..	{ centals 40,750	..	40,750	4,449	..	4,449
	{ £ 14,191	..	14,191	952	..	952
Wheat ..	{ centals 76,114	..	76,114	192,273	..	192,273
	{ £ 25,767	..	25,767	55,133	..	55,133
Flour ..	{ centals 7,115	2	7,117	14,336	..	14,336
	{ £ 3,364	3	3,367	6,159	..	6,159
Implements and Machinery ..	£ 8,095	28,953	37,048	£ 10,700	22,522	33,222
Jams and Jellies ..	{ lbs. 790,193	264	790,457	£ 1,112,690	940	1,113,630
	{ £ 10,132	11	10,143	10,133	48	10,181
Jewellery ..	£ 2,896	3,706	6,602	..	..	..
Lead—Pig and in Matte ..	{ cwt. 25,479	..	25,479	£ 12,683	201	12,884
	{ £ 17,929	..	17,929	7,455	153	7,608
Leather ..	£ 16,386	12,359	28,745	£ 15,044	10,876	25,920
Skins and Hides ..	£ 43,905	..	43,905	65,465	74	65,539
Soap ..	{ lbs. 585,075	1,668	596,743	£ 529,704	1,030	530,734
	{ £ 6,997	186	7,183	5,846	17	5,863
Spirits ..	£ 4,370	9,047	13,417	£ 3,781	9,404	13,185
Sugar ..	{ cwt. 125,778	60	125,838	41,372	..	41,372
	{ £ 76,007	63	76,070	28,820	..	28,820
Timber ..	£ 28,162	1,947	30,109	32,567	448	33,015
Tin Ingots ..	{ cwt. 12,151	..	12,151	10,450	..	10,450
	{ £ 79,468	..	79,468	67,885	..	67,885
Tobacco, Cigars, and Cigarettes ..	£ 19,655	1,796	21,451	18,733	1,304	20,037
Wool—						
Greasy ..	{ lbs. 5,941,256	..	5,941,256	£ 5,991,344	..	5,991,344
	{ £ 247,552	..	247,552	242,987	..	242,987
Washed ..	{ lbs. 611,106	..	611,106	722,533	..	722,533
	{ £ 36,357	..	36,357	53,123	..	53,123
All other Articles ..	£ 229,395	94,755	324,150	£ 286,785	130,611	417,396
Total ..	£ 1,569,695	195,495	1,765,190	£ 1,703,715	242,029	1,945,744

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED OVERSEAS FROM VICTORIA DURING FIRST THREE MONTHS, 1908 AND 1909.

Article.	Exported Overseas during first Three Months of—					
	1908.			1909.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Animals (Horses, Cattle, and Sheep)	£ 10,479		10,479	£ 11,746		11,746
Apparel and Soft Goods ..	£ 1,690	11,899	13,589	2,636	9,381	12,017
Biscuits ..	lbs. 95,230		95,230	226,860		226,860
Boots and Shoes ..	£ 1,107		1,107	3,119		3,119
Butter ..	lbs. 8,440,422	£ 1,612	370	1,982	1,370	51
Earthenware, China, &c. ..	£ 1,227		35	1,262	1,834	37
Fruits (Fresh and Dried) ..	£ 30,508		498	31,006	48,314	344
Gold (Bullion and Specie) ..	£ 967,611		455	968,066	473,410	473,410
Grain, &c.—						
Oats ..	centals 5,140		5,140	9,278	2,634	11,912
Wheat ..	centals 2,017		2,017	2,352	721	3,073
Flour ..	centals 422,270		422,270	5,707,003		5,707,003
Hay and Chaff ..	cwt. 154,100		154,100	1,905,401		1,905,401
Indiarubber Goods ..	£ 10,370	820	196,000	361,526		361,526
Jams and Jellies ..	lbs. 196,000		196,000			
Implements and Machinery ..	£ 7,523		6,387	13,910	10,288	5,105
Leather ..	£ 42,934		2,056	44,990	45,062	2,016
Manures ..	cwt. 6,935		6,935	1,640	2	1,642
Meats—						
Mutton and Lamb ..	lbs. 6,331,976		6,331,976	6,025,588		6,025,588
Rabbits and Hares ..	pairs 87,472		87,472	88,042		88,042
Other ..	£ 251,689		251,689	513,240		513,240
Oils in Bulk ..	£ 11,802		11,802	25,550		25,550
Skins and Hides ..	£ 10,991		10,991	11,003	8,658	307
Soap ..	£ 2,356		2,356	8,570	5,703	1,477
Sugar ..	lbs. 152,842		152,842	141,551	32	141,553
Tallow ..	£ 397,323		397,323	409,050	402,093	10,575
Tea ..	cwt. 2,968		2,968	3,610	3,308	589
Tobacco, &c. ..	£ 29		29	1,346	1,375	190
Wine ..	£ 24		24	999	1,023	147
Wool—						
Greasy ..	lbs. 45,647		45,647	34,354	59,925	59,925
Scoured and Washed ..	lbs. 188,664		188,664	45,647	76,657	76,657
All other Articles ..	£ 31,918,543		31,918,543	37,779,591		37,779,591
Total ..	£ 3,923,464	100,185	4,023,629	5,370,069	73,883	5,444,552

VALUE OF ARTICLES IMPORTED AND EXPORTED EACH MONTH—1908 AND 1909.

Month.	1908.			1909.		
	Inter-State.	Oversea.	Total.	Inter-State.	Oversea.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Imports.</i>						
January ..						
February ..	1,765,190	1,533,364 1,546,062 1,203,700	6,048,316	1,945,744	1,391,678 1,381,214 1,436,312	6,154,948
March ..						
<i>Exports.</i>						
January ..	834,948	972,145	1,807,093	654,529	1,775,298	2,429,827
February ..	874,392	1,882,453	2,756,845	873,885	2,098,000	2,972,785
March ..	975,173	1,169,031	2,144,204	1,106,166	1,570,354	2,676,520

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS—1903 TO 31ST MARCH, 1909.

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	11,185,012	19,707,068
1904	7,354,018	12,742,424	20,096,442	8,232,223	16,172,694	24,404,917
1905	9,380,031	12,957,855	22,337,886	8,730,137	14,028,641	22,758,828
1906	10,379,230	14,855,163	25,234,402	10,807,972	18,110,020	28,917,992
1907	11,097,235	17,101,022	28,198,257	11,622,706	17,112,298	28,735,004
1908	10,762,576	16,433,382	27,195,958	12,031,170	15,194,758	27,225,928
1909 (March quarter)	1,945,744	4,209,204	6,154,948	2,634,580	5,441,552	8,079,132

DESTINATION, QUANTITY, AND VALUE OF EXPORTS THROUGH COOL STORES, QUARTER ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1909.

Description of Produce.	United Kingdom.			South Africa.			Other Australian States.			Total.		
	Quantity.		Value.	Quantity.		Value.	Quantity.		Value.	Quantity.		Value.
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Quantity.	Value.	Value.
Butter	lbs.	2,816,400	£ 140,820	273,540	£ 13,677	1,179,584	£ 58,979	487,404	£ 24,373	4,756,988	£ 237,849	2,748
Cheese	"	"	"	36,120	827	75,480	8,400	192	120,000	120,000	11,297	11,297
Milk and Cream	"	"	"	1,500	37	437,810	10,945	315	451,900	451,900	10,941	10,941
Ham and Bacon	"	"	"	"	"	373,580	10,899	42	373,120	373,120	"	"
Eggs	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Poultry and Game	doz.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Rabbits and Hares	head	492,312	20,513	11,280	470	7,080	103	24,24	1	503,616	7,658,960	20,984
Meat and Lamb	pairs	7,322,660	106,787	305,000	4,447	22,810	285	"	354	64,800	111,661	8,097
Beef	lbs.	622,000	7,812	54,720	912	"	"	"	"	54,120	54,120	912
Veal	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Dork	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Fruit	bushels	94,216	47,108	400	200	"	"	"	30,557	155,731	155,731	77,865
Fruit Pulp	lbs.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Total	"	"	"	323,040	"	20,570	"	82,940	"	55,834	"	482,384

RETURN OF LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA, MARCH, 1909.

Districts.	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.
		Dairy Cows (milking and dry)	Other Cattle.	Total.		
Central ...	83,430	119,376	130,378	249,754	988,609	30,624
North-Central ...	29,647	39,635	63,285	102,920	899,844	10,785
Western ...	64,528	149,812	190,417	340,229	4,630,865	47,240
Wimmera ...	58,818	22,424	34,925	57,349	2,234,415	7,251
Mallee ...	26,586	14,290	27,031	41,321	507,323	4,118
Northern ...	82,058	73,611	119,013	192,624	1,733,515	18,926
North-Eastern ...	35,860	56,466	161,902	218,368	757,324	12,796
Gippsland ...	43,976	133,552	238,045	371,597	793,847	47,618
Total, March, 1909 ...	424,903	609,166	964,996	1,574,162	12,545,742	179,358
" 1908 ...	424,648	709,279	1,133,528	1,842,807	14,146,734	211,002
Increase ...	255	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease ...	...	100,113	168,532	268,645	1,600,992	31,644

WOOL CLIP AND ESTIMATED TOTAL PRODUCTION—SEASON 1908-9.

Districts.	Wool Clip.		
	Sheep.	Lambs.	Total.
Central ...	1 lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
North-Central ...	4,738,557	297,297	5,035,854
Western ...	4,490,688	218,935	4,709,623
Wimmera ...	26,010,125	1,698,795	27,708,920
Mallee ...	12,207,514	568,265	12,775,779
Northern ...	2,559,140	97,596	2,656,736
North-Eastern ...	8,372,575	313,523	8,686,098
Gippsland ...	3,415,767	209,538	3,625,305
Total Clip, 1908-9	65,289,108	3,641,093	68,930,201
" 1907-8	72,542,779	6,577,194	79,119,973
" 1906-7	67,943,784	6,739,416	74,683,200
" 1905-6	58,919,314	5,258,557	64,177,871
Average weight of Fleece, 1908-9	5.98	2.11	5.45
" " 1907-8	6.38	2.22	5.62
" " 1906-7	6.76	2.45	5.84
" " 1905-6	6.34	2.37	5.57
Decrease since 1907-8	40	11	07
Production 1908-9—			
Wool Clip	...	...	lbs.
Estimated quantity of wool stripped from Victorian skins	...	...	68,930,200
Estimated quantity of wool on Victorian skins exported	...	...	7,523,250
Total	...	...	11,083,000
			87,536,450

NOTE.—The total for 1905-6, was 75,733,803 lbs.; 1906-7, 88,434,296 lbs.; and 1907-8, 93,052,341 lbs. The quantity of wool produced last season was worth, approximately, £3,647,000.