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TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

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GOVERNMENT STATIST

QUARTERLY STATISTICAL ABSTRACT, 31st DECEMBER, 1909.

Population.—The estimated population on 30th September, 1909, was 1,289,140—648,718 males, 640,422 females; on 31st December, 1909, it was 1,297,557—654,099 males, 643,458 females—thus showing an increase of 8,417 persons. The natural increase during the quarter was 4,174, and the excess of immigration was 4,243. Tasmania gained from this State 1,732 persons, and New Zealand 351. New South Wales lost to Victoria 2,422 persons, the United Kingdom 1,067, Queensland 831, and South Australia 307.

Vital Statistics of the State.—Compared with the previous quarter, the births decreased by 560 in the quarter under review, and the deaths by 317, but the marriages increased by 34; the decrease in the excess of births over deaths was 243. Of the total number of deaths (3,543), 277 were due to phthisis, and 86 to other tubercular diseases; 266 to cancer; 14 to typhoid fever; and 18 to diphtheria and croup.

Vital Statistics of Melbourne, &c.—The births during the year numbered, 13,418. This includes 140 cases of twins, 3 cases of triplets, and 1,266 illegitimate births. The deaths numbered 6,928, and the excess of births over deaths was 6,490. The deaths from diphtheria numbered 48; from typhoid fever 48; and from tubercular diseases 694, as against 52, 61, and 768 respectively in 1908. The total deaths in Melbourne were 6,928, of which 1,126 were under twelve months of age. In Ballarat, of 781 deaths, 125 were of infants; in Bendigo, of 791 deaths, 131 were of infants; and in Geelong, of 359 deaths, 59 were of infants. In Melbourne and Suburbs the deaths of infants under 1 year of age were 8.4 per cent. of the births—a rate higher than that of the whole State, viz., 7.1. In the four towns mentioned there were 3,125 deaths of people aged 65 years and upwards—or 35 per cent. of the total.

State Revenue and Expenditure.—The total revenue for the quarter was £2,060,840—an increase of £37,565 on the corresponding quarter of the previous year—the principal sources being Railways £1,173,350, Probate Duty £104,030, Stamp Duty £53,942, and Balance of Commonwealth Revenue £411,623. The total expenditure was £2,130,632, an increase of £204,166 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 £974,984, as against £881,927 in the corresponding period of 1908, being an increase of £93,057 for the quarter under review. The principal sources were import duties on Stimulants and Narcotics, £189,799; Agricultural Products and Groceries, £68,838; Apparel and Textiles, £91,953; and on Metals and Machinery, £57,055. From excise, Spirits yielded £17,731; Beer, £58,479; Tobacco, £44,725; and Sugar, £68,889. The total expenditure on transferred services was £201,692 (Defence, £79,714; Postmaster-General, £204,372; Trade and Customs, £17,606) and “new” expenditure, £228,033—a total of £529,725, as against £462,845 in the corresponding quarter of 1908—an increase of £66,880.

Railways.—Compared with the corresponding quarter of the preceding year, the revenue increased by £90,636; the expenditure by £16,474; train miles run by 103,961; the tonnage of goods and live stock by 112,263; and passengers carried by 1,282,591.

Victorian Banking Returns.—On the 31st December the total liabilities of the banks were £40,899,719 and the assets £43,950,648, as against £37,809,065 and £43,412,998 on the 31st December, 1908. The reserves amounted to £6,440,770; paid-up capital to £13,615,937. The ratio of coin and bullion to liabilities was 20.76 per cent.

Savings Banks.—On the 31st December the amount at credit of the 545,130 depositors was £14,471,566. During the quarter 21,565 accounts were opened, and 15,897 were closed; the deposits during the quarter were £2,930,097 and the withdrawals £2,663,347.

Gold Yield.—The total yield of gold up to the end of December, 1909, is 71,379,888 ounces.

Imports and Exports.—The total value of imports into Victoria during the year 1909 was £28,243,235, of which £11,734,270 were from the other States of Australia. The total exports during the same period were valued at £29,905,695, of which £12,045,261 were exported to Australian States. The exports of Australian produce were valued at £26,623,908.

Exports of Frozen, Preserved, and Perishable Products.—For the final quarter in 1909, the total value of these exports oversea through Government Cool Stores was £1,331,455, of which £1,296,735 went to the United Kingdom, £11,159 to South Africa, and £23,561 to Eastern and other ports. The principal exports were butter, valued at £963,701; mutton and lamb, £359,609; and beef, £3,895.

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ESTIMATED POPULATION OF VICTORIA ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1909.

Year, 1909.	Males.		Females.		Total.
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	
Estimated Population, 31st December, 1908	...	...	640,180	653,133	1,273,313
Births	16,092	15,457			
Deaths	8,070	6,366			
Natural Increase	...	...	8,022	9,091	17,113
Migration by Sea—			648,202	642,224	1,290,426
Arrivals as recorded	48,404	30,340			
Departures "	44,275	29,493			
Gain seawards	...	...	4,129	847	4,976
Migration by Land—			652,331	643,071	1,295,402
Arrivals (including allowance for unrecorded)	18,503	11,424			
Departures (including allowance for unrecorded)	16,735	11,037			
Gain by land	...	...	1,768	387	2,155
Estimated Population on 31st December, 1909 (exclusive of full-blooded aborigines)	...	...	654,099	643,458	1,297,557

MOVEMENTS OF POPULATION.

Immigration (as recorded).

Place of Departure.	Total for the Year.				Quarter ended in 1909—				Year 1909.
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	
By Sea—									
New South Wales	15,092	17,301	18,756	19,873	6,578	5,267	3,940	6,215	22,000
Queensland	2,510	2,522	3,254	4,073	871	875	1,065	1,371	4,182
South Australia	2,808	3,140	3,440	3,583	1,252	772	646	967	3,637
Western Australia	8,936	10,159	10,389	8,729	2,303	1,507	1,166	2,617	7,583
Tasmania	24,310	26,150	27,483	29,296	11,690	6,731	4,822	6,038	29,281
New Zealand	3,655	4,088	5,205	4,201	1,424	1,377	988	1,003	4,792
South Seas	42	7	2	3	..	..	7	31	38
United Kingdom	2,437	2,606	2,998	3,583	1,067	670	839	1,394	3,970
South Africa	1,186	1,382	2,162	1,163	327	77	101	160	665
Other British Dominions	918	1,041	1,029	1,154	408	281	312	272	1,273
Foreign Ports	904	886	1,066	1,205	316	240	247	510	1,313
By Rail—									
New South Wales	14,467	16,259	17,903	19,451	4,940	4,736	5,141	6,359	21,176
Queensland	180	222	343	377	77	98	89	107	371
South Australia	4,267	4,423	5,386	5,892	1,637	1,247	1,154	1,622	5,660
Total	81,712	90,186	99,416	102,583	32,890	23,878	20,517	28,666	105,951

Emigration (as recorded).

Destination.	Total for the Year.				Quarter ended in 1909—				Year 1909.
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	
By Sea—									
New South Wales	15,225	16,882	21,249	23,733	7,997	6,297	4,313	5,441	24,048
Queensland	2,232	2,730	3,905	4,194	926	1,350	856	545	3,677
South Australia	3,395	2,838	3,704	3,553	1,083	852	668	1,037	3,640
Western Australia	10,737	8,714	7,623	8,133	2,375	2,087	1,385	1,473	7,320
Tasmania	23,258	24,384	25,582	27,850	8,881	4,542	4,050	7,770	25,243
New Zealand	5,271	6,420	5,778	5,982	1,785	739	667	1,354	4,545
South Seas	7	7	3	10	..	2	..	..	2
United Kingdom	2,422	2,580	2,627	2,728	935	984	305	327	2,551
South Africa	1,068	878	644	696	252	209	159	157	777
Other British Dominions	949	1,103	1,043	954	199	336	255	322	1,112
Foreign Ports	840	812	887	881	356	237	117	143	853
By Rail—									
New South Wales	13,678	14,969	17,806	18,952	5,295	4,805	4,656	4,711	19,467
Queensland	176	247	324	334	93	125	81	102	401
South Australia	3,854	3,973	4,978	4,989	1,495	1,391	1,249	1,245	5,380
Total	83,110	86,537	96,153	102,889	31,672	23,956	18,721	24,627	99,016

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

	Total for the Year.				Quarter ended in 1909.				Year 1909.
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	
By Sea—									
New South Wales ..	- 133	+419	-2,493	-3,860	-1,419	-1,030	-373	+774	-2,048
Queensland ..	+278	-208	-651	-121	-55	-475	+209	+826	+505
South Australia ..	-587	+302	-264	+30	+169	-80	-22	-70	-3
Western Australia ..	-1,801	+1,445	+2,766	+596	-72	-580	-219	+1,144	+273
Tasmania ..	+1,052	+1,766	+1,901	+1,448	+2,809	+2,189	+772	-1,732	+4,038
New Zealand ..	-1,616	-2,332	-573	-1,781	-361	+638	+321	-351	+247
South Seas ..	+35	..	-1	-7	..	-2	+7	+31	+36
United Kingdom ..	+15	+26	+371	+855	+132	-314	+534	+1,067	+1,419
South Africa ..	+118	+504	+1,518	+507	+75	-132	-58	+3	-112
Other British Dominions ..	-31	-62	-14	+200	+29	-55	+57	-50	+161
Foreign Ports ..	+64	+74	+170	+324	-40	+3	+130	+367	+460
By Rail—									
New South Wales ..	+791	+1,290	+97	+499	-355	-69	+485	+1,648	+1,709
Queensland ..	+4	-25	+19	+43	-16	-27	+8	+5	-30
South Australia ..	+413	+450	+408	+903	+142	-144	-95	+377	+280
Total ..	-1,393	+3,649	+3,263	-306	+1,218	-78	+1,756	+4,039	+6,935

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Year.				Quarter ended in 1909.				Year 1909.
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	
Metropolitan District—									
Marrriages ..	4,757	4,811	5,349	5,334	1,270	1,421	1,286	1,352	5,329
Births—Males ..	6,196	6,282	6,517	6,715	1,618	1,702	1,801	1,686	6,807
" Females ..	5,748	6,091	6,343	6,300	1,679	1,677	1,707	1,648	6,611
Deaths—Males ..	3,521	3,505	3,545	3,981	902	840	1,020	916	3,678
" Females ..	3,072	3,488	3,278	3,505	800	778	812	860	3,250
Other Urban Districts—									
Marrriages ..	2,011	2,019	2,033	2,008	502	572	439	443	1,956
Births—Males ..	3,317	3,489	3,484	3,416	803	866	925	838	3,432
" Females ..	3,177	3,303	3,279	3,239	770	884	819	767	3,240
Deaths—Males ..	2,378	2,379	2,176	2,263	534	535	572	511	2,152
" Females ..	1,648	1,631	1,534	1,618	369	367	390	341	1,467
Rural Districts—									
Marrriages ..	2,006	2,100	2,193	1,992	566	536	540	504	2,146
Births—Males ..	6,010	5,915	5,988	5,942	1,362	1,558	1,560	1,373	5,853
" Females ..	5,659	5,729	5,758	5,489	1,284	1,452	1,465	1,405	5,606
Deaths—Males ..	2,374	2,308	2,250	2,571	570	557	603	530	2,240
" Females ..	1,683	1,776	1,750	1,829	425	376	463	385	1,649
Total State—									
Marrriages ..	8,774	8,930	9,575	9,334	2,338	2,529	2,265	2,299	9,431
Births—Males ..	15,523	15,716	15,989	16,073	3,783	4,126	4,286	3,897	16,092
" Females ..	14,584	15,128	15,380	15,028	3,633	4,013	3,991	3,820	15,457
Deaths—Males ..	8,273	8,342	7,980	8,815	1,986	1,932	2,195	1,957	8,070
" Females ..	6,403	6,895	6,562	6,952	1,594	1,521	1,665	1,586	6,366
Excess of Births over Deaths	15,431	15,007	16,827	15,334	3,836	4,686	4,417	4,174	17,113

DEATHS FROM CERTAIN DISEASES.

Causes of Death.	NUMBER OF DEATHS.								Year 1909.
	Year.				Quarter ended in 1909.				
	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March.	30th June.	30th Sept.	31st Dec.	
Metropolitan District—									
Typhoid Fever ..	41	46	48	61	22	17	3	6	48
Diphtheria and Croup ..	45	33	53	52	4	7	26	11	48
Measles ..	46	2	28	3	..	..	..	..	..
Phthisis ..	626	601	619	624	110	121	172	146	549
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	201	202	180	144	29	28	38	50	145
Cancer ..	482	509	508	549	147	147	142	164	600
Other Urban Districts—									
Typhoid Fever ..	51	63	27	83	26	21	4	6	57
Diphtheria and Croup ..	15	14	28	36	..	7	11	2	20
Measles ..	18	1	10	6	..	..	..	..	..
Phthisis ..	330	341	309	277	60	70	78	74	282
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	69	62	41	49	15	8	17	17	57
Cancer ..	248	192	248	247	40	48	54	51	193
Rural Districts—									
Typhoid Fever ..	29	53	14	29	13	11	1	2	27
Diphtheria and Croup ..	28	11	18	23	3	9	4	5	21
Measles ..	15	4	3	11	2	..	1	1	4
Phthisis ..	279	271	267	308	52	65	83	57	257
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	72	71	40	60	9	7	9	19	44
Cancer ..	223	225	236	209	66	54	67	51	238
Total State—									
Typhoid Fever ..	121	162	69	173	61	49	8	14	132
Diphtheria and Croup ..	88	58	98	111	7	23	41	18	89
Measles ..	79	7	41	20	2	..	1	1	4
Phthisis ..	1,235	1,213	1,195	1,209	222	250	333	277	1,088
Other Tubercular Diseases ..	342	335	261	253	53	43	64	86	246
Cancer ..	953	926	992	1,005	253	249	263	266	1,031

POPULATION, 31ST DECEMBER, 1909; AND BIRTHS AND DEATHS IN GREATER MELBOURNE, DURING THE YEAR 1909.

Sub-districts.	Municipal Estimates of Population, 31st December, 1909.	Births.					Deaths.			Excess of Births over Deaths.
		Including Twins and Illegitimate Children.			Cases of Twins.*	Illegitimate Children.	Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.	
		Both Sexes.	Males.	Females.						
Melbourne City-- Bourke Ward ..	13,340	212	113	99	1	19	106	60	46	106
" " Gipps Ward ..	7,490	56	30	25	..	7	93	51	42	-38
" " Lonsdale Ward ..	2,600	19	12	7	..	2	12	9	3	7
" " La Trobe Ward ..	3,610	15	8	7	..	2	13	7	6	2
" " Albert Ward ..	8,020	59	33	26	..	6	97	58	39	-38
" " Smith Ward ..	14,490	285	145	140	3	66	127	69	58	158
" " Victoria Ward ..	21,520	558	288	270	8	69	198	96	102	360
" " Hopetoun Ward ..	29,270	834	371	463	4	61	232	111	121	602
Fitzroy City ..	33,850	856	420	436	11	114	322	152	170	534
Collingwood City ..	36,190	864	436	428	10	28	267	133	134	597
Richmond City ..	39,800	915	463	447	5	50	323	148	175	592
Brunswick City ..	29,230	750	368	382	8	33	261	109	152	489
Northcote Town ..	14,570	477	259	218	7	77	110	58	52	367
Erahran City ..	44,650	947	527	420	11	50	374	172	202	573
South Melbourne City ..	42,820	954	459	495	11	44	361	183	178	593
Port Melbourne Town ..	12,930	306	156	150	2	14	100	68	32	206
St. Kilda City ..	23,500	414	208	206	1	24	187	92	95	227
Brighton Town ..	11,850	228	118	110	2	13	98	49	49	130
Essendon City ..	21,190	433	230	203	5	7	181	97	84	252
Hawthorn City ..	25,250	466	243	223	5	11	192	86	106	274
Kew Borough ..	9,730	176	85	91	2	7	59	25	34	117
Footscray City ..	20,740	624	314	310	10	17	177	84	93	447
Williamstown Town ..	14,090	344	182	162	7	5	138	68	70	206
Oakleigh Borough ..	1,870	67	43	24	..	4	25	11	14	42
Caulfield Town ..	13,770	264	145	119	..	3	114	52	62	150
Malvern Town ..	..	284	132	152	..	2	4	131	61	153
Camberwell Town ..	11,770	188	86	102	3	6	81	41	40	107
Preston Shire ..	4,780	116	63	53	2	3	51	21	30	65
Coburg Borough ..	8,400	174	81	93	1	15	73	36	37	101
Remainder of District ..	20,180	339	167	172	5	10	138	67	71	201
Hospitals, Asylums, &c. ..	4,810	1,195	617	578	14	495	2,287	1,404	883	1,092
Shipping in Hobson's Bay and River..	1,730†	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	562,300	13,418	6,807	6,611	140	1,266	6,928	3,678	3,250	6,490

* Three cases of triplets also occurred, viz., in the Hopetoun Ward of Melbourne City, Fitzroy City, and Preston Shire. † Census figures.

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

Month.	Deaths from—																			
	Diphtheria and Croup. *					Typhoid Fever.					Tuberculosis of Lungs.					Other Tubercular Diseases.				
	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
January ..	2	2	1	2	2	13	4	4	6	6	57	48	60	39	38	22	20	10	17	9
February ..	6	5	2	1	1	3	7	7	9	10	50	30	41	59	27	7	20	20	11	9
March ..	5	1	Nil	3	1	8	13	3	15	6	55	60	45	53	45	12	13	8	11	12
April ..	2	2	2	3	3	3	10	7	12	11	41	38	37	36	38	8	10	4	14	10
May ..	7	3	8	8	2	5	1	6	12	4	56	44	49	45	35	25	19	24	9	5
June ..	4	1	3	10	2	5	2	2	3	2	47	61	55	54	48	12	19	19	9	12
July ..	8	4	6	5	12	3	4	3	Nil	1	58	51	48	55	52	17	15	22	9	11
August ..	4	2	8	8	3	1	1	1	1	1	44	39	60	53	69	19	24	18	12	17
September ..	3	7	8	6	11	Nil	Nil	5	1	1	47	56	58	66	51	25	17	12	15	10
October ..	3	4	6	3	4	1	Nil	2	2	Nil	64	72	60	64	55	27	12	9	11	18
November ..	1	1	7	2	1	Nil	3	5	3	1	49	48	46	48	45	14	13	18	13	17
December ..	Nil	1	1	1	6	1	1	3	4	5	58	54	60	44	46	13	20	16	13	15
Total ..	45	33	52	52	48	41	46	48	61	48	626	601	619	624	549	201	202	180	144	143

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, 1905 to 1909, were as follow:—

Quarter ended 31st December—	Number of—		Mean Temperature.	Mean Height of Barometer.	Rain.	
	Births.	Deaths.			Number of—	
			°	Inches.	Inches.	Days
1905 ..	2,944	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
1908 ..	3,150	1,698	63.5	29.974	3.78	27
1909 ..	3,334	1,776	61.4	29.934	4.99	33

BIRTHS IN BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG, DURING THE FIVE YEARS, 1905 TO 1909.

Year.	Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
1905	574	636	752	667	352	286
1906	679	596	772	709	333	302
1907	605	511	850	756	311	313
1908	609	578	729	696	339	300
1909	577	528	726	647	347	317

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

Quarter ended 31st December—	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Influenza.	Whooping Cough.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Hydatids.	Erysipelas.	Cancer.	Tubercular Diseases.		Child-bearing (Includes Puerperal Fever).
										Phthisis.	Other Tubercular Diseases.	
1905	6	1	6	1	4	2	4	1	132	171	54	25
1906 .. ..	...	...	31	48	6	4	3	2	166	174	45	13
1907	16	1	39	2	14	10	5	...	139	168	41	17
1908 .. ..	...	3	14	27	6	9	3	1	148	156	37	7
1909 .. ..	...	7	19	14	11	6	2	4	164	146	50	25

AGES AT DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG DURING THE YEAR 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	651	475	75	50	76	55	37	22
1 and under 5 years ..	188	169	33	18	21	16	7	6
5 .. 15	89	78	18	10	9	8	8	2
15 .. 25	176	230	11	18	20	13	7	5
25 .. 35	200	223	18	14	23	30	7	9
35 .. 45	304	340	23	21	47	20	12	9
45 .. 55	467	306	41	18	58	33	16	9
55 .. 65	418	303	27	31	54	22	13	17
65 .. 75	579	510	92	51	76	46	38	30
75 years and upwards ..	606	616	133	79	107	57	51	54
Total	3,678	3,250	471	310	491	300	196	163

CAUSES OF DEATH, MELBOURNE, BALLARAT, BENDIGO, AND GEELONG DURING THE YEAR 1909.

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	27	21	4	5	9	5	1	1
Intermittent Fever and Malarial Cachexia ..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Scarlet Fever	9	19	..	..	..	..	..	..
Whooping Cough	29	39	13	13	4	6	1	2
Diphtheria and Croup	28	20	8	3	..	1	1	..
Influenza	21	22	4	2	3	1	1	4
Dysentery	8	2	..	1	1	2	..	..
Erysipelas	9	8	..	..	1	..	..	..
Purulent infection and Septicæmia	13	19	1	1	1	1	..	..
Trichinosis, &c. .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of the Larynx	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..
Tuberculosis of the Lungs	281	268	31	13	75	26	6	8
Tuberculosis of the Meninges	27	22	..	1	3	3	1	..
Tuberculosis of the Peritoneum	7	12	1	..	1	2	..	..
Pott's Disease	4	6	1	..	1	..	..	..
Tuberculosis of Other Organs	8	8	1	..	1	..	..	..
General Tuberculosis	22	26	3	2	1	..	1	1
Scrofula	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Syphilis	30	20	..	..	1	1	..	1
Cancer, &c., of the Mouth	66	..	4	1	2	..	5	2
Cancer, &c., of the Stomach and Liver ..	132	85	9	6	8	5	5	..
Cancer, &c., of the Peritoneum, the Intestines, and the Rectum	54	40	2	1	3	3	1	2
Cancer, &c., of the Female Genital Organs ..	..	70	..	2	..	1	..	2
Cancer, &c., of the Breast .. .. .	..	51	..	..	..	4	..	2
Cancer, &c., of the Skin	9	9	1	..	..	..	1	..
Cancer, &c., of Other Organs	48	36	8	4	3	8	..	1
Other Tumors (Tumors of Female Genital Organs excepted)	6	7	1	1	1	..	..	2
Acute Articular Rheumatism	22	11	..	5	..	4	..	..
Chronic Rheumatism and Gout	3	3	1	..	1	..	..	..
Scurvy .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diabetes	35	37	1	4	..	1	..	..
Exophthalmic Goitre .. .. .	..	8	..	1	..	..	..	2
Addison's Disease	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	..
Leucæmia	11	5	..	1	..	..	..	..
Anæmia, Chlorosis	21	17	1	2	3	..	1	1
Other General Diseases	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Acute and Chronic Alcoholism	13	6	1	..	1	..	..	..
II.—DISEASES OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM AND OF THE ORGANS OF SPECIAL SENSE.								
Encephalitis	1	4	..	1	..	..	..	2
Simple Meningitis	55	41	3	6	8	6	5	..
Progressive Locomotor Ataxia	9	1	4	..	1	..	1	..
Other Diseases of the Spinal Cord	21	11	1	2	1	2	..	9
Congestion and Hemorrhage of the Brain ..	161	145	15	5	6	13	8	2
Softening of the Brain	10	9	3	7	1	..	1	2
Paralysis without indicated Cause	25	41	5	4	4	4	1	..
General Paralysis	11	4	1	..	..	..	..	..
Other forms of mental alienation	1	4	..	..	..	..	1	..
Epilepsy	14	10	1	3	..	1	..	..
Eclampsia (non-puerperal) .. .. .	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	1
Convulsions of Children under five years ..	24	12	5	3	1	4	..	..
Tetanus	1	2	..	..	1	..	..	..
Chorea .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Other Diseases of the Nervous System	18	15	4	4	1	2	2	..
Diseases of the Ear	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
III.—DISEASES OF THE CIRCULATORY SYSTEM.								
Pericarditis	10	9	..	..	1	..	..	5
Acute Endocarditis	100	85	3	..	1	..	5	5
Organic Diseases of the Heart	334	352	57	61	47	41	18	11
Hydatid Cysts on Heart .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	7
Angina Pectoris	10	3	..	..	..	..	4	..
Diseases of the Arteries, Atheroma, Aneurism, &c.	38	19	2	1	2	1	..	1
Embolism and Thrombosis	18	27	1	1	1	1	..	..
Diseases of the Veins .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Lymphatic System .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..
Hæmorrhage	5	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
IV.—DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM.								
Diseases of the Larynx	8	7	..	1	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Thyroid Body .. .. .	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	..
Acute Bronchitis	22	21	3	7	6	2	..	..
Chronic Bronchitis	57	64	21	9	24	10	7	9

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.
IV.—DISEASES OF THE RESPIRATORY SYSTEM—continued.								
Broncho-pneumonia	104	86	21	10	13	4	6	2
Pneumonia	182	105	13	10	25	7	10	6
Pleurisy	16	7	3	2	5	1	1	..
Congestion of the Lungs and Pulmonary Apoplexy	16	16	2	3	2	3	2	2
Gangrene of the Lungs	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Asthma	20	13	1	..	4	1	1	1
Pulmonary Emphysema	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Hydatids of Lung .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System (Consumption excepted)	8	3	1	2	2	..	1	..
V. DISEASES OF THE DIGESTIVE ORGANS.								
Diseases of the Mouth and its associated Organs	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Diseases of the Pharynx	2	2	..	..	..	..	1	..
Diseases of the Esophagus	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ulcer of the Stomach	8	7	..	1	1	1	1	1
Other Diseases of the Stomach (Cancer excepted)	15	12	5	4	1	3	3	1
Diarrhoea and Enteritis (Children under two years)	214	171	27	13	27	24	10	5
Diarrhoea and Enteritis Chronic (Children under two years)	2	2	2	..	2	..	..	..
Diarrhoea and Enteritis (over two years of age)	36	51	6	8	7	3	2	7
Hernia, Intestinal Obstruction	38	26	3	3	9	3	1	6
Other Diseases of the Intestines	1	8	..	..	..	..	..	..
Icterus Gravis .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hydatid Tumors of the Liver	2	2	..	1	1	..	..	..
Hydatids of Abdomen .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hydatids of Peritoneum	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hydatids (undefined) .. .. .	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	..
Cirrhosis of the Liver	43	34	6	..	2	3	2	..
Biliary Calculi	11	11	..	..	..	2	..	..
Other Diseases of the Liver	19	18	3	4	1	5	2	2
Diseases of the Spleen	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Simple Peritonitis (non-puerperal)	9	19	2	1	1	2	..	1
Appendicitis and Abscess of the Iliac Fossa	29	21	..	3	5	2	1	2
Other Diseases of the Digestive System	3	2	..	1	..	..	..	..
VI. DISEASES OF THE GENITO-URINAL SYSTEM AND ADNEXA.								
Acute Nephritis	27	10	1	..	2	1	3	1
Bright's Disease	191	174	7	5	11	5	6	5
Other Diseases of the Kidneys and their Adnexa	7	9	1	1	2	1	..	..
Calculi of the Urinary System	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Diseases of the Bladder	22	5	3	..	7	1	1	..
Other Diseases of the Urethra, Urinary Abscess, &c.	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Diseases of the Prostate	22	..	1	..	2	..	..	..
Uterine Tumor (non-cancerous) .. .. .	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Uterus .. .. .	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cysts and other Ovarian Tumours .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Female Genital Organs .. .. .	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	1
VII. PUERPERAL CONDITION.								
Accidents of Pregnancy .. .. .	..	11	..	1	..	3	..	..
Puerperal Hæmorrhage .. .. .	..	7	..	..	..	2	..	1
Other Accidents of Childbirth .. .. .	..	13	..	..	..	..	..	..
Puerperal Septicæmia .. .. .	..	15	..	1	..	2	..	1
Puerperal Albuminuria and Eclampsia .. .. .	..	20	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other Puerperal Accidents .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
VIII. DISEASES OF THE SKIN AND OF THE CELLULAR TISSUE.								
Gangrene	9	4	5	2	..	..	1	1
Carbuncle .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..
Phlegmon, Acute Abscess	5	3	1	..	1	..	..	..
Other Diseases of the Skin and Adnexa	7	5	..	..	2	2	..	..
IX. DISEASES OF THE ORGANS OF LOCOMOTION.								
Non-tuberculous Diseases of the Bones	5	1	5	..	1	..	..	..
Arthritis and other Diseases of the Joints	2	1	..	..	..	1	..	..

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

Causes of Death.	Melbourne and Suburbs.		Ballarat and Suburbs.		Bendigo and Suburbs.		Geelong and Suburbs.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
X. MALFORMATIONS.								
Congenital Malformation (exclusive of Stillborn)	23	13	4	..	4	1	1	2
XI. INFANCY.								
Congenital Debility, Icterus and Scleroma of Children under 3 months of age	58	63	4	4	3	2	7	4
Premature Birth	153	75	10	10	10	8	12	6
Other Diseases peculiar to Infancy	4	6	1	1	3	..	1	2
XII. OLD AGE.								
Senile Debility	198	233	66	29	54	28	27	16
XIII. VIOLENCE.								
Suicide by—								
Poison—								
Corrosive Sublimatè .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lysol	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Nitric .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phosphorus .. .. .	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Strychnine	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unstated .. .. .	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
Hanging or Strangulation	9	3	..	..	1	..	..	..
Drowning	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	..
Firearms	14	..	1	..	3	..	..	..
Cutting Instruments	11	1	..	..	3	..	1	..
Precipitation from a Height	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Burns .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Being passed over by a Railway Train	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fractures	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..
Other Accidental Injuries	95	12	18	1	15	2	8	1
Burning by Fire	7	19	3	2	2	2	..	1
Insolation	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	1
Electric Shock	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Accidental Drowning	14	2	..	..	3	2	1	..
Found Drowned	23	10	1	..	..	..	..	..
Inhalation of Noxious Gases (Suicide excepted) .. .. .	..	5	..	..	2	..	..	..
Suffocation	10	12	..	..	..	1	1	..
Exposure .. .. .	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Poison (accidental)—								
Acetic	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ammonia .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belladonna	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Corrosive Sublimatè .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Iodine	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Phosphorus .. .. .	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ptomaine	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unstated .. .. .	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
Snakebite .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Murder	3	7	..	..	1	..	1	..
Manslaughter	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIV. ILL-DEFINED DISEASES.								
Dropsy	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sudden Death	1	..	1	1	1	..	..	..
Unspecified or Ill-defined Causes of Death	33	29	12	..	5	6	3	3
Total	3,678	3,250	471	310	491	300	196	163

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

(As supplied by the Commonwealth Meteorologist.)

Detail	Month of October.	Month of November.	Month of December.
Temperature—Highest in the shade °	81.3 on the 23rd ..	96.3 on the 8th ..	103.9 on the 28th
Lowest in the shade °	39.5 " 8th ..	39.5 " 2nd ..	43.6 " 4th
Mean in the shade °	58.0	62.4	63.7
Mean Maximum °	67.8	74.7	75.1
Mean Minimum °	48.2	50.2	52.3
Greatest daily range °	38.0 on the 23rd ..	45.1 on the 30th ..	49.9 on the 28th
Average during corresponding month of previous ten years °	57.2	61.7	65.2
Number of days on which the thermometer fell to 32° or under .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Number of days on which the thermometer rose to 100° or over .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Barometer—Maximum inches	30.318 on the 12th	30.267 on the 3rd	30.318 on the 31st
Minimum "	29.560 " 10th.	29.400 " 21st	29.430 " 20th
Mean "	29.957	29.938	29.908
Rain—Number of days	11	9	13
" inches	1.61	0.61	2.77
Average rainfall in corresponding month of previous ten years inches	2.44	1.85	2.16
Fog occurred—Number of days .. ..	.. ..	.. ..	.. ..
Mean Humidity per cent.	65	53	54
Wind—prevailing direction	South	South	South

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, CENTRAL WEATHER BUREAU, MELBOURNE, DURING THE YEAR, 1909.

(As supplied by the Commonwealth Meteorologist.)

Detail	
Temperature—Highest in the shade °	103.9 on the 28th December
Lowest in the shade °	32.5 " 25th August
Mean in the shade °	57.7
Mean Maximum °	66.2
Mean Minimum °	49.2
Greatest daily range °	49.9 on the 28th December
Average of previous ten years °	58.3
Number of days on which the Thermometer rose to 10° or over	4. The 23rd February, 20th, 27th, and 28th December
Number of days on which the Thermometer fell to 32° or under .. ..	.. ..
Barometer—Maximum inches	30.551, on the 29th June
Minimum "	29.195 " 13th June
Mean "	30.014
Rain—Number of days	171
" inches	25.80
Average rainfall of previous ten years inches	25.36
Fog occurred—Number of days	21
Mean Humidity per cent.	66
Wind—prevailing direction	South

PRINCIPAL SOURCES OF STATE REVENUE.

Head of Receipt.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter Ended.			
	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th September, 1909.	31st December, 1909.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Land Tax	98,250	92,920	88,339	15,931	25,230	21,358	39,070
Income Tax	322,425	362,415	308,295	9,247	262,640	19,316	7,806
Probate Duty	335,493	392,608	416,247	93,616	67,382	96,622	104,030
Stamp Duty	212,553	227,565	217,030	54,828	58,051	54,972	53,942
Alienation of Crown Lands	182,385	173,962	177,235	63,514	37,389	35,731	33,560
Leases and Licences ..	106,979	116,963	120,802	32,246	21,808	28,317	34,757
Railways*	3,856,336	4,077,275	3,892,908	1,210,250	992,900	880,848	1,170,184
Electric Street Railway ..	5,818	10,027	11,059	3,317	2,384	2,244	3,166
Interest on Loans, &c. ..	138,364	158,780	184,417	28,056	44,352	23,453	44,582
Repayments of Loans ..	7,455	8,777	6,318	4,959	3,797	1,878	2,570
Balance of Commonwealth Revenue	2,191,258	2,418,792	1,990,735	636,295	401,690	525,170	411,623
Other Revenue	580,664	637,602	542,370	156,480	138,365	141,052	155,750
Total State Revenue ..	8,037,980	8,677,686	7,955,755	2,308,739	2,055,988	1,830,961	2,060,840
Corresponding period previous year	7,494,047	8,037,980	8,677,686	2,187,591	1,963,627	1,781,262	2,023,275
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+543,933	+239,706	-721,931	+121,148	+92,361	+49,699	+37,565

*Revenue as received at the Treasury.

STATE EXPENDITURE.

Head of Expenditure.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended.			
	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th September, 1909.	31st December, 1909.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Chief Secretary	630,411	656,638	673,067	188,240	215,643	115,761	190,063
Minister of Public Instruction	619,355	621,353	645,812	162,209	257,292	90,745	222,493
Attorney-General ..	75,024	68,890	71,984	18,722	24,060	12,786	20,109
Solicitor-General ..	57,885	53,721	57,220	14,525	18,601	9,346	13,911
Treasurer	246,630	234,735	216,826	43,331	67,112	47,301	65,271
Commissioner, Lands and Survey	88,770	94,520	98,988	31,165	40,865	17,438	29,975
Commissioner Public Works	187,726	284,592	381,258	126,707	91,954	60,755	103,331
Minister, Mines and Forests	63,079	61,660	69,333	16,871	20,833	14,017	23,279
" Water Supply ..	46,150	61,667	69,469	17,975	25,209	9,032	19,410
" Agriculture ..	71,485	88,713	92,362	31,021	27,283	17,378	30,230
" Health	17,993	19,338	20,452	6,069	6,507	3,178	6,166
" Railways* ..	1,929,516	2,023,521	2,156,350	598,294	783,523	333,516	628,429
Special Appropriations ..	2,910,669	2,633,139	2,750,765	785,093	388,322	1,178,582	777,975
Total Expenditure ..	6,944,693	6,902,487	7,303,886	2,040,272	1,967,204	1,909,835	2,130,632
Corresponding period, previous year	6,374,742	6,944,693	6,002,487	1,763,894	1,788,082	1,825,444	1,926,466
Increase (+); Decrease (-)	+569,951	-42,206	+401,399	+276,378	+179,122	+84,391	+204,166

*Expenditure as passed through the Treasury.

COMMONWEALTH REVENUE CREDITED TO THE STATE OF VICTORIA.

Source of Revenue.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter Ended.			
	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th Sept., 1909.	31st Dec., 1909.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Customs*	2,074,055	2,348,156	2,287,105	628,003	473,509	621,403	554,141
Excise*	592,904	679,177	659,274	169,932	155,036	147,004	189,073
Post, Telegraph, and Telephone ..	779,540	818,157	848,032	232,587	189,828	236,690	224,204
Other	19,599	22,264	14,388	3,910	21,823	6,634	7,566
Total	3,466,098	3,867,754	3,808,799	1,034,432	840,196	1,011,731	974,984
Corresponding period, previous year	3,145,786	3,466,098	3,867,754	1,120,513	812,991	993,368	881,927
Increase (+); Decrease (-) ..	+320,312	+401,656	-58,955	-86,081	+27,205	+18,363	+93,057

* 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.			
	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th Sept., 1909.	31st Dec., 1909.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
From Customs—							
Stimulants	553,337	575,823	547,292	124,670	141,002	145,812	137,102
Narcotics	265,247	265,315	301,091	93,363	32,504	80,420	52,697
Sugar	97,594	42,341	15,145	11,224	18,440	16,282	2,558
Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	178,906	175,196	225,448	51,502	49,564	49,899	68,838
Apparel and Textiles	439,206	569,528	480,752	174,660	66,969	159,698	91,953
Metals and Machinery	124,078	186,554	195,572	42,160	42,426	48,678	57,085
Oils, Paints, and Varnishes	43,991	46,891	57,124	15,537	12,587	15,392	13,892
Earthenware, &c.	50,339	71,401	78,954	19,736	12,108	16,066	16,473
Drugs and Chemicals	15,124	17,460	18,170	4,329	3,409	3,409	5,009
Wood, Wicker, and Cane	90,705	108,067	121,503	36,326	25,425	25,954	27,794
Jewellery and Fancy Goods	56,145	65,491	49,608	9,623	10,100	15,513	15,463
Leather and Rubber	42,758	49,709	57,229	12,714	14,370	15,651	19,691
Paper and Stationery	39,741	53,046	50,446	10,214	9,195	11,594	13,371
Vehicles	28,236	44,408	16,958	4,224	5,070	4,846	6,773
Musical Instruments	18,077	25,696	25,708	4,272	5,295	5,638	5,789
From Excise—							
Spirits	94,781	135,287	57,479	14,331	25,077	24,583	17,731
Beer	174,761	182,667	186,578	48,661	36,241	35,753	58,479
Tobacco	168,393	165,443	164,958	43,113	43,769	43,540	44,725
Sugar	143,491	182,844	239,578	61,725	49,035	44,865	68,889
Starch	9,160	10,194	8,118	1,572	527	Dr. 2,032	Dr. 1,995
Licences—Tobacco and Cigars	1,014	1,295	1,181	294	386	295	299
All other Licences	1,304	1,446	1,333	235	..	..	1,035

* 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.			
	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th Sept., 1909.	31st Dec., 1909.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Trade and Customs	65,664	63,457	69,424	17,604	17,894	16,645	17,606
Defence	256,989	263,937	276,119	74,682	84,567	81,930	79,714
Postmaster-General	627,703	678,807	726,820	173,902	204,109	180,719	204,372
Other "Transferred" Expenditure	20	89	184	..	..	..	..
Total "Transferred" Expenditure	950,376	1,006,290	1,072,547	266,188	306,570	279,294	301,692
Proportion of "New" Expenditure	205,473	313,671	440,894	79,833	67,725	186,666	186,242
New Works, &c., for Transferred Departments	118,345	141,627	291,056	50,480	71,405	20,779	41,791
Total Commonwealth Expenditure debited to Victoria	1,272,194	1,461,588	1,804,497	396,501	445,700	486,739	529,725
Corresponding period, previous year	1,195,499	1,272,194	1,461,588	331,417	553,462	456,773	462,845
Increase (+); Decrease (-) ..	+76,695	+189,394	+342,909	+65,084	-107,762	+29,966	+66,880

RAILWAY REVENUE.

Source of Revenue.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended—			
	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th Sept., 1909.	31st Dec., 1909.
Passengers	£ 1,562,645	£ 1,699,032	£ 1,742,192	£ 452,656	£ 433,927	£ 417,464	£ 492,460
Parcels, &c. .. .	146,365	154,133	159,081	42,579	42,162	39,604	47,544
Horses, Carriages, and Dogs	14,272	14,744	15,565	4,514	4,265	4,427	3,600
Mails	61,375	61,807	66,179	16,314	16,742	16,114	16,347
Rents	54,656	57,147	56,543	14,614	14,769	14,401	16,253
Miscellaneous .. .	12,340	12,306	13,578	4,975	6,573	5,861	6,237
Live Stock .. .	215,820	243,535	263,952	51,550	54,742	53,932	87,982
Goods	1,839,490	1,813,210	1,612,093	608,524	372,968	360,878	534,151.
Total Revenue ..	3,006,969	4,060,914	3,929,183	1,195,726	946,148	921,681	1,204,574
Corresponding period, previous year ..	3,056,885	3,906,969	4,060,914	991,814	901,119	922,312	1,113,038
Increase	250,084	153,945	- 131,731*	203,912	45,029	- 631*	90,636

* Decrease.

RAILWAY EXPENDITURE.

Item.	Year ended 31st December.			Quarter ended—			
	1906.	1907.	1908.	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th Sept., 1909.	31st Dec., 1909.
Expenditure exclusive of Gratuities and Pensions	£ 2,056,294	£ 2,191,077	£ 2,349,990	£ 629,290	£ 610,813	£ 577,306	£ 609,445
Gratuities and Pensions	108,574	102,885	104,503	25,965	28,338	25,579	25,663
Total Expenditure ..	2,164,868	2,293,962	2,454,493	655,255	639,151	602,885	635,108
Corresponding period, previous year	2,042,693	2,164,868	2,293,962	588,531	645,514	601,814	618,634
Increase	122,275	129,094	160,531	66,724	- 6,363*	1,071	16,474

* Decrease.

OTHER RAILWAY STATISTICS.

Item.	Year ended 31st December.		Quarter ended—			
	1907.	1908.	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th Sept., 1909.	31st Dec., 1909.
Train Miles run	10,383,278	10,717,634	3,146,769	2,685,970	2,645,185	2,920,350
Revenue per Train Mile ..	7s. 9.86d.	7s. 3.98d.	7s. 7.20d.	7s. 0.54d.	6s. 11.62d.	8s. 2.99d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile ..	3s. 7.22d.	2s. 11.36d.	3s. 7.20d.	2s. 5.96d.	2s. 7.24d.	4s. 0.91d.
Expenditure per Train Mile ..	4s. 2.64d.	4s. 4.62d.	4s. 0d.	4s. 6.58d.	4s. 4.38d.	4s. 2.08d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue ..	53.95	59.81	52.63	64.56	62.64	50.59
Number of Passengers	72,611,907	78,694,310	19,945,191	20,184,613	20,752,698	21,706,334
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	3,654,123	3,465,236	1,279,019	873,339	806,036	959,123
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic ..	357,016	414,430	79,712	86,689	73,190	111,401
Corresponding Period, Previous Year.						
Train Miles run	9,677,865	10,383,278	2,676,699	2,583,096	2,641,450	2,816,389
Revenue per Train Mile ..	8s. 0.89d.	7s. 9.86d.	7s. 4.93d.	6s. 11.72d.	6s. 11.80d.	7s. 10.92d.
Net Revenue per Train Mile ..	3s. 9.89d.	3s. 7.22d.	3s. 2.46d.	2s. 2.33d.	2s. 7.44d.	3s. 8.39d.
Expenditure per Train Mile ..	4s. 3.00d.	4s. 2.64d.	4s. 2.47d.	4s. 9.39d.	4s. 4.36d.	4s. 2.53d.
Percentage, Expenditure to Revenue ..	52.64	53.05	56.76	68.55	62.48	53.24
Number of Passengers	67,479,448	72,611,907	18,651,909	19,151,594	20,467,073	20,423,743
Tonnage of Goods Traffic	3,485,486	3,654,123	944,582	829,313	787,063	844,278
Tonnage of Live Stock Traffic ..	302,295	357,016	94,305	103,439	102,703	113,983

VICTORIAN BANKING RETURNS—QUARTERLY AVERAGES.

	Quarter ended—			
	31st March, 1909.	30th June, 1909.	30th Sept., 1909.	31st Dec., 1909.
LIABILITIES—				
Notes in circulation not bearing interest ..	£ 884,613	£ 857,827	£ 813,139	£ 865,252
Bills in circulation not bearing interest ..	165,185	130,324	132,522	173,308
Balances due to other Banks ..	166,165	182,200	193,394	200,433
Deposits—Government—				
Not bearing interest ..	305,766	325,133	374,009	352,803
Bearing interest ..	2,208,321	2,780,787	3,303,689	3,443,926
Deposits—other—				
Not bearing interest ..	13,717,547	13,209,680	12,707,030	13,630,812
Bearing interest ..	21,309,535	21,321,946	21,142,918	21,281,320
Perpetual Inscribed Stock ..	997,815	974,185	953,745	951,865
Total Liabilities ..	39,844,947	39,782,082	39,620,446	40,899,719
Corresponding period 1908 ..	39,837,815	38,765,259	37,624,558	37,809,065
Increase ..	7,132	1,016,823	1,995,888	3,090,654
Assets—				
Coined gold, silver, and other metal ..	7,387,003	7,716,863	7,779,208	8,068,051
Gold and silver in bullion and bars ..	406,012	424,340	457,085	423,723
Landed and other property ..	1,765,840	1,748,257	1,742,096	1,736,566
Notes and Bills of other Banks ..	425,124	338,863	342,628	428,615
Balances due from other Banks ..	265,993	253,318	414,133	378,320
All debts due to Banks ..	32,589,553	31,604,262	31,924,483	32,915,373
Total Assets ..	42,839,525	42,085,909	42,659,633	43,950,648
Corresponding period 1908 ..	43,414,417	43,380,531	43,376,401	43,412,998
Decrease ..	574,892	1,294,622	716,768	+ 537,650*
Ratio of Coin and Bullion to Liabilities ..	19.56%	20.46%	20.79%	20.76%
Total Capital paid up ..	13,615,861	13,615,937	13,615,937	13,615,937
Amount of last declared dividend and bonus ..	567,647	600,996	600,998	588,070
Reserves ..	5,958,434	6,276,388	6,338,531	6,440,770

* Increase.

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	69,337	53,907	455,320	11,128,682
" " " 1906 ..	8,891,746	8,250,562	77,345	55,577	477,088	12,057,455
" " " 1907 ..	9,856,864	9,274,098	81,140	61,335	501,393	12,951,779
" " " 1908 ..	10,171,472	10,105,652	80,332	66,820	519,905	13,350,885
Quarter ended 31st March, 1909 ..	2,754,050	2,484,354	23,775	16,351	527,329	13,826,702
" " 30th June, 1909 ..	2,640,778	2,521,586	21,159	16,063	532,425	14,101,710*
" " 30th Sept., 1909 ..	2,880,955	2,781,703	24,421	17,384	539,462	14,201,058
" " 31st Dec., 1909 ..	2,930,097	2,663,347	21,565	15,897	545,130	14,471,566

*Includes Interest to Depositors.

GOLD PRODUCTION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Yield.
From 1851 to 1900	ozs. (gross).
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
" (June quarter)	185,022
" (September quarter)	149,793
" (December quarter)	214,134
Total	71,379,888
Value	£285,100,386

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO VICTORIA FROM OTHER AUSTRALIAN STATES DURING THE YEARS 1908 AND 1909.

Article.	Imported from other States during—					
	1908.			1909.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Animals (Horses, Cattle, and Sheep)	£ 1,850,782	2,300	1,853,082	1,721,073	785	1,721,858
Apparel and Attire	£ 57,631	36,185	93,816	67,792	24,229	92,021
Boots and Shoes	£ 36,333	6,139	42,472	43,342	3,322	46,664
Butter	lbs. 6,027,668	..	6,027,668	3,228,830	..	3,228,830
	£ 304,892	..	304,892	145,973	..	145,973
Cement, &c.	75,211 cwt.	610	75,821	101,960	83	102,043
	£ 11,663	88	11,749	16,895	35	16,930
Coal	1,018,973 tons	..	1,018,973	951,241	..	951,241
	£ 578,157	..	578,157	535,754	..	535,754
Copper, &c.	£ 286,647	182	286,829	235,592	800	236,392
Fruits—Fresh	£ 125,855	619	126,474	134,362	3,864	138,226
Gold (Bullion and Specie)	£ 574,419	32	574,451	1,076,993	60,010	1,137,003
Grain, &c.—						
Barley	110,045 cents	..	110,045	160,999	..	160,999
	£ 51,940	..	51,940	57,308	..	57,308
Oats	118,546 cents	3	118,549	20,170	8	20,178
	£ 42,760	1	42,761	5,211	2	5,213
Wheat	176,975 cents	..	176,975	279,770	..	279,770
	£ 57,205	..	57,205	84,056	..	84,056
Flour	75,538 cents	8	75,546	34,363	..	34,363
	£ 34,169	9	34,178	16,134	..	16,134
Implements and Machinery	£ 40,692	114,548	155,240	59,689	114,343	174,032
Jams and Jellies	lbs. 2,188,341	3,040	2,191,381	2,699,207	3,112	2,602,319
	£ 30,134	129	30,263	31,813	155	31,968
Jewellery	£ 35,647	29,825	65,472	11,280	19,618	30,898
Lead—Pig and in Matte	cwt. 99,708	..	99,708	75,075	201	75,276
	£ 67,723	..	67,723	43,170	153	43,323
Leather	£ 52,785	50,718	103,503	69,738	51,618	121,356
Skins and Hides	£ 335,768	181	335,949	472,804	494	473,298
Soap, N.E.I.	lbs. 2,059,972	1,700	2,061,672	2,060,629	6,292	2,066,921
	£ 22,359	19	22,378	21,809	135	21,944
Spirits	£ 18,260	36,359	54,619	20,311	44,763	65,074
Sugar	cwt. 1,433,527	15,044	1,448,571	1,334,091	1,168	1,335,259
	£ 752,478	8,228	760,706	685,677	1,290	686,967
Timber	£ 171,809	2,916	174,725	163,648	2,230	165,878
Tin Ingots	cwt. 47,402	1	47,403	44,833	..	44,833
	£ 303,889	1	303,890	290,179	..	290,179
Tobacco (manufactured), Cigars, and Cigarettes	£ 72,775	6,582	79,357	102,802	5,761	108,563
Wool—						
Greasy	lbs. 61,934,557	..	61,934,557	73,302,981	..	73,302,981
	£ 2,580,590	..	2,580,590	3,130,977	..	3,130,977
Washed	lbs. 3,302,613	..	3,302,613	3,732,590	..	3,732,590
	£ 247,687	..	247,687	260,248	..	260,248
All other Articles	£ 1,192,187	532,019	1,724,206	1,258,281	637,752	1,896,033
Total	£ 9,937,236	827,078	10,764,314	10,762,911	971,359	11,734,270

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED OVERSEA INTO VICTORIA DURING THE YEARS, 1908 AND 1909.

Article.	Imported Oversea during—				
	1908.		1909.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
Ale and Beer	galls.	624,942	£ 106,913	570,737	£ 87,417
Apparel and Soft Goods	4,049,961	..	4,447,531*
Boots and Shoes	63,543	..	71,107
Cocoa and Chocolate	lbs.	1,573,453	86,335	1,606,335	83,859
Confectionery	865,027	40,955	1,288,478	61,367
Cordage and Twines	213,192	..	208,854
Drugs and Chemicals	259,413	..	261,119
Earthenware, China, &c.	107,231	..	87,626
Fruits (Fresh and Dried)	41,864	..	64,732
Gold (Bullion and Specie)	345,624	..	407,260
Grain—Rice	centals	225,063	98,842	253,375	94,038
Hats and Caps	97,122	..	72,380
Implements and Machinery	708,543	..	818,657
Indiarubber Goods	258,424	..	305,696
Instruments—Musical	116,122	..	108,741
Iron and Steel
Jute Goods—Bags, Sacks, &c.
Leather	350,380	..	481,716
Manures	173,755	..	212,274
Metals—Manufactures of
Oils in Bulk	203,418	994,189	138,421
Paints and Colours, Varnishes	926,095	..	859,525
Paper	379,648	..	390,813
Spirits	122,361	..	121,423
Tea	480,424	..	394,367
Timber	252,143	..	230,921
Tobacco—manufactured
.. unmanufactured	695,871	..	610,348
Vehicles	27,122	408,823	31,875
All Other Articles	288,764	5,452,166	182,286
Total	4,663,970	..	4,151,951
Total	16,433,382	..	16,508,965

* Including woollen goods as follows:—Apparel, £342,897; Socks, £109,624; Blankets, £6,873; Flannels, £13,231; Woollen Piece Goods, £844,170; and Woollens (free), £24,935.

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED FROM VICTORIA TO OTHER STATES OF AUSTRALIA DURING THE YEARS, 1908 AND 1909.

Article.	Exported to other States during the Years—					
	1908.			1909.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Animals (Horses, Cattle, and Sheep)	£ 1,344,646	1,784	1,346,430	1,130,012	674	1,130,686
Apparel and Attire	£ 675,219	133,719	808,938	813,561	156,778	970,339
Biscuits	lbs. 1,922,393	5,204	1,927,597	1,591,529	3,212	1,594,741
Boots and Shoes	£ 43,548	159	43,707	38,543	149	38,692
Butter	£ 465,106	12,516	477,622	561,308	10,332	571,640
Confectionery	lbs. 5,983,303	..	5,983,303	5,376,102	4,480	5,380,582
Fruits—	£ 316,439	..	316,439	264,486	204	264,690
Fresh	£ 165,979	3,065	169,044	147,141	3,381	150,522
Dried Raisins	£ 69,018	2,414	71,432	97,565	5,466	103,031
Grain, &c.—	£ 75,640	19	75,659	80,506	2,331	82,837
Oats	£ 30,417	248	30,665	125,731	194	125,925
Wheat and Flour	£ 166,323	7	166,330	180,032	..	180,032
Malt	£ 134,078	85	134,163	121,142	51	121,193
Hats and Caps	£ 149,747	28,570	178,317	182,437	24,807	207,244
Hay and Chaff	£ 559,776	..	559,776	1,393,845	..	1,393,845
Implements—Agricultural	£ 158,698	..	158,698	244,400	..	244,400
Jams and Jellies	£ 170,969	51,823	222,792	287,966	70,945	368,911
Leather	£ 7,203,921	4,902	7,208,823	7,438,778	4,548	7,443,326
Onions	£ 92,629	158	92,787	101,832	148	101,980
Piece Goods—Woollen	£ 149,247	31,713	180,960	179,051	45,493	224,544
Potatoes	£ 112,423	..	112,423	94,639	..	94,639
Hides	£ 112,142	102,322	214,464	120,498	95,992	216,490
Skins—Sheep	£ 420,499	..	420,499	506,315	..	506,315
Soap, N.E.I.	£ 106,226	..	106,226	122,078	..	122,078
Starch	£ 36,353	222	36,575	30,551	1,104	31,655
Tobacco, &c.	£ 23,556	..	23,556	20,596	..	20,596
Wool	£ 3,975,367	64,923	4,040,290	4,089,432	78,821	4,168,253
All other Articles	£ 43,029	1,067	44,096	47,315	1,225	48,540
Total	£ 3,440,146	15,433	3,455,579	3,984,849	19,927	4,004,776
Total	£ 53,836	234	54,070	63,013	336	63,349
Total	£ 334,635	30,950	365,585	342,554	24,996	367,550
Total	£ 50,346	..	50,346	57,704	43	57,747
Total	£ 4,034,827	2,509,029	6,543,856	3,604,123	2,541,819	6,145,942
Total	£ 9,121,076	2,910,094	12,031,170	9,058,793	2,986,468	12,045,261

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED OVERSEA FROM VICTORIA DURING THE YEARS, 1908 AND 1909.

Articles.	Exported Oversea during—					
	1908.			1909.		
	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Australian Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.
Animals (Horses, Cattle, and Sheep)	£ 92,108	21	92,129	87,513	550	88,063
Apparel and Soft Goods	£ 9,074	47,135	56,209	15,920	43,871	59,791
Biscuits	lbs. 664,147	..	664,147	1,387,136	..	1,387,136
	£ 9,669	..	9,669	21,524	..	21,524
Boots and Shoes	£ 11,961	601	12,562	6,011	562	6,573
Butter	lbs. 21,961,493	2,800	21,964,293	25,707,202	..	25,707,202
	£ 1,037,409	219	1,037,628	1,100,504	..	1,100,504
Earthenware, China, &c.	£ 6,823	192	7,015	3,956	358	4,314
Fruits (Fresh and Dried)	£ 55,457	837	56,294	74,472	838	75,310
Gold (Bullion and Specie)	£ 3,424,048	465	3,424,503	2,399,969	..	2,399,969
Grain, &c.—						
Oats	centals 12,682	5,536	18,218	105,356	3,772	109,128
	£ 5,315	1,849	7,164	26,867	1,011	27,878
Wheat	centals 1,689,009	..	1,689,009	8,194,757	..	8,194,757
	£ 586,796	..	586,796	2,798,269	..	2,798,269
Flour	centals 1,069,168	..	1,069,168	1,429,966	..	1,429,966
	£ 461,534	..	461,534	642,634	..	642,634
Hay and Chaff	owt. 24,756	240	24,996	40,023	..	40,023
	£ 7,210	84	7,294	6,867	..	6,867
Indiarubber Goods	£ 36,902	7,126	44,028	32,314	18,474	50,788
Jams and Jellies	lbs. 938,222	..	938,222	1,264,968	18	1,264,986
	£ 14,520	..	14,520	19,497	1	19,498
Implements and Machinery	£ 109,796	20,992	130,788	122,274	19,796	142,070
Leather	£ 195,276	10,500	205,776	178,585	12,306	190,891
Manures	owt. 126,985	443	127,428	115,290	2	115,292
	£ 23,701	255	23,956	33,188	1	33,189
Meats—						
Mutton and Lamb	lbs. 27,763,490	..	27,763,490	31,160,003	..	31,160,003
	£ 401,883	..	401,883	402,376	..	402,376
Rabbits and Hares	pairs 1,743,466	..	1,743,466	1,675,578	..	1,675,578
	£ 84,835	..	84,835	82,182	..	82,182
Other	£ 40,917	133	41,050	27,975	338	28,313
Oils in Bulk	£ 28,210	20,887	49,097	30,361	7,081	37,442
Skins and Hides	£ 833,049	2,176	835,225	1,086,512	113	1,086,625
Soap	lbs. 1,762,000	44,736	1,806,736	2,082,024	42,806	2,124,830
	£ 13,108	2,484	15,592	16,010	2,514	18,524
Sugar	owt. 39	6,750	6,789	192	8,088	8,280
	£ 33	5,044	5,077	149	6,148	6,297
Tallow	owt. 103,541	665	104,206	160,927	..	160,927
	£ 132,761	883	133,644	214,080	..	214,080
Tea	lbs. ..	619,588	619,588	..	527,727	527,727
	£ ..	22,425	22,425	..	19,794	19,794
Tobacco, &c.	£ 65,577	1,955	67,532	70,147	755	70,902
Wine	£ 47,625	1,535	49,160	53,911	727	54,638
Wool—						
Greasy	lbs. 124,261,437	13,834	124,275,271	152,737,707	..	152,737,707
	£ 5,177,245	576	5,177,821	6,337,822	..	6,337,822
Scoured and Washed	lbs. 11,091,461	..	11,091,461	9,841,167	..	9,841,167
	£ 831,747	..	831,747	666,801	..	666,801
All other Articles	£ 1,026,613	245,465	1,272,078	1,006,425	160,081	1,166,506
Total	£ 14,771,202	393,829	15,165,031	17,565,115	295,319	17,860,434

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 ..	1,765,190	1,533,364	6,048,316	1,941,815	1,391,678	6,151,019
February ..		1,546,062			1,381,214	
March ..		1,203,700			1,436,312	
April ..	1,767,767	1,143,671	5,296,128	1,869,591	1,116,863	5,242,210
May ..		1,157,737			1,125,602	
June ..		1,226,953			1,130,154	
July ..	2,930,933	1,624,643	7,273,542	2,954,533	1,349,570	7,251,512
August ..		1,498,062			1,576,876	
September ..		1,219,904			1,370,533	
October ..	4,300,424	1,324,195	8,579,710	4,968,331	1,634,618	9,598,494
November ..		1,217,237			1,512,643	
December ..		1,737,854			1,482,902	
<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	2,098,900	2,972,785
March ..	975,173	1,169,031	2,144,204	1,106,166	1,570,254	2,676,520
April ..	970,948	780,675	1,751,623	951,826	1,004,079	1,985,905
May ..	1,043,980	995,941	2,039,921	967,959	537,943	1,505,902
June ..	883,367	463,873	1,347,240	911,245	1,036,222	1,947,467
July ..	881,055	806,869	1,687,924	913,752	940,607	1,854,359
August ..	1,246,196	967,603	2,213,799	992,675	601,630	1,594,305
September ..	1,001,397	950,065	1,954,462	1,038,430	926,695	1,965,125
October ..	1,128,211	948,716	2,076,927	1,110,401	1,461,409	2,571,810
November ..	1,227,848	2,176,869	3,404,717	1,143,173	2,797,735	3,940,908
December ..	960,655	3,050,791	4,011,446	1,351,220	3,109,562	4,460,782

VALUE OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS—1903 TO 31ST DECEMBER, 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	8,730,187	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 ..	11,097,235	17,101,022	28,198,257	11,622,705	17,112,298	28,735,004
1908 ..	10,764,314	16,433,382	27,197,696	12,031,170	15,165,031	27,196,201
1909 ..	11,734,270	16,508,965	28,243,235	12,045,261	17,860,434	29,905,695

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

Description of Produce.	Destination.							
	United Kingdom.		South Africa.		Other Ports.		Total.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Butter ..	18,610,360	£ 930,518	203,448	£ 10,172	460,220	£ 23,011	19,274,028	£ 963,701
Cheese ..	..	..	13,200	302	6,720	154	19,920	456
Milk and Cream ..	18,000	450	..	..	7,400	185	26,400	635
Ham and Bacon ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eggs ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Poultry and Game ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rabbits and Hares ..	41,376	1,724	195	39	135	27	330	66
Mutton and Lamb ..	24,047,960	369,449	876	36	..	..	42,252	1,760
Beef ..	311,600	3,895	11,000	160	..	..	24,658,960	359,609
Veal ..	41,940	699	27,000	450	9,000	150	311,600	3,895
Pork ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	77,940	1,299
Fruit ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fruit Pulp ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	..	£ 1,200,735	..	£ 11,150	..	£ 23,561	..	£ 1,331,455

EXPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF CERTAIN ARTICLES THROUGH COOL STORES, 1904 TO 1908.

Produce.	1904.	1905.	1906.	1907.	1908.
<i>Quantity.</i>					
Butter lbs.	37,948,216	35,917,208	46,009,642	41,654,244	25,393,348
Cheese "	1,072,940	920,520	970,440	1,126,080	726,960
Milk and Cream "	1,325,500	1,645,700	2,053,100	4,223,700	2,223,600
Ham and Bacon "	1,630,600	1,708,800	2,393,920	2,985,360	1,878,240
Eggs doz.	45,940	48,570	50,237	65,046	6,480
Poultry and Game head	46,820	51,705	72,410	56,275	22,826
Rabbits and Hares pairs	4,045,036	5,142,928	4,788,466	3,234,378	2,043,846
Mutton and Lamb lbs.	12,101,533	22,077,520	34,793,920	33,637,680	29,538,600
Beef "	673,200	629,200	1,473,610	462,000	244,800
Veal "	1,320,300	928,055	558,990	563,850	628,940
Pork "	126,320	110,340	293,310	201,960	62,980
Fruit bushels	95,000	116,603	150,568	175,893	95,806
Fruit Pulp lbs.	5,342,700	845,900	465,800	180,200	537,500
<i>Value.</i>					
	£	£	£	£	£
Butter "	1,744,938	1,763,789	2,208,066	2,082,636	1,269,662
Cheese "	26,824	23,013	22,237	25,902	16,655
Milk and Cream "	27,614	34,285	51,327	103,716	55,588
Ham and Bacon "	44,643	49,840	69,822	87,346	54,782
Eggs "	2,297	2,429	2,044	2,232	216
Poultry and Game "	9,364	10,341	16,116	11,255	4,565
Rabbits and Hares "	210,679	267,860	199,518	134,762	85,158
Mutton and Lamb "	181,523	331,162	579,896	514,830	430,769
Beef "	8,415	7,865	18,419	5,774	3,060
Veal "	16,503	11,600	10,794	9,445	10,478
Pork "	3,158	2,758	6,907	4,202	1,308
Fruit "	47,503	58,301	86,668	87,944	48,659
Fruit Pulp "	66,783	10,753	5,821	2,251	6,718
Total "	2,390,244	2,573,996	3,277,635	3,074,195	1,967,618