

NATIONALITY OF VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

ENTERED.

Year.	Total Number.			British.			Colonial.			Foreign.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
1890	2,474	2,178,551	85,818	435	827,122	32,698	1,855	1,076,710	184	274,719	9,899	
1891	2,571	2,338,864	92,861	394	804,729	31,981	1,958	1,248,615	179	285,520	10,465	
1892	2,255	2,224,652	91,244	409	839,829	33,399	1,698	1,129,769	148	255,054	9,490	
1893	1,889	2,009,187	83,389	349	766,473	31,618	1,442	1,050,267	98	192,447	8,409	
1894	2,083	2,163,716	86,468	373	813,068	31,539	1,600	1,135,306	110	215,342	8,799	
1895	1,948	2,181,539	82,632	408	885,839	33,060	1,440	1,065,234	100	230,466	8,982	
1896	1,882	2,127,647	83,002	390	888,472	33,482	1,362	1,119,639	130	268,367	9,671	
1897	1,888	2,437,190	87,512	359	846,250	33,272	1,371	1,242,918	158	348,022	12,024	
1898	2,008	2,472,745	91,208	378	895,384	34,566	1,498	1,274,958	132	302,403	11,312	
1899	2,024	2,662,792	92,397	416	1,049,050	35,981	1,453	1,247,629	155	366,113	12,726	
1900	2,101	2,929,389	97,770	748	1,300,814	43,810	1,189	1,194,484	164	374,091	12,609	

CLEARED.

1890	2,459	2,184,790	85,163	435	825,769	32,323	1,835	1,079,164	189	279,857	9,865
1891	2,500	2,376,245	93,179	400	821,679	32,124	1,977	1,268,860	183	285,706	10,323
1892	2,266	2,231,602	90,629	402	834,810	32,497	1,717	1,140,571	147	256,221	9,566
1893	1,887	2,020,551	83,251	356	773,472	31,527	1,430	1,049,996	101	197,083	8,486
1894	2,045	2,127,743	85,541	363	797,525	31,391	1,576	1,123,442	106	206,776	8,403
1895	1,889	2,167,147	81,779	398	876,468	32,542	1,390	1,061,925	101	228,754	8,969
1896	1,900	2,289,752	82,978	398	891,805	32,833	1,370	1,125,840	132	270,107	9,941
1897	1,882	2,428,182	86,869	357	848,547	33,252	1,370	1,240,306	155	330,329	11,440
1898	2,043	2,483,992	91,546	382	900,703	34,460	1,531	1,278,668	130	304,621	11,426
1899	2,031	2,678,663	93,196	420	1,076,312	37,042	1,459	1,242,695	152	359,656	12,641
1900	2,134	2,944,192	97,885	807	1,470,710	45,909	1,159	1,093,892	168	379,590	12,495

BRITISH AND FOREIGN VESSELS ENTERED AND CLEARED.

RETURN showing the Number, Tonnage, and Crews of Vessels Entered at and Cleared from Victorian Ports during the Year ended 31st December, 1900.

ENTERED.

Nationality of Vessels.	Sailing Vessels or Steamers.			With Cargoes.			In Ballast.			Total.		
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.
British * ...	233	130,196	2,492	17	14,410	206	20	144,606	206	144,606	2,698	
	1,523	2,241,483	79,094	165	169,729	3,384		2,411,212	3,384	2,411,212	82,478	
Total ...	1,756	2,371,679	81,586	182	184,139	3,590		2,555,818	3,590	2,555,818	85,176	
Foreign ...	55	63,327	874	20	22,328	337		85,655	337	85,655	1,211	
	87	28,5319	11,356	1	2,397	27		287,916	27	287,916	11,383	
Total ...	142	348,846	12,230	21	24,725	364		373,571	364	373,571	12,594	
British and Foreign ...	288	193,523	3,366	37	36,738	543		230,261	543	230,261	3,909	
	1,610	2,527,002	90,450	166	172,126	3,411		2,699,128	3,411	2,699,128	93,861	
Total Inwards ...	1,898	2,720,525	93,816	203	208,864	3,954		2,929,389	3,954	2,929,389	97,770	

CLEARED.

British * ...	210	110,076	2,078	42	37,100	616		147,176	616	147,176	2,694
	1,465	2,117,682	75,986	249	298,744	6,710		2,416,426	6,710	2,416,426	82,696
Total ...	1,675	2,227,758	78,064	291	335,844	7,326		2,563,602	7,326	2,563,602	85,390
Foreign ...	53	61,163	874	26	30,656	393		91,819	393	91,819	1,267
	86	283,157	11,166	3	4,614	62		287,771	62	287,771	11,228
Total ...	139	344,320	12,040	29	35,270	455		379,590	455	379,590	12,495
British and Foreign ...	263	171,239	2,952	68	67,756	1,009		238,995	1,009	238,995	3,961
	1,551	2,400,839	87,152	252	303,358	6,772		2,704,197	6,772	2,704,197	93,924
Total Outwards ...	1,814	2,572,078	90,104	320	371,114	7,781		2,943,192	7,781	2,943,192	97,885

\* Includes British-Colonial vessels.

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SHIPPING ENTERED AND CLEARED AT EACH PORT.  
RETURN showing the Number, Tonnage, and Crews of Vessels Entered at and Cleared from each Port in the Colony of Victoria during the Year 1900.

Ports.	With Cargoes.						In Ballast.						Total.													
	Sailing.			Steam.			Sailing.			Steam.			Sailing.			Steam.										
	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.	Vessels.	Tons.	Crews.								
Melbourne	251	192,431	3,281	1,473	2,447,534	88,148	1,724	2,639,965	91,429	488	33,167	79	154,817	2,686	106	187,984	3,174	278	225,598	3,769	2,602,351	90,834	1,830	2,827,949	94,603	
Geelong	...	17	...	35	57,888	1,158	36	57,905	1,100	41	3,321	1	2,262	28	3	5,783	69	3	3,338	43	60,150	1,216	39	65,688	1,259	
Warrnambool	...	4	816	...	...	...	4	816	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	...	
Port Fairy	...	...	...	12	5,100	216	12	5,100	216	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	5,100	216
Portland	...	...	...	2	3,733	65	2	3,733	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	3,733	65
Echuca	...	...	...	9	1,636	80	9	1,636	80	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	1,636	80
Bairnsdale	...	...	...	26	2,985	180	26	2,985	180	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111	17,938	869
Mildura	...	...	...	52	8,102	567	52	8,102	567	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53	8,196	575
Mallacoota	...	259	...	1	24	6	33	283	63	14	50	1	94	8	1	50	14	40	309	71	24	6	41	533	77	
	288	193,323	3,366	1,610	2,527,002	90,450	1,898	2,720,525	93,816	543	36,738	166	172,126	3,411	203	208,864	3,954	325	230,261	3,909	2,699,128	93,861	2,101	2,929,389	97,770	

  

Ports.	Entered.			Cleared.																					
	No.	Tonnage.	Crews.	No.	Tonnage.	Crews.																			
	Melbourne	214	159,608	2,734	1271	2,220,367	82,544	1,485	2,379,975	85,278	58	65,828	948	221	276,072	6,219	279	341,900	7,167	272	225,436	3,682	1,492	2,496,439	88,763
Geelong	14	11,365	160	70	113,512	2,090	84	124,877	2,230	5	1,890	...	16	25,805	462	16	25,805	462	14	11,365	160	86	139,317	2,552	
Warrnambool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Port Fairy	...	...	...	12	5,100	216	12	5,100	216	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Portland	...	...	...	13	31,821	649	13	31,821	649	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Echuca	...	...	...	60	10,399	523	60	10,399	523	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bairnsdale	...	...	...	84	12,798	651	84	12,798	651	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mildura	...	...	...	40	6,818	473	40	6,818	473	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mallacoota	35	266	58	1	24	6	36	290	64	38	304	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	263	171,239	2,952	1,551	2,400,839	87,152	1,814	2,572,078	90,104	68	67,756	1,009	252	303,358	6,772	320	371,114	7,781	331	238,995	3,901	1,803	2,704,197	93,924	

COASTING TRADE, 1900.

Port.	Entered.			Cleared.		
	No.	Tonnage.	Crews.	No.	Tonnage.	Crews.
Geelong	937	367,432	833	...	257,448	...
Warrnambool	184	78,477	183	Echuca	24,461	15,566
Port Fairy	107	29,934	107	Swan Hill	23,777	26,045
Portland	135	55,582	136	Mildura	11,443	11,284
Bairnsdale	104	16,640	104	Narung	454	454
Cunningham	243	19,403	244	Mallacoota	93	118
Orbost	108	5,048	107	Sale	4,200	4,200

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## SHIPPING ENTERED AT EACH PORT.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Ports.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Melbourne ... {	Vessels 1,967	2,034	1,844	1,604	1,771	1,655	1,656	1,668	1,718	1,693	1,830
... {	Tons 2,051,826	2,222,805	2,128,726	1,921,677	2,038,776	2,062,809	2,195,878	2,342,447	2,379,703	2,535,186	2,827,949
Geelong ... {	Vessels 68	41	32	31	55	50	30	34	36	50	39
... {	Tons 60,183	38,712	32,453	41,390	81,914	78,434	48,556	60,940	54,146	85,547	63,688
Portland ... {	Vessels 14	3	...	4	...	...	1	1	2	1	2
... {	Tons 2,159	2,064	...	3,558	...	...	1,588	1,192	206	2,220	3,733
Port Fairy ... {	Vessels 4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
... {	Tons 465	240	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,100
Port Albert ... {	Vessels ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bairnsdale ... {	Vessels 7	3	2	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons 656	358	199	282	145	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cunninghame ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	427	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Franklin River {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...
Mallagoota ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15	38	41
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	85	253	333
Sale ... {	Vessels ...	...	4	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	128	139	183	...	...	...	...	...	...
Warrnambool ... {	Vessels 16	19	8	6	5	1	6	2	2	4	4
... {	Tons 3,882	5,506	2,919	2,483	3,293	157	1,719	280	462	1,291	816
Wahgunyah ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Echuca ... {	Vessels 138	154	119	91	95	57	12	68	93	93	9
... {	Tons 25,428	31,071	24,958	17,732	17,328	10,472	2,113	12,639	17,059	16,669	1,636
Swan Hill ... {	Vessels 143	175	143	20	20	69	84	54	79	88	111
... {	Tons 20,760	23,464	21,430	3,254	2,902	12,320	10,546	9,646	10,723	13,633	17,938
Mildura ... {	Vessels 117	100	103	121	130	116	93	61	63	56	53
... {	Tons 13,192	14,621	13,839	18,245	19,175	17,347	16,078	10,046	10,361	7,983	8,196
Yarrawonga ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,101
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,929,389

## SHIPPING CLEARED AT EACH PORT.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Ports.	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Melbourne ... {	Vessels 1,954	1,988	1,768	1,563	1,730	1,608	1,641	1,612	1,665	1,596	1,764
... {	Tons 2,045,156	2,139,333	2,030,047	1,873,110	1,986,726	2,021,204	2,161,522	2,256,068	2,304,060	2,411,932	2,721,875
Geelong ... {	Vessels 82	115	101	88	75	74	61	85	84	133	100
... {	Tons 71,620	152,220	120,591	99,263	94,756	101,203	85,109	118,846	114,278	189,674	150,682
Portland ... {	Vessels 18	7	9	7	5	5	7	12	11	8	13
... {	Tons 7,544	11,751	14,779	11,836	8,573	10,700	14,850	24,442	21,741	25,395	31,821
Port Fairy ... {	Vessels 3	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	12
... {	Tons 219	240	...	...	...	...	...	232	...	...	5,100
Port Albert ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bairnsdale ... {	Vessels 8	5	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons 556	465	204	111	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cunninghame ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	3	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	213	61	...	...	...	...	...	...
Franklin River {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10	...
Mallagoota ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	32	41
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123	218	328
Sale ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	139	61	...	...	...	...	...	...
Warrnambool ... {	Vessels 13	11	10	3	5	2	7	2	2	2	5
... {	Tons 3,800	3,398	4,244	828	3,293	668	2,793	280	1,267	864	1,890
Wahgunyah ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Echuca ... {	Vessels 134	160	129	42	41	30	9	45	102	99	64
... {	Tons 23,865	31,238	26,496	8,446	6,985	6,390	1,540	7,727	20,052	17,279	11,029
Swan Hill ... {	Vessels 143	175	143	37	56	65	100	76	107	108	94
... {	Tons 20,760	23,464	21,430	6,123	7,933	11,270	12,289	13,558	14,133	15,807	13,605
Mildura ... {	Vessels 104	98	104	142	131	105	75	49	52	42	41
... {	Tons 11,270	14,136	13,811	20,482	19,355	15,712	11,649	7,029	8,338	6,710	6,862
Yarrawonga ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ... {	Vessels ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,134
... {	Tons ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,943,192

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**VESSELS BUILT AND REGISTERED.**

RETURN showing the Number and Tonnage of Vessels Built, Registered, and on the Register in the Colony of Victoria during the Year ended 31st December, 1900.

VESSELS BUILT.					VESSELS REGISTERED.					
Description.			No.	Tons.	Description.			No.	Tons.	Men.
Sailing	...	...	3	28	Cutters	...	3	28	6	
Steamers	...	...	...	...	Yawl	...	1	22	4	
					Schooner	...	1	68	5	
					Steamers	...	6	12,137	146	
Total			3	28	Total			11	12,255	161

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**VESSELS BUILT AND REGISTERED.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.**

Year.	BUILT.				REGISTERED.					
	Steamers.		Sailing Vessels.		Steamers.*			Sailing Vessels.†		
	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	No.	Tons.	Men.	No.	Tons.	Men.
1890	2	15	3	1,256	11	5,459	207	10	2,619	40
1891	2	62	3	257	12	1,618	118	15	1,902	35
1892	2	523	8	708	6	3,129	88	13	1,950	34
1893	1	9	2	46	8	11,415	186	5	2,257	15
1894	1	10	...	...	3	3,117	54	1	1,699	2
1895	1	44	...	...	5	4,478	98	2	111	7
1896	...	...	2	46	4	6,985	132	8	1,347	17
1897	...	...	2	225	7	13,389	239	8	1,716	55
1898	...	...	...	...	8	14,811	155	3	100	12
1899	...	...	5	593	5	8,057	127	7	654	13
1900	...	...	3	28	6	12,137	146	5	118	15

\* Including steam dredges and steam barges.—† Including barges.

## VESSELS ON THE REGISTER.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Vessels on the Register.	Net Tonnage.	Men employed.	Year.	Vessels on the Register.	Net Tonnage.	Men employed.
1890 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	142 267	44,373 43,224	} 2,927	1896 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	151 259	54,192 41,568	} 2,941
1891 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	150 277	43,681 44,816		} 2,949	1897 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	149 259	
1892 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	154 282	45,525 44,739	} 3,048		1898 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	149 250	61,967 39,715
1893 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	157 282	48,241 45,672		} 3,049	1899 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	148 233	60,964 37,837
1894 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	152 268	47,011 43,886	} 2,924		1900 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	149 226	64,986 36,168
1895 { Steamers ... Sailing Vessels	153 261	48,029 41,925		} 2,842			

## LIGHTERS AND BOATS LICENSED.

RETURN showing the Number of Lighters and Boats Licensed in the Colony of Victoria during the Year ended 31st December, 1900.

Class.	No.	Nature of Licence
Lighters ... ..	134	For conveyance of goods.
Boats ... ..	517	Ferry, passenger, and other purposes.

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## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

WEIGHTS.	MEASURES.
The Weights are the same as those used in the United Kingdom.	The Measures are the same as those used in the United Kingdom.

## POST OFFICES AND LETTER BOXES, 1895 TO 1900.

	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Post Offices ... ..	1,560	1,551	1,572	1,581	1,593	1,615
Receiving Offices ... ..	13	21	17	17	17	17
Travelling Offices ... ..	18	6	15	15	21	21
Letter Boxes ... ..	826	826	830	836	952	994

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Minister of Trade and Customs.

POSTAL ROUTES AND DISTANCES TRAVERSED, 1895 TO 1900.

	Postal Routes.						Distances Traversed.					
	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Railways ...	3,118	3,001	3,027½	3,047	3,103½	3,121½	4,239,462	4,340,460	4,348,546	4,356,970	4,383,802	4,389,418
Road ...	9,662	9,570	9,714	9,977	9,674	9,783	3,616,616	3,395,783	3,519,038	3,583,385	3,388,931	3,908,939
Water Carriage	86	30	30	30	47	47	26,832	13,726	13,726	13,726	20,592	20,592
Total	12,866	12,601	12,771½	13,054	12,824½	12,951½	7,882,910	7,749,969	7,881,310	7,954,081	7,793,325	8,318,949

LETTERS, LETTER CARDS, POST CARDS, PACKETS, NEWSPAPERS, AND PARCELS, 1900.

POSTED.

Service.	Articles passing through the Post Office.*					Parcels.			
	Letters and Post Cards.		Packets.†		Newspapers.	Number.	Weight.	Postage (Victorian proportion only).	Declared Value.
	Ordinary.	Registered only.	Ordinary.	Registered only.					
					lb.	£	£		
Inland‡ ...	61,649,802	813,416	8,850,331		13,265,949	200,115		10,274	
Intercolonial§ ...	3,654,786	206,142	1,672,674		6,300,264	51,141		3,161	
International§ ...	1,202,094	36,966	402,984		1,196,376	7,326			
Total of Colony	66,506,682	1,056,524	10,925,989		20,762,589	258,582		13,435	

RECEIVED.

Intercolonial ...	5,309,707	109,029	644,293		1,821,907	21,981		1,781	
International ...	1,266,240	43,022	333,939		2,881,846	17,789			
Total ...	6,575,947	152,051	978,232		4,703,753	39,770		1,781	

\* Including O.H.M.S. correspondence, &c., which is exempt from postage.—† Including printed matter, commercial papers, and samples of merchandise.—‡ Including intercolonial and international letters, packets, and newspapers posted at suburban and country post offices.—§ Numbers posted in General Post Office and subsidiary pillar-boxes only.—|| Information not furnished.

DEAD LETTERS, 1895 TO 1900.

	Letters and Post Cards.						Packets and Newspapers.					
	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
<b>INLAND.</b>												
Returned, delivered, &c. (Registered)	13,874	14,910	15,971	196,882	164,420	103,003	39,167*	60,928*	157,183	137,328	175,920	138,425
Destroyed in accordance with law ... (Unregistered)	288,428	290,489	143,869									
	16,973	16,100	17,204									
<b>INTERCOLONIAL.</b>												
Originally addressed to other countries—												
Returned to writers ... (Registered)	...	...	23,813	17,091	12,747	16,125	Included above.	Included above.	4,827	1,841	3,300	4,195
Destroyed in accordance with law ... (Unregistered)	...	...	4,936	4,993	3,972	4,912			524	229	247	2,869
Returned to other countries as unclaimed—												
Registered ... (Registered)	437†	930†	15,575‡	15,733	15,035	13,628	Included above.	Included above.	9,762	6,209	6,320	5,499
Unregistered ... (Unregistered)	27,920†	28,535†										
<b>INTERNATIONAL.</b>												
Originally addressed to other countries—												
Returned to writers ... (Registered)	...	...	4,443	2,640	3,322	6,783	Included above.	Included above.	562	164	154	2,201
Destroyed in accordance with law ... (Unregistered)	...	...	754	588	573	1,670			3,825	3,208	27	3,741
Returned to other countries ... (Unregistered)	...	...	7,429‡	10,621‡	8,784	9,563			2,988			
Total number dealt with ...	347,632	350,964	233,994	271,839	229,158	172,742	157,432	192,517	271,794	291,052	337,509	305,739

NOTE.—Included in the above return were—Letters, &c., containing money, representing £6,345 in 1895, £4,602 in 1896, £5,392 in 1897, £7,001 in 1898, £4,998 in 1899, and £9,121 in 1900; letters, &c., containing other articles of value, to the number of 155 in 1895, 150 in 1896, 208 in 1897, 199 in 1898, 1,806 in 1899, and 280 in 1900; and letters, &c., irregularly posted, 16,054 in 1895, 21,743 in 1896, 25,750 in 1897, 15,771 in 1898, 15,810 in 1899, and 19,859 in 1900.

\* Including intercolonial and international.—† Including international.—‡ Including registered letters, 543 in 1897, 679 in 1898, 589 in 1899, and 579 in 1900.

## TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES, 1896 TO 1900.

TELEGRAPHS.										
Year	Number of Telegraph Offices.*			Miles open on 31st December controlled by the—						
				Postal Department.		Railway Department.		Total.		
	Postal.	Railway.	Total.	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.	
1896 ...	387	389	776	3,837	9,371	2,765	5,018	6,602	14,389	
1897 ...	389	389	778	3,823	9,378	2,749	4,996	6,572	14,374	
1898 ...	399	383	782	3,841	9,455	2,758	5,274	6,599	14,729	
1899 ...	431	399	830	3,940	9,606	2,807	5,519	6,747	15,125	
1900 ...	431	393	824	3,965	9,715	2,807	5,838	6,772	15,553	

  

Year.	Number of Telegrams.															
	Inland.				Intercolonial.				International.							
	Paid.		Unpaid (O.H.M.S.).		Received (approximate).		Despatched.		In Transit.		Received.		Despatched.		In Transit.	
	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.
1896 ...	1,437,415	£ 64,526	64,281	£ 4,459	381,298	49,524	352,690	44,196	†	1,006	16,923	60,490	18,229	72,587	†	£ 25
1897 ...	1,374,578	59,664	74,405	5,545	385,939	48,542	350,770	44,249	†	1,084	16,542	55,628	21,881	65,889	†	31
1898 ...	1,376,158	59,667	78,697	5,421	381,150	48,723	332,274	38,272	†	†	17,073	55,189	19,055	63,966	†	†
1899 ...	1,416,488	62,079	75,477	5,397	410,000	53,676	376,195	43,685	†	†	20,810	70,605	21,328	75,474	†	†
1900 ...	1,522,642	68,348	86,503	6,421	409,208	51,461	360,789	42,859	†	†	21,908	73,520	23,075	77,357	†	†

## TELEPHONES AND PRIVATE LINES.

Year.	Miles open on 31st December controlled by the—						Exchanges.		Bureaux.	Number of Private Lines.
	Postal Department.		Railway Department. †		Total.		Number.	Subscribers.		
	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.				
1896 ...	581	10,135	156	156	737	10,291	13	2,754	4	185
1897 ...	617	10,541	156	174	773	10,795	13	3,088	19	185
1898 ...	644	11,232	170	193	814	11,425	13	3,630	40	219
1899 ...	693	13,591	170	203	863	13,794	14	4,407	64	281
1900 ...	750	16,393	329	355	1,079	16,748	17	5,136	64	311

\* Including 118 offices in 1896, 116 in 1897, 155 in 1898, 169 in 1899, and 184 in 1900 worked by telephone only.

† No record.

‡ For use of public as well as for railway purposes. The mileage used for railway purposes only, which is not included, was as follows:—In 1896, line 4, wire 965; in 1897, line 4, wire 976; in 1898, line 4, wire 1,193, in 1899, line 4, wire 1,389, and in 1900, line 6, wire 1,635.

## ELECTRIC TELEGRAPHS.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

(Exclusive of Telephones.)

Year.	Number of Stations. <sup>e</sup>	Miles open on the 31st December under the control of the—						Number of Telegrams Transmitted.			Amount Received.	
		Postal Department.		Railway Department.		Total.		Paid.	Unpaid.†	Total.	Gross.	Net.
		Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.	Line.	Wire.					
1890	748	4,000	8,720	2,628	4,779	6,628	13,499	3,032,892	81,891	3,114,783	£ 138,969	£
1891	787	4,153	9,115	2,687	4,874	6,840	13,989	2,975,382	89,969	3,065,351	135,311	†
1892	818	4,072	9,141	2,690	4,897	6,762	14,038	2,633,708	92,152	2,725,860	116,066	†
1893	779	4,007	9,216	2,748	5,004	6,755	14,220	2,392,192	85,959	2,478,151	105,740	†
1894	793	3,963	9,336	2,810	5,084	6,773	14,420	2,282,289	84,076	2,366,365	99,643	93,655
1895	772	3,942	9,361	2,789	5,048	6,731	14,409	1,969,337	67,112	2,036,449	102,449	95,896
1896	776	3,837	9,371	2,765	5,018	6,602	14,389	1,808,334	64,281	1,872,615	108,722	101,928
1897	778	3,823	9,378	2,749	4,996	6,572	14,374	1,747,229	74,405	1,821,634	106,802	99,194
1898	782	3,841	9,455	2,758	5,274	6,599	14,729	1,727,487	78,697	1,806,184	104,562	97,565
1899	830	3,940	9,606	2,807	5,519	6,747	15,125	1,814,011	75,477	1,889,488	109,162	102,591
1900	824	3,965	9,715	2,807	5,838	6,772	15,553	1,906,506	86,503	1,993,009	111,208	104,609

NOTE.—This table has been compiled in the office of the Government Statist from returns furnished by the Postal Department.

<sup>e</sup> Including stations under the control of the Railway Department, numbering 432 in 1892, 385 in 1893, 398 in 1894, 388 in 1895, 389 in 1896 and in 1897, 383 in 1898, 399 in 1899, and 401 in 1900.

† Exclusive of unpaid railway telegrams.

‡ Information not available.



MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES, 1895 TO 1900.

Year.	Number of Money Order Offices open.	Money Orders.										Postal Notes.							
		Inland Issues.		Intercolonial.				International.				Inland.				Intercolonial.			
		Number.	Amount.	Issued.		Paid.		Issued.		Paid.		Sold.	Paid.		Victorian Notes paid in other Colonies.		Notes of other Colonies paid in Victoria.		
				Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.		Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.	Value.	Number.
1895	443	150,787	470,421	61,150	142,820	90,024	286,995	24,697	73,931	17,888	69,009	*	*	852,736	365,620	33,046	14,702	48,060	17,893
1896	443	140,311	455,777	53,780	141,083	144,887	543,290	23,787	72,022	19,210	77,507	*	391,172	955,509	392,334	33,513	14,631	54,994	21,562
1897	445	137,445	454,060	52,949	137,725	172,085	630,186	23,995	70,980	19,623	78,106	*	418,912	1,053,887	419,122	34,384	15,031	58,831	22,857
1898	455	138,755	467,701	53,221	140,588	147,914	524,883	24,189	70,226	19,262	71,745	*	*	1,166,939	461,114	37,266	16,512	61,206	23,745
1899	460	138,175	463,395	59,629	144,484	125,673	414,494	25,331	74,083	18,078	65,962	*	*	1,228,386	480,214	40,848	17,550	68,682	26,080
1900	462	134,174	455,540	61,944	144,191	136,240	446,227	27,448	76,252	17,135	59,745	*	*	1,259,416	493,177	42,305	18,270	73,479	27,583

\* No record kept, issues being held by Postmasters as a fixed advance.

MONEY ORDER BUSINESS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES, 1900.

Country.	Orders Issued in Victoria, Payable in the Countries named.		Orders Paid in Victoria, Issued in the Countries named.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Victoria	134,174	455,540	133,844	455,297
United Kingdom	20,143	47,245	11,398	35,404
New South Wales	16,454	54,117	29,816	90,346
New Zealand	3,328	10,383	13,960	32,904
South Australia	4,223	12,994	9,936	27,261
Queensland	2,082	8,157	7,300	28,210
Tasmania	29,936	36,747	25,273	74,036
Western Australia	5,926	21,795	49,955	193,473
United States of America	2,144	5,580	932	3,202
Canada	203	756	176	664
Cape of Good Hope	321	1,196	1,841	9,187
Germany	1,048	3,470	379	2,252
Italy	504	2,810	38	307
India	1,384	9,229	456	1,511
China and Japan	587	2,827	128	336
Ceylon	66	211	65	135
Straits Settlements	19	57	44	125
Mauritius	9	17	4	6
North Borneo	...	...	2	3
Hawaii	4	9	57	131
Other Foreign Countries	909	2,459	307	963
Fiji	20	21	213	559
Natal	82	362	1,095	4,958
Total	223,566	675,982	287,219	961,270

Note.—This return was furnished by the Postal Department.

## MONEY ORDERS ISSUED.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Money Order Offices in Victoria.	ORDERS ISSUED UPON PLACES IN—											
		Victoria.		Great Britain and Ireland.		New South Wales.		New Zealand.		South Australia.		Western Australia.	
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
			£		£		£		£		£		£
1890	421	159,087	486,632	33,010	107,968	33,419	84,526	6,903	24,197	6,299	21,607	447	1,940
1891	443	160,270	488,599	32,270	100,405	42,881	90,340	5,344	17,043	5,693	19,533	697	3,489
1892	446	165,189	496,985	26,950	80,339	54,637	97,871	3,959	13,563	5,462	17,836	838	4,922
1893	451	183,826	593,934	23,117	70,002	34,414	80,070	3,631	13,472	5,609	17,635	1,173	7,022
1894	452	164,274	511,040	20,235	54,184	17,523	58,208	3,281	11,004	4,824	13,799	1,978	13,299
1895	443	150,787	470,421	19,344	51,135	17,187	55,262	3,179	9,967	4,639	13,880	2,743	18,665
1896	443	140,311	455,777	18,363	48,300	16,623	56,177	2,925	9,080	4,323	13,143	4,951	25,204
1897	446	137,445	454,060	18,227	46,741	15,215	50,737	2,895	8,793	4,485	13,335	5,193	27,912
1898	455	138,755	467,702	18,519	44,876	15,958	53,981	3,052	9,491	4,559	13,604	6,060	26,151
1899	460	138,175	463,395	18,706	45,557	16,256	55,347	3,136	9,593	4,730	14,208	7,331	23,711
1900	462	134,174	455,540	20,143	47,245	16,454	54,117	3,328	10,383	4,223	12,994	5,926	21,795

  

Year.	ORDERS ISSUED UPON PLACES IN—												
	Queensland.		Tasmania.		Canada.		Cape of Good Hope.		Mauritius.		Ceylon and Straits Settlements.		
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£		£		£		£		£		£	
1890	...	3,009	12,628	4,148	14,167	174	747	67	484	15	43	70	320
1891	...	2,758	10,502	3,927	14,154	172	1,027	60	309	26	131	66	324
1892	...	2,054	9,257	3,665	12,183	159	871	50	252	19	69	77	297
1893	...	8,615	24,707	3,514	11,254	155	597	116	719	9	25	82	296
1894	...	23,884	28,351	3,576	10,833	148	463	106	555	5	6	74	214
1895	...	29,941	35,001	3,461	10,044	147	476	167	821	9	17	94	269
1896	...	2,045	8,317	23,813	29,162	174	740	164	781	15	20	76	185
1897	...	1,854	7,997	23,307	28,951	158	688	223	932	8	16	74	222
1898	...	1,900	7,059	21,703	30,381	162	547	254	1,109	7	16	80	201
1899	...	2,306	9,061	25,854	32,481	169	548	209	807	6	9	118	294
1900	...	2,082	8,157	29,936	36,747	203	756	321	1,196	9	17	85	268

  

Year.	ORDERS ISSUED UPON PLACES IN—														
	China and Japan.		Germany and other Foreign Countries.		India.		United States.		Italy.		Other Places.		Total.		
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	
		£		£		£		£		£		£		£	
1890	...	224	1,338	2,361	12,226	586	4,564	1,446	4,924	...	...	2	2	251,267	778,313
1891	...	190	1,250	2,623	12,872	464	3,169	1,334	4,609	...	...	1	1	258,776	767,757
1892	...	224	1,357	2,464	11,384	505	3,617	1,480	5,506	...	...	...	...	267,732	756,309
1893	...	335	2,405	2,113	7,400	661	5,021	1,598	6,612	609	4,052	7	13	269,584	845,296
1894	...	409	2,963	1,663	5,595	712	5,638	1,478	4,404	440	2,797	7	15	244,617	723,368
1895	...	532	3,167	1,881	6,180	641	5,414	1,477	4,185	394	2,252	11	66	236,634	687,222
1896	...	578	3,566	1,714	6,100	737	5,600	1,610	4,619	345	2,074	11	37	217,878	668,882
1897	...	646	3,785	1,709	5,646	906	6,398	1,612	3,795	424	2,741	8	16	214,389	662,765
1898	...	569	3,154	1,591	5,107	889	6,954	1,646	4,493	467	3,760	14	31	216,165	678,616
1899	...	707	4,208	2,067	6,107	1,009	7,389	1,951	5,106	573	4,026	32	115	223,335	681,962
1900	...	587	2,827	1,957	5,929	1,384	9,229	2,144	5,580	504	2,810	106	392	223,566	675,982

## MONEY ORDERS PAID.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.

Year.	Number of Money Order Offices in Victoria.	ORDERS PAID ISSUED AT PLACES IN—											
		Victoria.		Great Britain and Ireland.		New South Wales.		New Zealand.		South Australia.		Western Australia.	
		No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
			£		£		£		£		£		£
1890	421	157,350	485,872	8,539	29,680	31,567	95,883	6,983	22,780	9,014	27,870	1,103	3,734
1891	443	160,193	489,026	9,590	33,225	36,628	109,889	7,010	22,226	9,401	29,270	2,018	7,127
1892	446	163,761	496,469	10,793	36,065	40,222	112,482	8,187	26,786	10,021	30,266	3,863	13,322
1893	451	181,809	593,002	13,531	49,014	43,172	120,816	11,119	33,716	11,035	31,342	5,156	18,818
1894	452	163,486	511,933	13,740	46,717	32,465	94,799	11,155	31,000	9,797	27,359	9,475	37,233
1895	443	150,412	470,097	12,650	40,976	30,571	90,107	10,075	26,456	9,996	28,130	22,582	92,809
1896	443	139,162	454,948	12,401	39,579	30,374	93,346	10,131	26,796	10,823	30,411	75,018	338,348
1897	446	136,414	454,094	11,993	36,805	30,170	92,959	10,823	29,056	10,243	27,743	101,213	422,949
1898	455	137,607	467,552	12,215	37,216	29,284	90,188	11,433	29,811	9,772	27,762	73,449	304,193
1899	460	136,388	463,216	12,058	37,624	29,908	92,071	11,899	29,165	9,897	26,793	45,479	181,208
1900	462	133,844	455,297	11,398	35,404	29,816	90,346	13,960	32,904	9,936	27,261	49,955	193,473

MONEY ORDERS PAID.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS—continued.

ORDERS PAID ISSUED AT PLACES IN—												
Year.	Queensland.		Tasmania.		Canada.		Cape of Good Hope.		Mauritius.		Ceylon and Straits Settlements.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£		£		£		£		£		£
1890 ...	5,484	20,593	8,319	25,996	105	523	91	494	9	38	39	113
1891 ...	6,069	22,531	11,940	39,109	133	780	129	735	9	23	64	202
1892 ...	5,015	18,784	12,096	36,156	120	562	206	866	17	45	39	110
1893 ...	5,152	20,213	10,563	27,636	128	666	846	5,070	38	167	62	181
1894 ...	5,209	19,926	9,863	24,727	141	710	2,482	15,053	23	71	71	110
1895 ...	5,979	21,236	10,821	28,258	121	517	2,827	18,116	16	37	86	146
1896 ...	6,362	22,337	12,179	32,053	135	609	4,239	27,520	13	11	101	268
1897 ...	6,251	23,302	13,385	34,177	166	658	5,040	30,669	22	61	84	202
1898 ...	6,231	24,399	17,700	48,448	175	634	4,494	24,985	9	8	110	276
1899 ...	7,010	26,460	21,359	58,541	202	710	3,209	16,710	12	56	112	243
1900 ...	7,300	28,210	25,273	74,036	176	664	1,841	9,187	4	6	109	260

  

Year.	China and Japan.		Germany and other Foreign Countries.		India.		United States.		Italy.		Other Places.		Total.	
	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.	No.	Amount.
		£		£		£		£		£		£		£
1890 ...	46	126	385	2,441	276	1,795	421	2,199	...	...	14	52	229,745	720,189
1891 ...	43	143	522	3,265	297	1,494	402	2,048	...	...	5	27	244,453	761,120
1892 ...	42	142	466	2,460	307	1,401	629	3,483	...	...	17	43	255,801	779,442
1893 ...	40	66	618	3,566	338	1,564	805	4,127	17	122	15	62	284,444	910,148
1894 ...	57	140	730	2,686	389	1,616	814	3,043	14	109	33	149	259,944	817,381
1895 ...	79	230	702	3,211	434	1,586	934	4,010	18	140	21	40	258,324	826,102
1896 ...	65	149	768	3,422	493	1,797	916	3,893	19	133	60	125	303,259	1,075,745
1897 ...	83	174	722	3,408	523	2,060	913	3,835	22	114	55	120	328,122	1,162,386
1898 ...	84	231	687	2,944	504	1,945	901	3,207	26	155	102	226	304,783	1,064,180
1899 ...	120	355	681	3,119	516	1,895	962	4,559	42	183	285	764	280,139	943,672
1900 ...	128	336	686	3,215	456	1,511	932	3,202	38	307	1,367	5,651	287,219	961,270

POSTAL NOTES, 1900.—ISSUED OR PAID IN VICTORIA.

	Number.	Amount.
(a) Issued and paid in Victoria (Inland) ...	1,217,111	474,907
(b) Issued in Victoria but paid in other Colonies ...	42,305	18,270
(c) Issued in other Colonies but paid in Victoria ...	73,479	27,583
Total ...	1,332,895	520,760

NOTE.—Each note is counted only once.

VICTORIAN INLAND POSTAL NOTES, 1900.

Description.	Postal Notes Paid.	
	Number.	Nominal Value.
s. d.		£ s. d.
1 0	33,447	1,672 7 0
1 6	25,534	1,915 1 0
2 0	56,497	5,649 14 0
2 6	79,720	9,965 0 0
3 0	88,385	13,257 15 0
3 6	62,958	11,017 13 0
4 0	98,277	19,655 8 0
4 6	74,230	16,701 15 0
5 0	227,824	56,956 0 0
7 6	61,044	22,891 10 0
10 0	180,146	90,073 10 0
10 6	26,540	14,458 10 0
15 0	77,671	58,253 5 0
20 0	166,143	166,143 0 0
Stamps affixed ...	...	4,567 4 0½
Total ...	1,259,416	493,177 2 0½

## POST OFFICE STAFF.—1895 TO 1900.

Year.	Persons whose whole time is occupied in the Service.					Persons whose time is only partially employed in the Service.				
	Principal Officers.	Clerks.	Operators.	Postmasters and Telegraph masters.	Subordinate Officials.	Total Staff.		Sub or Non-official Postmasters.	Assistants to Non-Official Postmasters and other Subordinate Officials <sup>a</sup>	Mail Contractors.
						Males.	Females.			
1895	6	149	248	83	1,925	2,074	337	...	...	...
1896	11	138	352	216	1,585	1,980	322	1,367	...	836
1897	11	127	339	205	1,512	1,877	317	1,392	...	877
1898	11	119	328	197	1,642	1,974	323	1,391	...	860
1899	11	115	319	193	1,681	1,990	329	1,404	...	870
1900	11	113	332	192	1,764	2,039	373	1,469	..	890

\* Not ascertained.

## POSTAGE STAMPS AND POSTAGE PRE-PAYMENT FORMS SOLD FOR POSTAL AND TELEGRAPHIC PURPOSES (ESTIMATED), 1900.

Number.	Value.
Not returned.	£ 505,674*

\* Rough approximation by the Postal authorities. Including Postage, £385,620; Parcels Post, £15,217 (actual); Telegrams, £104,837 (actual). The total collection by means of Stamps (including Duty and Fee Stamps) was £678,403 (exclusive of payments to the Collector of Imposts), and the number of Stamps issued, 91,934,188.

## REVENUE OF POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, 1893 TO 1900.

Hheads of Revenue.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
<b>POST AND MONEY ORDER OFFICE.</b>								
Postage on letters, newspapers, and packets	£ 360,000*	£ 358,000*	£ 336,000*	£ 334,000*	£ 347,800*	£ 349,100*	£ 361,555	£ 385,620
„ parcels ...	8,598	8,895	10,850	12,766	13,548	13,766	14,303	15,217
Private bag and fees ...	...	...	...	...	8,539	10,726	7,740	8,329
Various other receipts ...	...	...	...	...	902	1,907	1,760	1,197
Commission on money orders and postal notes	16,642	16,654	17,264	18,442	19,785	19,911	19,782	20,469
<b>TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.</b>								
Telegrams ...	105,740†	93,655	95,896	101,928	99,194	97,565	102,591	104,609
Telephones and private wires ... { Ordinary	38,051	35,017	34,965	35,957	38,982	38,392	47,919	53,280
... { O.H.M.S.	1,146	1,660	1,302	1,554	1,004			
<b>Total received</b> ...	<b>541,208</b>	<b>524,824</b>	<b>505,292</b>	<b>514,201</b>	<b>529,754</b>	<b>531,367</b>	<b>555,650</b>	<b>588,721</b>
<b>Add value of unpaid—</b>								
Official correspondence ...	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
„ telegrams † ...	4,707	4,150	6,054	4,459	5,545	5,421	5,397	6,420
Services rendered to Treasury and other Departments	§	§	§	§	§	4,800	4,800	4,134
<b>Total earned</b> ...	<b>570,915</b>	<b>553,974</b>	<b>536,346</b>	<b>543,660</b>	<b>560,299</b>	<b>566,588</b>	<b>590,847</b>	<b>624,275</b>

NOTE.—A large number of public telegrams are transmitted on meteorological and shipping, &amp;c., matters, of which the value has not been included.

<sup>a</sup> Estimated in the office of the Government Statist.<sup>†</sup> Gross receipts. The figures for subsequent years represent net receipts.<sup>‡</sup> Exclusive of those on meteorological service, &c.<sup>§</sup> Not computed.

ORDINARY AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE, POST AND TELEGRAPHS, 1893 TO 1900.

Heads of Expenditure.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
<b>WORKING EXPENSES AND MAINTENANCE.—</b>								
<b>DETAILED.</b>								
Salaries and wages—								
Permanent employécs ...	328,735	320,533	298,730	289,608	285,238	283,828	284,887	288,899
Allowances to country postmasters ...	37,998	35,214	29,418	24,348	25,718	27,574	29,402	30,925
Overtime, police, temporary assistance	6,521	3,590	2,494	2,955	5,194	4,370	4,850	7,188
Mail service—								
Inland { By rail } ...	119,461	115,509	59,160	56,383	56,992	58,535	57,396	58,357
{ By road } ...			46,738	42,960	38,653	36,591	35,988	38,534
British and foreign ...	38,376	38,166	34,640	32,171	33,499	33,406	31,245	30,107
Gratuities to masters of vessels ...	4,244	4,263	2,881	3,485	4,368	4,629	4,775	4,778
Cable subsidy—								
Foreign—Duplicate service ...	13,302	13,304	13,316	13,320	12,129	12,192	9,151	...
Guarantee for reduced rates	12,754	5,294	2,925	510	...	364	743	...
Tasmanian ...	1,717	1,717	3,434	1,718	1,718	1,546	1,505	1,505
Printing stamps, also books, forms, &c.*	7,424	6,294	5,516	5,298	4,688	5,190	6,091	6,351
Clothing, stores, fuel, light, and water ...	22,554	14,646	11,502	9,965	11,354	12,282	12,572	14,029
Maintenance of buildings † { G.P.O. ...	1,172	558	313	374	285	309	1,375	1,253
{ Other offices	2,513	2,116	1,456	1,440	2,223	1,997	2,190	2,717
Telegraphs and telephones	8,350	8,429	6,377	5,306	1,745	1,879	2,052	2,444
Rents †† ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,341	2,341	1,943
Miscellaneous ††† ...	14,859	12,890	12,359	13,740	10,453	13,373	14,193	14,403
						\$ - 9,008	\$ - 9,070	\$ - 9,297
<b>SUMMARY.</b>								
Salaries, wages, and allowances ...	373,254	359,337	330,642	316,911	316,150	315,772	319,139	327,012
Mail services ...	162,081	157,938	143,419	134,999	133,512	133,161	129,404	131,776
Cable subsidies and guarantees ...	27,773	20,315	19,675	15,548	13,847	14,102	11,399	1,505 **
Printing, clothing, stores, &c. ...	29,978	20,940	17,018	15,263	16,042	17,472	18,663	20,380
Maintenance of buildings, instruments, &c.	12,035	11,103	8,146	7,120	4,253	4,185	5,617	6,414
Rents †† ...	...	...	...	...	...	2,341	2,341	1,943
Miscellaneous ...	14,859	12,890	12,359	13,740	10,453	13,373	14,193	14,403
						\$ - 9,008	\$ - 9,070	\$ - 9,297
Total working expenses ...	619,980	582,523	531,259	503,581	494,257	491,398	491,686	494,136
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.</b>								
Telegraph lines, &c. ...	737	207	153	149	5,580	4,239	10,443	7,713
Telephone exchanges ...	3,153	2,060	1,428	1,000	4,468	26,128	27,652	27,447
Pneumatic tubes ...	3,275	44	...	...	...	...	...	2,077
Buildings, furniture, &c. † { General Post Office	...	201	665	1,098	143	...	...	...
{ All other offices ...	13,003	3,178	101	3,557	767	866	2,759	9,091
Total ...	20,168	5,690	2,347	5,804	10,958	31,233	40,854	46,328
Grand total ...	640,148	588,213	533,606	509,385	505,215	522,631	532,540	549,761

NOTE.—Interest on present value of lands, buildings, &c. (£1,600,717 in 1896), amounting at 3½ per cent. interest to £56,024 per annum is not taken into account in the above table; neither are pensions or gratuities, which in 1899-1900 amounted to £21,074.  
 \* Expenditure defrayed by Government Printer.  
 † Defrayed by Public Works Department. The information relates to financial years.  
 ‡ Consisting of special allowances, contributions, commissions, premiums, travelling expenses, charing, incidentals, &c., and salary of Postmaster-General since 1897.  
 § Debit for capital expenditure on account of Telephones included chiefly under the head of Salaries and Wages.  
 †† Not taken into account prior to 1898.  
 \*\* Guarantee to Eastern Extension Cable Company, amounting to £12,135 yearly, terminated on 31st October, 1899.

REVENUE EARNED AND WORKING EXPENSES, AND MAINTENANCE OF EACH BRANCH OF POSTAL DEPARTMENT, 1898 TO 1900 (ESTIMATED).

Branch.	Revenue Earned.			Working Expenses and Maintenance.			Surplus (+) or Deficiency (-).		
	1898.	1899.	1900.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1898.	1899.	1900.
Postal ...	405,299	415,158	439,524	338,226	339,241	343,386	+67,073	+75,917	+96,138
Money Order ...	19,911	19,782	20,469	13,247	13,387	15,977	+6,664	+6,395	+4,492
Telegraph ...	102,986	107,988	111,028	123,208	122,225	111,407	-20,222	-14,237	-379
Telephone ...	38,392	47,919	53,254	16,717	16,833	23,366	+21,675	+31,086	+29,888
Total ...	566,588	590,847	624,275	491,398	491,686	494,136	+75,190	+99,161	130,139

NOTE.—The apportionment has been based on estimates made for 1898 by the Postal Department. Pensions and gratuities amounting to £20,905 in 1898-9, and £21,074 in 1899-1900, and interest on capital (at 3½ per cent.) estimated for 1896 at £56,025 are not taken into account.

**REVENUE EARNED (ESTIMATED), EXPENDITURE, AND SURPLUS OR DEFICIENCY OF  
POST AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENT, 1890 TO 1900.**

	1890.	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Revenue earned * ...	519,169	543,124	550,384	570,915	553,974	536,346	543,660	560,299	566,588	590,847	624,275
Expenditure (ordinary)† ...	626,984	670,254	668,640	619,980	582,523	531,259	503,581	494,257	491,398	491,686	494,136
Surplus ...	...	...	...	...	...	5,087	40,079	66,042	75,190	99,161	130,139
Deficiency ...	107,815	127,130	118,256	49,065	28,549	...	...	...	...	...	...

NOTE.—Pensions, gratuities, &c., amounting to £21,074 in 1897-1898, are not included in any of the years; neither were rents of buildings prior to 1893. See also note to table at foot of page 213 *ante*.

\* Estimated. See table at foot of page 213 *ante*.

† Exclusive of interest on capital value of land, buildings, and equipment, estimated in 1895 at £56,024, allowing interest at 3½ per cent. In the figures for years prior to 1891, cost of maintenance of buildings, telegraph lines, &c., was not taken into account.

**CAPITAL VALUE OF POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS, 1896.**

STATEMENT showing the Estimated Value of Lands, Buildings, Works, Instruments, and Apparatus, &c.,  
appertaining to or used in connexion with the Post and Telegraph Department, 1896:—

Land ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	574,138
Buildings (including pillar-boxes, &c.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	684,698
Furniture and fittings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	51,687
Poles, wire, instruments, batteries, &c.—									
Telegraphs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	166,354
Telephones	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	123,840
									<u>£1,600,717</u>

**POST AND TELEGRAPH RATES, 1900.**

Items.	Inland.	Intercolonial.	Foreign.
<b>(a) POSTAGE.</b>			
Letters ... .. per oz.	2d.	...	...
" ... .. per ½ oz.	...	2d.	2½d.
Newspapers ... .. each	½d.	10 ozs., ½d.*	4 ozs., 1d.
Packets ... .. 2 ozs.	1d.	}	}
Circulars (in bulk) ... .. "	½d.		
Books ... .. 4 ozs.	1d.	1d.	...
Parcels ... .. {	2 lbs.	9d.	...
	1 lb.	...	8d.
<b>(b) COMMISSION—MONEY ORDERS AND POSTAL NOTES.</b>			
Money Orders ... .. each, up to £5	6d.	...	...
" " ... .. " " £2	...	6d.	...
" " ... .. " " £1	...	...	6d.
Postal Notes {	... .. to 1s. 6d.	½d.	} Issued at same rates, but on payment in another colony local rates are charged in addition. The same applies to notes of other colonies payable in Victoria.
	... .. to 4s. 6d.	1d.	
	... .. to 7s. 6d.	2d.	
	... .. 10s., 10s. 6d., 15s. or 20s.	3d.	
<b>(c) TELEGRAPH RATES.</b>			
Telegrams ... ..	9 words, 9d.	10 words, 1s. to 3s.†	4s. 10d. per word
<b>(d) TELEPHONE RATES. ‡</b>			
Metropolitan {	Business, per mile per annum	...	£9
	Private " "	...	£5
Suburban {	Business " "	...	£9
	Private " "	...	£5
Country {	Business " "	...	£7
	Private " "	...	£5

\* In the case of Queensland, 2 ozs.

† To New South Wales, 1s.; South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, 2s.; Western Australia, 3s.; and New Zealand, 6d. per word.

‡ Reduced from £12 (Business) and £6 (Private) in Metropolitan and Suburban districts; from £10 to £8 (Business) in Ballarat; and from £6 to £5 (Private) in Geelong on the 1st October, 1897.

RAILWAYS.—LENGTH AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

RETURN of the various Railways throughout the Colony of Victoria, Length opened on the 30th June, 1900, and Cost of Construction.

Names of Lines.	Length of Lines opened 30th June, 1900.			Cost of Construction.*	
	Double Lines.	Single Lines.	Total.	Total.	Average per Mile.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	£	£
Melbourne to Bendigo (exclusive of works, Melbourne to Essendon Junction) ... ..	100 $\frac{3}{4}$	...	100 $\frac{3}{4}$	4,804,249†	47,685
Bendigo to Echuca (including Bridge over River Murray at Echuca, and Bendigo Cattle-yards Branch) ... ..	...	56	56	690,925‡	12,338
Lancefield Junction to Lancefield ... ..	...	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	64,636	4,458
Lancefield to Kilmore ... ..	...	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	117,433	6,348
Kilmore Junction to Bendigo (Cattle Siding) ... ..	...	68	68	391,823	5,762
Carlsruhe to Daylesford ... ..	...	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	176,021	7,737
Daylesford Junction to North Creswick ... ..	...	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	181,316	7,716
Kyneton (Redesdale Junction) to Redesdale ... ..	...	16	16	89,500	5,594
Castlemaine to Dunolly ... ..	...	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	390,683	8,225
Dunolly to St. Arnaud (including cost, but not the mileage, of Carapooce Ballast Pits Tramway) ... ..	...	33	33	167,863	5,087
St. Arnaud to Donald ... ..	...	23 $\frac{1}{4}$	23 $\frac{3}{4}$	99,486	4,189
Donald to Birchip ... ..	...	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	32 $\frac{1}{2}$	75,076	2,328
Birchip to Cronomby (Woomelang) ... ..	...	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	36,528	1,378
Dunolly to Inglewood ... ..	...	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{3}{4}$	95,505	3,859
Castlemaine (Maldon Junction) to Maldon ... ..	...	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	10 $\frac{1}{4}$	61,813	6,031
Maldon (Laanecoorie Junction) to Shelbourne ... ..	...	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	68,352	7,010
Maryborough to Ballarat ... ..	...	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	280,601	6,602
Waubra Junction to Ballarat Race-course ... ..	...	2	2	7,426	3,713
Pisgah Junction to Waubra ... ..	...	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	71,626	5,209
Maryborough to Avoca ... ..	...	15	15	62,211	4,147
Avoca to Ararat ... ..	...	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	39 $\frac{1}{2}$	173,677	4,397
Bendigo to Inglewood ... ..	...	30	30	184,612	6,154
Inglewood to Charlton ... ..	...	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	180,190	4,215
Charlton to Wycheproof ... ..	...	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	87,363	5,295
Wycheproof to Sea Lake ... ..	...	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	47 $\frac{1}{2}$	70,129	1,469
Wedderburn Junction to Wedderburn ... ..	...	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	18,192	3,830
Korong Vale to Boort ... ..	...	18	18	75,442	4,191
Boort to Quambatook ... ..	...	22	22	42,508	1,932
Quambatook to Ultima ... ..	...	30	30	43,792	1,460
Eaglehawk to Kerang ... ..	...	73 $\frac{3}{4}$	73 $\frac{3}{4}$	301,222	4,084
Kerang to Swan Hill ... ..	...	35	35	161,767	4,622
Footscray to Williamstown (and Piers) ... ..	...	6	6	501,907	83,651
Newport to Braybrook Junction ... ..	...	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	27,046	5,694
Newport to Geelong (including Williamstown Race-course and Geelong Pier Branches) ... ..	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	38	40 $\frac{3}{4}$	1,182,445¶	29,017
Geelong to Colac (including Geelong Race-course Branch) ... ..	...	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	353,224	6,728
Colac to Camperdown ... ..	...	28	28	133,618	4,772
Camperdown to Warrnambool ... ..	...	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	42 $\frac{1}{2}$	356,688	8,393
Warrnambool to Koroit ... ..	...	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	82,817	8,718
Koroit to Port Fairy Pier ... ..	...	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	93,886	8,345
Geelong (Queenscliff Junction) to Queenscliff ... ..	...	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	20 $\frac{3}{4}$	112,295	5,412
Mount Moriac to Wensleydale § ... ..	...	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ §	11 $\frac{1}{4}$ §	39,381	3,501
Birregurra to Forrest ... ..	...	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	19 $\frac{3}{4}$	147,147	7,450
Irrewarra to Beaeac ... ..	...	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	47,099	5,383
Camperdown (Curdie's River Junction) to Timboon ... ..	...	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	112,133	5,040
Terang to Mortlake ... ..	...	13	13	55,553	4,273
North Geelong to Ballarat ... ..	50	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ **	53 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,902,478	35,560
Ballarat to Ararat ... ..	3	54	57	412,627	7,239
Ararat to Stawell ... ..	...	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	18 $\frac{3}{4}$	179,291	9,562
Stawell to Horsham (including cost and mileage of line from Stawell Station to junction of Grampians Quarries Tramway, viz., 1 mile 7 chains) ... ..	...	54	54	340,824	6,312
Horsham to Dimboola ... ..	...	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	103,185	4,856
Dimboola to Serviceton (including portion of cost, but not the mileage, of the Warranook Ballast Pits Tramway) ... ..	...	63 $\frac{1}{4}$ ††	63 $\frac{1}{4}$ ††	406,811	6,561
Braybrook Junction to Parwan ... ..	...	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	21 $\frac{1}{4}$	269,603	12,395
Parwan to Gordons ... ..	...	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	351,690	12,789
Gordons to Warrenheip ... ..	...	13	13	124,862	9,605
Lal Lal Race-course Branch ... ..	...	2	2	11,490	5,745
Ballarat East to Buninyong ... ..	...	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	66,333	8,844
Ballarat Cattle-yards Branch ... ..	...	3	3	12,863	4,287
Ballarat (Scarsdale Junction) to Scarsdale ... ..	...	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	13 $\frac{1}{4}$	59,647	4,502
Scarsdale to Linton ... ..	...	8	8	77,256	9,657
Ararat to Hamilton ... ..	...	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	321,746	4,838
Hamilton to Portland Pier ... ..	...	54	54	283,117	5,243
Dunkeld to Koroit ... ..	...	49 $\frac{1}{4}$ †††	49 $\frac{1}{4}$ †††	169,876	3,449
Hamilton to Penshurst ... ..	...	19	19	77,260	4,066
Hamilton (Coleraine Junction) to Coleraine ... ..	...	23	23	110,202	4,791
Branxholme to Casterton ... ..	...	32	32	176,801	5,525
Lubeck to Rupanyup (including portion of cost, but not the mileage, of the Warranook Ballast Pits Tramway) ... ..	...	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	9 $\frac{1}{2}$	45,017	4,739

\* Exclusive of rolling-stock, cost of Melbourne Station, and general construction.—† Exclusive of cost of Melbourne and North Melbourne Stations.—‡ Including a bridge over the Murray at Echuca, constructed jointly by Victoria and New South Wales, the proportion paid by Victoria to 30th June, 1884, being £19,282.—§ Closed for traffic from 1st May, 1899, to 12th May, 1900.—|| Including cost of piers and breakwater.—¶ Including the cost of the Geelong Pier.—\*\* Double line between Moorabool and Gheringhap converted into single.—†† Includes 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  miles constructed on disputed territory on the border of South Australia.—††† Including 16 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles between Dunkeld and Penshurst dismantled

## RAILWAYS.—LENGTH AND COST OF CONSTRUCTION.

RETURN of the various Railways throughout the Colony of Victoria, Length Opened on the 30th June, 1900, and Cost of Construction—*continued*.

Names of Lines.	Length of Lines Opened, 30th June, 1900.			Cost of Construction.*	
	Double Lines.	Single Lines.	Total.	Total.	Average per Mile.
	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	£	£
Murtoa to Warracknabeal (including portion of cost, but not the mileage, of the Warranook Ballast Pits Tramway) ...	...	31½	31½	144,724	4,631
Warracknabeal to Beulah ...	...	22	22	52,586	2,390
Beulah to Hopetoun ...	...	16	16	32,278	2,017
Horsham to Noradjuha ...	...	20½	20½	80,182	3,960
Natimuk (East Natimuk) to Goroke ...	...	28½	28½	63,021	2,231
Dimboola to Jeparit ...	...	23	23	39,131	1,701
Jeparit to Alabacutya (Rainbow) ...	...	18½	18½	29,470	1,593
Essendon Junction to Essendon (including Race-course Line) ...	5	...	5	159,412	31,882
Essendon to Wodonga (including cost, but not the mileage, of Mangalore Ballast Pits Tramway) ...	61	121	182	2,246,103	12,341
Wodonga to River Murray ...	...	2½	2½	36,458	16,204
North Melbourne to Coburg ...	5	...	5	206,879	41,376
Coburg to Somerton ...	...	7½	7½	72,641	9,685
Royal Park (Junction) to Clifton Hill ...	...	2	2½	154,576	56,209
Fitzroy Branch ...	...	1	1	77,014	77,014
Fitzroy (Whittlesea Junction) to Whittlesea ...	1½	20½	22	247,926	11,269
Tallaroek to Yea ...	...	23½	23½	151,718	6,388
Yea to Mansfield and Alexandra-road ...	...	55½	55½	335,903	6,025
Mangalore to Shepparton ...	...	45	45	260,082	5,780
Shepparton to Numurkah ...	...	20½	20½	81,025	3,952
Numurkah to Cobram ...	...	21½	21½	82,876	3,855
Murchison East to Rushworth ...	...	13½	13½	69,446	5,241
Toolamba to Tatura ...	...	7	7	28,396	4,056
Tatura to Echuca ...	...	34½	34½	156,423	4,501
Shepparton to Dookie ...	...	15	15	54,049	3,603
Numurkah to Nathalia ...	...	14	14	51,887	3,706
Nathalia to Picola ...	...	6½	6½	12,880	1,908
Benalla to St. James ...	...	20½	20½	78,332	3,821
St. James to Yarrowonga ...	...	19½	19½	95,820	4,852
Wangaratta to Whitfield ...	...	30½	30½	34,847§	1,152
Wangaratta (Beechworth Junction) to Beechworth ...	...	23	23	164,063	7,133
Beechworth to Yackandandah ...	...	12½	12½	96,661	7,581
Everton to Myrtleford ...	...	16½	16½	77,117	4,674
Myrtleford to Bright ...	...	18½	18½	111,121	6,007
Springhurst to Wahgunyah ...	...	14	14	71,507	5,108
Wodonga to Tallangatta ...	...	25½	25½	187,789	7,364
Spencer and Flinders streets connexion by viaduct ...	...	...	...	140,381	187,174
Hobson's Bay Lines (Flinders-street to Port Melbourne, St. Kilda, Brighton, Hawthorn, and including works, Prince's bridge to Chapel-street) ...	16½	...	16½	2,019,587	122,399
Clingwood to Heidelberg ...	...	5½	5½	189,336	36,004
Brighton Beach to Sandringham ...	...	2	2	71,585	35,793
South Yarra to Oakleigh ...	6½	...	6½	292,540	43,339
Oakleigh to Sale (including line to Sale Wharf, 70 chains; also portion of cost of branch line to the Great Morwell Coy.'s mine, but not the mileage of same, viz., 3 miles 45 chains) ...	10	109	119	1,083,467	9,105
Sale to Stratford (Junction) ...	...	9½	9½	42,693	4,615
Oakleigh to Fairfield Park †	...	12½	12½	298,879	24,398
Caulfield to Frankston ...	10½	...	20	188,875	9,444
Frankston to Stony Point ...	...	18½	18½	103,147	5,576
Mornington Junction to Mornington ...	...	7½	7½	63,250	8,161
Dandenong (Great Southern Junction) to Port Albert ...	...	117½	117½	897,072	7,651
Korumburra to Coal Creek ...	...	...	...	5,571	7,428
Korumburra (Strezlecki Junction) to Strezlecki (Junction with Coal Creek Line) ...	...	2½	2½	11,541	5,129
Korumburra (Jumbunna Junction) to Jumbunna ...	...	3½	3½	17,688	4,717
Jumbunna to Outtrim ...	...	2½	2½	26,113	11,606
Warragul to Neerim South ...	...	13½	13½	123,295	9,133
Moe (Junction) to Thorpdale ...	...	10½	10½	116,386	10,827
Morwell to North Mirkoo ...	...	20	20	152,587	7,629
Traralgon to Heyfield ...	...	23½	23½	122,200	5,256
Heyfield to Bairnsdale (including extension to Bairnsdale wharf, 1 mile) ...	...	50½	50½	267,958	5,280
Maffra to Briagolong ...	...	12½	12½	60,537	4,942
Burnley to Waverley-road ‡	...	5½	5½	171,397	29,808
Hawthorn to Lilydale ...	11½	...	20½	368,400	18,193
Lilydale to Healesville ...	...	15½	15½	211,594	13,875
Hawthorn (Kew Junction) to Kew ...	...	1½	1½	74,740	59,792
Ringwood to Upper Ferntree Gully ...	...	7½	7½	58,886	7,851
Total ...	294	2,924½	3,218½¶	31,044,239	...
Less closed to traffic ...	...	25	25	...	...
Total open for traffic ...	294	2,899½	3,193½	...	...

Gauge of lines—5ft. 3in.; except 30½ miles (Wangaratta to Whitfield) 2ft. 6in.

\* Exclusive of rolling-stock, cost of Melbourne Station, and general construction.—† Including 3½ miles Oakleigh to Ashburton, and 4½ miles, Fairfield Park to Deydene, closed for traffic.—‡ Including 1 mile between Darling and Waverley closed for traffic.—§ Includes rolling-stock.—¶ Including cost of junction station, Alphington.—¶ Includes 1½ miles constructed on disputed territory on the border of South Australia, but does not include the Dookie to Katamatite tramway (17 miles), taken over from the Yarrowonga Shire Council.



**RAILWAYS.—NUMBER AND COST OF ROLLING-STOCK.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.**

Year ended 30th June.	Number of—					Total Cost. £
	Passenger Engines.	Goods Engines.	Passenger Vehicles.	Goods and other Vehicles.	Vans and Sundries.	
1890 .. .. .	197	233	961	7,099	395	4,236,166
1891 ... .. .	210	245	1,085	8,035	437	4,802,569
1892 ... .. .	213	249	1,114	8,179	463	5,045,728
1893 ... .. .	248	251	1,107	8,530	469	5,132,958
1894 ... .. .	262	254	1,096	8,597	474	5,164,582
1895 ... .. .	263	254	1,087	8,591	468	5,195,195
1896 ... .. .	263	254	1,075	8,546	473	5,202,029
1897 ... .. .	263	254	1,068	8,578	475	5,271,881
1898 ... .. .	261	256	1,061	8,677	494	5,354,720
1899 ... .. .	263	254	1,092	8,994	499	5,490,113
1900 ... .. .	266	253	1,129	9,065	501	5,602,921

NOTE.—The figures for rolling-stock do not include narrow-gauge stock, of which there were, at 30th June, 1900, 4 engines, 4 passenger vehicles, and 52 goods and other vehicles. The cost of narrow-gauge rolling stock up to 30th June, 1900, was £21,575.

**RAILWAYS.—LENGTH, COST, TRAFFIC, REVENUE, ETC.—RETURN FOR ELEVEN YEARS.**

Year ended 30th June.	Miles Opened for Traffic.*		Capital Cost at end of each Year of Lines Opened.†		Train Mileage.	Traffic.			Revenue Account.							
	To end of Year.	Average.	Amount.	Average per Mile Opened.		No. of Passenger Journeys.	Tons of Goods and Live Stock Carried.	Gross Receipts.		Working Expenses (including Pensions and Gratuities).		Net Receipts				
								From Passenger, &c., Traffic.	From Freight on Goods and Live Stock.	Amount.	Per-centage of Receipts.	Per Train Mile.	Amount.	Per-centage of Mean Capital Cost.		
								Total.								
1890	2,471	2,329	32,588,375	13,188	11,773,152	58,951,796	3,086,888	1,681,183	1,450,683	3,131,866	63'84	2,132,158	68'08	43'46	999,708	3'24
1891	2,764	2,650	35,518,871	12,850	2,249,747	57,996,039	3,262,427	1,706,803	1,591,764	3,298,567	64'63	2,310,645	70'05	45'27	987,922	2'90
1892	2,904	2,903	37,048,300	12,762	11,807,677	55,118,860	2,720,886	1,644,315	1,450,807	3,095,122	62'91	2,138,139	69'08	43'46	956,981	2'64
1893	2,959	2,933	37,451,487	12,661	10,775,134	46,520,784	2,558,378	1,508,867	1,417,081	2,925,948	65'17	1,850,291	63'23	41'21	1,075,657	2'89
1894	3,004	2,933	37,660,304	12,541	10,145,307	40,880,378	2,455,811	1,359,675	1,366,484	2,726,159	64'49	1,635,419	59'99	38'69	1,090,740	2'89
1895	3,104	3,066	37,909,626	12,213	9,567,453	40,210,733	2,433,857	1,259,609	1,321,982	2,581,591	64'76	1,543,393	59'78	38'72	1,038,198	2'75
1896	3,106	3,105	38,102,855	12,267	8,989,391	40,991,798	2,161,722	1,264,219	1,137,173	2,401,392	64'11	1,540,475	64'40	41'22	814,917	2'25
1897	3,111	3,111	38,325,517	12,315	9,228,687	42,203,638	2,184,445	1,328,687	1,287,248	2,615,935	68'03	1,563,805	59'78	40'67	1,052,130	2'75
1898	3,111	3,108	38,593,205	12,397	9,239,657	43,090,749	2,408,665	1,325,062	1,283,834	2,608,896	67'77	1,646,154	63'09	42'77	962,812	2'50
1899	3,143	3,105	38,974,410	12,400	9,714,298	45,805,043	2,79,748	1,372,000	1,501,720	2,873,720	71'00	1,797,726	62'56	44'41	1,076,003	2'77
1900	3,218	3,169	39,496,247	12,274	10,107,549	49,332,999	2,998,303	1,469,100	1,555,252	3,025,162	71'00	1,902,540	62'89	45'17	1,122,622	2'86

NOTE.—Of the extent opened to 30th June, 1900, 25 miles (including 16½ miles dismantled) had been closed to traffic prior to that date.

\* Including 1½ miles in disputed territory on the border of South Australia.

† Actual cost of construction, exclusive of expenses of floating loans, &c. Of the capital expended to 30th June, 1900, £2,803,740 was derived from the general revenue, and the balance (£36,692,507) from loans. The latter liability is represented by debentures and stock outstanding to the nominal amount of £37,327,930, on which the annual interest payable is £1,433,392, at the average rate of 3'84 per cent. The nominal amount of loans, however, was reduced by £635,423—the cost of flotation together with the net deficiency below par at net of flotation. It has been computed that, whilst the nominal rate of interest on loans outstanding on 30th June, 1900, was 3'84 per cent., the real interest on the net proceeds available for railway construction was slightly over 3'9 per cent.

‡ Exclusive of—17 miles—Dookie and Katamatite tramway taken over by the Department. No payment, however, has been made by the Department for the value of this line.

**WAGES IN MELBOURNE.**

**RETURN of the Rates of Wages Paid during the Year 1900.**

Description of Labour.		Range	Ordinary Rate.	
<b>1.—DOMESTIC SERVANTS.*</b>				
Males	Coachmen, Footmen, Grooms, Gardeners, per week	17s. 6d. to 30s.	25s.	
	Butlers	20s. to 40s.	30s.	
	Cooks	15s. to 30s.	20s.	
	Laundresses	£36 to £52	£40	
	Females	Housemaids	£26 to £40	£36
		Nursemaids	£20 to £40	£30
General Servants		£26 to £36	£30	
Girls	5s. to 8s.	7s.		
<b>2.—HOTEL SERVANTS.*</b>				
Males	Barmen	20s. to 30s.	25s.	
	Waiters	20s. to 30s.	25s.	
	Boots	12s. 6d. to 25s.	16s.	
	Ostlers	12s. 6d. to 25s.	18s.	
	Cooks	20s. to 65s.	25s.	
Females	Barmen	15s. to 25s.	20s.	
	Waitresses	10s. to 15s.	12s. 6d.	
	Housemaids	10s. to 15s.	12s.	
Cooks	15s. to 30s.	20s.		
<b>3.—FARM SERVANTS.</b>				
Males	Ploughmen	15s. to 20s.	15s.	
	Farm Labourers	12s. 6d. to 15s.	12s. 6d.	
	Milkmen for dairies	15s. to 20s.	17s. 6d.	
	Cooks	15s. to 20s.	17s. 6d.	
Females	Cooks	£35 to £45	£40	
	General Servants	£30 to £40	£30	
	Married Couples (generally useful)	£52 to £65	£52	
Hop-pickers	3d.	3d.		

\* Where an asterisk appears the quotation is with board and lodging.

## WAGES IN MELBOURNE.

RETURN of the Rates of Wages Paid during the Year 1900—continued.

Description of Labour.		Range.	Ordinary Rate.	
4.—STATION SERVANTS.				
Males	Boundary Riders ... ..	per annum, with rations	£39 to £52	£45
	Stockmen ... ..	" "	£50 to £60	£55
	Cooks ... ..	" "	£45 to £65	£52
	Labourers ... ..	per week, "	15s. to 20s.	17s. 6d.
	Drovers ... ..	" "	20s. to 30s.	25s.
Females	Sheepwashers ... ..	" "	15s. to 25s.	20s.
	Shearers ... ..	per 100 sheep shorn, with rations	13s. to 15s.	14s.
	Cooks ... ..	per annum	£35 to £52	£45
Married Couples	General Servants ... ..	" "	£30 to £40	£35
	" "	with rations	£50 to £80	£65
5.—WORKERS IN BOOKS, ETC.				
Printers—Compositors	... ..	per week	£2 12s. to £3	£2 12s.
" Machinists	... ..	" "	£2 12s. to £3	£2 12s.
Lithographers	... ..	" "	£2 12s. to £3 12s.	£2 12s.
Binders	... ..	" "	£2 12s. to £4	£2 12s.
Paper Rulers	... ..	" "	£2 12s. to £3 10s.	£2 12s.
Sewers and Folders (females)	... ..	" "	12s. 6d. to 27s. 6d.	15s.
" " (forewomen)	... ..	" "	35s. to 40s.	£1 12s. 6d.
6.—IN WATCHES, JEWELLERY, AND PRECIOUS METALS.				
Watchmakers	... ..	per week	£2 to £3 10s.	£2 10s.
Manufacturing Jewellers	... ..	" "	£2 to £4	£3
7.—IN METALS OTHER THAN GOLD AND SILVER.				
Blacksmiths	... ..	per day	10s. to 12s.	10s.
Die-sinkers	... ..	per week	£2 10s. to £4 10s.	£2 15s.
Engravers	... ..	" "	£2 to £3	£2 5s.
Farriers—Firemen	... ..	" "	£2 to £2 5s.	£2
" Floormen	... ..	" "	£1 15s. to £2 2s.	£2
Hammermen	... ..	per day	6s. 6d. to 7s. 6d.	6s. 6d.
Fitters	... ..	" "	9s. to 11s.	9s. 6d.
Turners	... ..	" "	9s. to 11s.	9s. 6d.
Boilermakers and Platers	... ..	" "	10s. to 12s.	10s.
Riveters	... ..	" "	10s. to 12s.	10s.
Lamp-makers	... ..	per week	£1 15s. to £3	£2 5s.
Pattern Makers	... ..	per day	8s. to 10s.	8s.
Moulders	... ..	" "	10s. to 12s.	10s. 6d.
Brassfinishers, Coppersmiths	... ..	" "	9s. to 10s.	9s.
Tinsmiths	... ..	per week	£2 to £2 14s.	£2 5s.
Japanners	... ..	" "	£2 to £2 14s.	£2 5s.
Ironworkers	... ..	" "	£2 to £3	£2 10s.
Galvanizers	... ..	" "	£2 to £3	£2 10s.
Plumbers, Gasfitters	... ..	" "	£3 to £4	£3
8.—IN CARRIAGES AND HARNESS.				
Smiths	... ..	per hour	1s. to 1s. 3d.	1s.
Bodymakers	... ..	per week	£2 to £2 8s.	£2 2s.
Wheelers	... ..	" "	£2 to £2 10s.	£2 5s.
Painters	... ..	per day	6s. to 8s. 4d.	7s.
Trimmers	... ..	per week	35s. to 50s.	£2 5s.
Vicemen	... ..	" "	25s. to 35s.	30s.
Collar-makers	... ..	" "	£1 5s. to £3	£2
Harness-makers	... ..	" "	£1 5s. to £3	£2
Saddle-makers	... ..	" "	£1 5s. to £3	£2
Saddle-tree makers	... ..	" "	£1 15s. to £2 10s.	£2
Whip-makers	... ..	" "	30s. to 50s.	35s.
9.—SHIPS AND BOATS.				
Sailors—Sailing Vessels	... ..	per month, and found	£4	£4
" Steam-ships	... ..	" "	£4 10s.	£4 10s.
Ship Carpenters, Shipwrights (steam)	... ..	" "	£6 10s.	£6
Stevedores' Men, Lumpers	... ..	per day	£9	£9
			8s. to 10s.	9s.
10.—IN HOUSES AND BUILDINGS.				
Masons	... ..	per day	9s. 4d.	8s.
Plasterers	... ..	" "	8s.	7s.
Bricklayers	... ..	" "	9s.	8s. 6d.
Slaters	... ..	" "	9s.	8s.
Carpenters	... ..	" "	9s.	8s. 3d.
Labourers	... ..	" "	6s. 6d.	6s. 6d.
Painters and Glaziers	... ..	" "	8s.	8s.
Signwriters	... ..	" "	8s. to 10s.	8s.
Paperhangers	... ..	" "	8s.	8s.
11.—IN FURNITURE, ETC.				
Cabinetmakers	... ..	per week	£2 8s.	£2 8s.
Carvers	... ..	" "	£2 8s.	£2 8s.
Turners	... ..	" "	£2 8s.	£2 8s.
Upholsterers	... ..	" "	£2 to £2 15s.	£2 5s.
Polishers	... ..	" "	£2 5s. to £2 10s.	£2 5s.
Coopers	... ..	per day	7s. to 9s.	8s.
12.—WORKERS IN DRESS.				
Tailors	... ..	per hour	10d. to 1s.	11d.
"	... ..	per week	£2 5s. to £2 10s.	£2 5s.
" in factories	... ..	" "	£2 5s. to £2 10s.	£2 5s.
Mantlemakers	... ..	" "	15s. to 35s.	25s.
Milliners, first class	... ..	" "	£3 to £4	£3
" second class	... ..	" "	15s. to £2 5s.	15s.

**WAGES IN MELBOURNE.**  
RETURN of the Rates of Wages Paid during the Year 1900—*continued.*

Description of Labour.		Range.	Ordinary Rate.	
<b>12. WORKERS IN DRESS—<i>continued.</i></b>				
Dressmakers	... .. per week	12s. to 25s.	15s.	
Needlewomen	... .. "	12s. to 25s.	15s.	
<b>Bootmakers—</b>				
Makers, Finishers, Clickers, Stuff-cutters, Machine Operators, &c.	per day	7s.	7s.	
Assistant Stuff-cutters, men, cutting lines exclusively, and all others	"	6s. 2d.	6s. 2d.	
<b>Male and Female Apprentices or Improvers—</b>				
1st year	... .. per week	5s.	5s.	
2nd year	... .. "	7s. 6d.	7s. 6d.	
3rd year	... .. "	10s.	10s.	
4th year	... .. "	15s.	15s.	
5th year	... .. "	20s.	20s.	
<b>Hatters—Gossamer trade—</b>				
" Bodymakers—silk hats	... .. per dozen	16s. to 24s.	20s.	
" Finishers	"	22s. to 26s.	24s.	
" Shapers	"	8s. to 12s.	8s.	
" Crown-sewers	"	3s. 6d. to 4s.	3s. 6d.	
" Trimmers	"	6s. to 10s.	8s.	
" Bodymakers—low crowns	"	12s. to 16s.	14s.	
" Finishers	"	12s. to 14s.	12s. 6d.	
" Shapers	"	4s. to 8s.	5s.	
" Trimmers	"	6s. to 10s.	8s.	
<b>Felt Hat Trade—</b>				
" Bodymakers	... .. per week	£3	£3	
" Blockers	"	£3	£3	
" Finishers	"	£3	£3	
" Shapers	"	£3	£3	
" Binders (females)	"	15s. to 30s.	20s.	
" Trimmers	"	15s. to 30s.	20s.	
Clothing Factories	Cutters	£2 10s. to £5 15s.	£4	
		Pressers	£2 5s. to £2 10s.	£2 7s. 6d.
		Tailoresses	£1 to £1 10s.	£1 2s. 6d.
		Machinists	£1 to £1 10s.	£1 2s. 6d.
Drapers' Assistants, Carpet Salesmen	Shirtmakers	16s. to 40s.	20s.	
		£1 10s. to £5	£2 10s.	
<b>13.—IN FOOD.</b>				
Bakers—Foremen	... .. per week	£2 15s. to £5	£3	
" Second Hands	"	£2 8s. to £2 10s.	£2 8s.	
<b>Butchers—Shopmen</b>				
" Slaughtermen	"	£2 to £2 10s.	£2 5s.	
" Boys	... .. with board	£2 10s. to £3 10s.	£2 15s.	
" Small-goods Men	"	5s. to 15s.	10s.	
Maltsters	... .. "	£1 10s. to £2 10s.	£1 15s.	
	"	£2 2s. 6d. to £2 15s.	£2 5s.	
<b>14.—IN ANIMAL MATTERS.</b>				
Brush-makers	... .. per week	£1 15s. to £3 10s.	£2	
" Female Drawing Hands	"	15s. to 25s.	20s.	
Curriers	"	£2 2s. to £3	£2 5s.	
Tanners	"	30s. to 40s.	35s.	
Beamsmen	"	40s. to 45s.	42s.	
Shedsmen	"	30s. to 40s.	35s.	
Fellmongers	"	33s. to 40s.	36s.	
Portmanteau, Trunk-makers	"	£1 15s. to £2 5s.	37s. 6d.	
<b>15.—IN VEGETABLE MATTERS.</b>				
Basket-makers	... .. per week	£2 to £2 8s.	£2 5s.	
Broom-makers	"	35s. to 50s.	40s.	
Cigar-makers (male)	"	40s. to 50s.	45s.	
Cigarette-makers (female)	"	20s. to 30s.	25s.	
Tobacco (plug) makers	"	£2 to £4	£2 10s.	
Cork-cutters	"	36s. to £2 15s.	£2	
<b>16.—IN STONE, CLAY, ETC.</b>				
Brickmakers—Clay-hole Men	... .. per 1,000	1s. 9d. to 2s. 6d.	1s. 9d.	
" Setters	"	1s.	1s.	
" Burners	"	9d.	9d.	
" Drawers	"	1s.	1s.	
Potters	... .. per hour	10½d. to 1s. 3d.	1s.	
Quarrymen	... .. per day	6s. to 8s.	7s.	
Labourers	"	6s. to 7s.	6s. 6d.	
Stonebreakers	... .. per cubic yard	1s. to 3s.	2s.	
Tarpavers	... .. per day	6s. 6d.	6s. 6d.	
Asphalters	"	10s.	10s.	
<b>17.—IN MINES.</b>				
General Managers	... .. per week	£3 to £16	£6	
Legal	"	10s. to £5	£2	
Mining	"	£3 to £10	£5	
Engineers	"	£3 to £6	£4	
Engine-drivers	"	£2 5s. to £3	£2 10s.	
Pitmen	"	£2 10s. to £3	£2 15s.	
Blacksmiths	"	£2 5s. to £3	£2 10s.	
Carpenters	"	£2 5s. to £3	£2 10s.	
Foremen of Shift	"	£2 10s. to £3	£2 15s.	
Miners	"	£2 2s. to £2 10s.	£2 5s.	
Surfacemen—Labourers	"	£1 10s. to £2 5s.	£2	
Boys	"	15s. to 30s.	25s.	

NOTE.—The wages quoted for rural occupations, such as farm and station servants, shearers, &c., apply to instances in which the engagement is made in Melbourne. This return was compiled in the office of the Government Statist.

For wages payable in factories see part *Production.*

WHOLESALE PRICES IN MELBOURNE FOR EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1900.

Articles.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Annual Range.	Mean Price.*
<b>AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE.</b>														
Wheat ... per bush.	2/3 to 2/8	2/9 to 2/10 1/2	2/7 to 2/10 1/2	2/8 to 2/10	2/8 to 2/9 1/2	2/7 to 2/9 1/2	2/11 to 2/11 1/2	2/11 to 2/11 1/2	2/8 to 2/9 1/2	2/8 to 2/9	2/8 to 2/8 1/2	2/8 to 2/9	2/3 to 2/11 1/2	2/9
Barley—														
Malt	3/6 to 4/0	3/5 to 4/2 1/2	2/9 to 3/9	2/6 to 3/9	2/9 to 3/8	2/3 to 3/6	3/0 to 3/5	2/9 to 3/3	2/3 to 3/0	2/8 to 3/0	...	2/9	2/3 to 4/2 1/2	3/1 1/2
Cape	1/9 to 2/3	2/1 to 2/3	2/0 to 2/3	2/0 to 2/2	1/11 to 2/2	2/0 to 2/2	1/11 to 2/1	2/0 to 2/1	1/11 to 2/1	1/10 to 2/0	...	...	1/9 to 2/3	2/0 1/2
Oats—														
Algerian	1/8 1/2 to 2/2	1/11 to 2/4	2/0 to 2/5	2/0 1/2 to 2/6	2/0 to 2/5	1/11 to 2/3	2/1 to 2/3 1/2	2/2 to 2/4	2/4 to 2/6	2/1 to 2/3 1/2	1/10 to 2/1	1/7 1/2 to 1/10	1/7 1/2 to 2/6	2/1 1/2
White	1/8 to 1/11	2/3 to 2/3 1/2	2/0 to 2/3 1/2	2/2 1/2 to 2/4	2/2 to 2/6	2/0 to 2/6	2/4 to 2/6	2/4 1/2 to 2/6	2/4 1/2 to 2/6	2/6 to 2/6 1/2	2/8 to 2/9 1/2	2/7 to 2/7 1/2	1/8 to 2/4 1/2	2/4
Maize ...	2/8 to 2/8 1/2	2/6 to 2/8	2/6 to 2/6 1/2	2/6 to 2/6 1/2	2/5 to 2/6 1/2	2/0 to 2/6	2/3 1/2 to 2/6 1/2	2/2 1/2 to 2/6	2/4 1/2 to 2/5	2/7 to 2/9	2/8 to 2/9	2/7 1/2 to 2/8	2/0 to 2/9	2/6 1/2
Bran ...	0/7 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/8 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/8 1/2 to 0/10	0/10 1/2 to 1/1	0/9 1/2 to 1/1 1/2	0/9 1/2 to 1/1	0/9 1/2 to 0/9 1/2	0/9 1/2 to 0/9 1/2	0/9 1/2 to 0/9 1/2	0/9 1/2 to 0/9 1/2	0/9 to 0/9 1/2	0/9	0/7 1/2 to 1/1	0/9 1/2
Pollard	0/9 1/2 to 0/10 1/2	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/10 1/2 to 0/11	0/11 to 0/11 1/2	0/11 to 0/11 1/2	0/9 1/2 to 1/1	0/11
Hay, mangle	2/15/0 to 3/5/0	2/10/0 to 3/5/0	2/10/0 to 3/5/0	2/15/0 to 3/5/0	3/0/0 to 3/10/0	2/15/0 to 3/5/0	2/10/0 to 3/5/0	2/5/0 to 3/5/0	2/15/0 to 3/5/0	2/10/0 to 3/5/0	2/10/0 to 3/5/0	2/10/0 to 3/5/0	2/10/0 to 3/5/0	2/18/9
Chaff, prime	2/15/0 to 2/12/6	2/7/6 to 2/10/0	2/15/0 to 2/10/0	2/10/0 to 3/0/0	2/10/0 to 2/15/0	2/15/0 to 2/10/0	2/10/0 to 2/15/0	2/10/0 to 2/15/0	2/15/0 to 2/10/0	2/10/0 to 2/15/0	2/12/6 to 2/15/0	2/10/0 to 2/15/0	2/10/0 to 3/0/0	2/11/4
Potatoes	1/7/6 to 1/10/0	1/15/0 to 1/10/0	1/10/0 to 1/15/0	1/10/0 to 1/15/0	1/10/0 to 1/15/0	1/10/0 to 1/15/0	1/10/0 to 1/15/0	1/10/0 to 1/15/0	1/10/0 to 1/15/0	1/10/0 to 1/15/0	2/5/0 to 5/0/0	4/10/0 to 7/0/0	2/10/0 to 7/0/0	2/7/11
Flour (first quality)	6/5/0 to 6/7/6	6/7/6 to 6/10/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/7/6 to 6/10/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/2/0 to 6/5/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/10/0 to 6/15/0	6/7/1
Oatmeal	12/10/0 to 13/0/0	15/0/0 to 15/10/0	15/10/0 to 16/0/0	16/0/0	16/0/0	15/10/0 to 16/0/0	15/0/0 to 16/0/0	16/0/0	15/10/0 to 17/0/0	15/0/0 to 15/15/0	15/0/0	13/10/0 to 14/10/0	12/10/0 to 17/0/0	15/5/2
<b>GRAZING PRODUCE.</b>														
<b>Horses—</b>														
Extra Heavy each	30/0/0 to 37/0/0	32/0/0 to 40/0/0	30/0/0 to 38/0/0	25/0/0 to 40/0/0	25/0/0 to 40/0/0	28/0/0 to 40/0/0	28/0/0 to 44/0/0	28/0/0 to 38/0/0	28/0/0 to 36/0/0	26/0/0 to 45/0/0	30/0/0 to 43/0/0	33/0/0 to 43/0/0	25/0/0 to 45/0/0	34/9/2
Draught	14/0/0 to 20/0/0	15/0/0 to 23/0/0	16/0/0 to 24/0/0	18/0/0 to 25/0/0	18/0/0 to 25/0/0	15/0/0 to 23/0/0	16/0/0 to 24/0/0	16/0/0 to 27/0/0	15/0/0 to 24/0/0	22/0/0 to 30/0/0	18/0/0 to 25/0/0	16/0/0 to 22/0/0	14/0/0 to 30/0/0	20/6/8
Medium Draught	15/0/0 to 23/0/0	14/0/0 to 20/0/0	17/0/0 to 25/0/0	18/0/0 to 25/0/0	20/0/0 to 25/0/0	16/0/0 to 25/0/0	15/0/0 to 24/0/0	18/0/0 to 27/0/0	18/0/0 to 24/0/0	18/0/0 to 25/0/0	18/0/0 to 25/0/0	18/0/0 to 25/0/0	14/0/0 to 25/0/0	25/16/8
Indian Remounts and Gunners	...	...	...	25/0/0 to 38/0/0	25/0/0 to 42/0/0	...	...	16/0/0 to 25/0/0	...	40/0/0	40/0/0	...	16/0/0 to 42/0/0	30/0/0
Weight-carrying Hacks	...	...	...	35/0/0 to 38/0/0	35/0/0 to 42/0/0	...	...	28/0/0 to 38/0/0	...	40/0/0	40/0/0	...	40/0/0 to 42/0/0	40/0/0
Saddle and Harness (Ordinary)	6/0/0 to 10/0/0	4/0/0 to 12/0/0	4/0/0 to 10/0/0	4/0/0 to 9/0/0	4/0/0 to 10/0/0	5/10/0 to 9/0/0	4/0/0 to 12/0/0	4/0/0 to 9/0/0	8/0/0 to 12/0/0	5/0/0 to 10/0/0	5/10/0 to 10/0/0	5/0/0 to 10/0/0	4/0/0 to 12/0/0	7/12/11
Carriage Pairs per pair	100/0/0 to 123/0/0	100/0/0 to 126/0/0	105/0/0 to 126/0/0	...	84/0/0 to 126/0/0	84/0/0 to 115/10/0	84/0/0 to 115/10/0	84/5/0 to 142/16/0	84/0/0 to 142/16/0	105/0/0 to 189/0/0	84/0/0 to 183/15/0	89/5/0 to 136/10/0	84/0/0 to 189/0/0	114/5/0
Fat Cattle—														
Bullocks—														
Prime	9/5/0 to 12/6/0	9/10/0 to 11/12/6	10/0/0 to 11/10/0	10/0/0 to 13/0/0	10/10/0 to 12/0/0	10/10/0 to 12/15/0	10/0/0 to 13/17/6	11/10/0 to 13/0/0	10/15/6 to 13/0/0	11/0/0 to 12/12/6	10/5/0 to 12/0/0	10/10/0 to 11/15/0	9/10/0 to 13/17/6	11/6/3
Extra Prime	11/10/0 to 13/15/0	10/10/0 to 13/15/0	11/15/0 to 12/10/0	12/5/0 to 14/10/0	12/10/0 to 15/5/0	13/0/0 to 15/5/0	10/0/0 to 14/15/0	14/0/0 to 17/0/0	12/15/0 to 15/15/0	13/0/0 to 15/15/0	12/15/0 to 14/0/0	13/15/6 to 14/0/0	10/10/0 to 17/0/0	13/8/4
Good	8/5/0 to 9/0/0	8/0/0 to 9/10/0	8/10/0 to 9/10/0	8/10/0 to 10/0/0	8/10/0 to 10/0/0	9/5/0 to 10/10/0	8/10/0 to 12/0/0	9/5/0 to 11/0/0	5/10/0 to 11/0/0	10/0/0 to 10/15/0	8/15/0 to 9/15/0	8/15/0 to 10/0/0	8/0/0 to 12/0/0	9/11/0
Maidling	7/0/0 to 8/0/0	7/5/0 to 8/0/0	7/10/0 to 8/5/0	7/0/0 to 9/0/0	7/10/0 to 8/15/0	6/15/0 to 8/0/0	6/15/0 to 8/0/0	8/0/0 to 8/15/0	8/0/0 to 9/0/0	9/5/0 to 10/0/0	7/0/0 to 8/5/0	7/10/0 to 8/10/0	6/15/0 to 10/0/0	8/2/1
Cows—														
Inferior	5/10/0	5/0/0 to 5/10/0	5/10/0 to 7/0/0	7/0/0 to 8/0/0	6/0/0 to 7/0/0	5/15/0	5/10/0 to 7/10/0	5/15/0	6/15/0	6/15/0 to 7/15/0	6/10/0	6/10/0 to 7/7/6	5/0/0 to 8/0/0	6/6/4
Prime	7/15/0 to 8/10/0	6/10/0 to 7/15/0	6/10/0 to 7/15/0	7/15/0 to 8/17/6	7/10/0 to 8/17/6	7/10/0 to 8/17/6	7/10/0 to 8/17/6	9/10/0 to 10/15/0	8/0/0 to 9/10/0	8/10/0 to 9/10/0	6/15/0 to 8/15/0	7/10/0 to 8/15/0	6/10/0 to 8/0/0	8/8/11
Good	6/15/0 to 7/10/0	5/0/0 to 7/0/0	5/10/0 to 6/0/0	5/10/0 to 6/0/0	6/0/0 to 7/0/0	6/10/0	6/0/0 to 7/0/0	12/17/6	8/0/0 to 9/0/0	7/5/0 to 8/0/0	7/5/0 to 8/0/0	5/15/0 to 6/15/0	5/0/0 to 8/0/0	6/15/2
Others	4/0/0 to 5/0/0	4/0/0 to 5/0/0	4/0/0 to 4/15/0	4/0/0 to 5/0/0	5/10/0	5/0/0	4/10/0 to 5/0/0	2/15/0 to 3/0/0	5/0/0	4/10/0 to 5/0/0	4/10/0 to 4/15/0	5/0/0	2/15/0 to 3/0/0	4/14/9
Fat Sheep—														
Crossbred wethers—														
Prime	12/10/0 to 14/10/0	13/0/0 to 16/6/0	16/0/0 to 17/9/0	16/9/0 to 19/6/0	17/9/0 to 19/11/0	18/0/0 to 19/0/0	18/0/0 to 19/6/0	19/0/0 to 21/0/0	19/0/0 to 21/0/0	18/0/0 to 19/0/0	13/0/0 to 15/0/0	13/6/0 to 15/0/0	12/0/0 to 15/9/0	17/5
Extra Prime	13/6/0 to 15/0/0	15/0/0 to 17/6/0	18/4/0 to 19/0/0	19/6/0 to 21/2/0	1/0/0 to 1/5/0	1/0/0 to 1/2/0	1/0/0 to 1/2/3	1/3/6 to 1/5/9	19/6/0 to 21/0/0	18/6/0 to 1/4/9	15/6/0 to 16/3/6	15/6/0 to 16/6/0	13/6/0 to 15/0/0	19/4
Good	10/9/0 to 12/6/0	11/6/0 to 14/6/0	13/9/0 to 15/6/0	15/0/0 to 17/0/0	15/9/0 to 17/6/0	16/0/0 to 17/6/0	15/6/0 to 17/6/0	17/0/0 to 18/6/0	16/0/0 to 18/6/0	16/0/0 to 18/0/0	12/6/0 to 13/6/0	12/0/0 to 13/9/0	10/9/0 to 12/6/0	15/3

\* The mean price represents the average realized, assuming that equal quantities were disposed of periodically during the year.

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Articles.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Annual Range.	Mean Price.*
<b>GRAZING PRODUCE—cont.</b>														
<b>Fat Sheep—continued—</b>														
Ewes—														
Prime ... each	11/0 to 12/6	12/0 to 15/6	15/0 to 16/9	15/0 to 16/9	16/0 to 18/6	16/0 to 17/6	16/0 to 17/6	16/6 to 18/0	15/9 to 17/6	15/6 to 18/3	12/0 to 13/0	11/0 to 12/9	11/0 to 18/6	15/3
Extra prime "	13/0 to 13/8	13/9 to 16/0	17/0 to 18/6	17/6 to 18/0	19/6 to 12/0	18/0 to 10/6	17/6 to 10/3	18/6 to 10/6	18/0 to 10/9	18/0 to 10/3	14/0 to 15/6	13/0 to 14/0	13/0 to 12/0	17/4
Good ... "	9/6 to 11/0	11/10 to 13/9	13/0 to 14/6	13/0 to 15/0	14/6 to 16/0	14/6 to 15/6	14/0 to 15/0	15/0 to 16/0	15/0 to 18/9	14/0 to 15/6	11/0 to 12/6	9/9 to 10/6	9/6 to 18/9	13/8
<b>Merino wethers—</b>														
Prime	12/6 to 15/7	13/9 to 16/6	15/6 to 17/0	16/0 to 17/6	16/9 to 19/6	18/6 to 18/9	18/6 to 19/6	18/6 to 10/7	17/6 to 10/6	17/0 to 18/9	13/3 to 14/6	13/9 to 14/6	12/6 to 10/7	16/10
Good	11/0 to 12/9	12/0 to 14/0	14/0 to 15/9	13/9 to 15/6	14/0 to 16/0	15/0 to 17/9	15/0 to 16/6	15/6 to 10/7	15/0 to 17/6	16/0 to 17/3	10/0 to 12/6	12/0 to 13/0	11/0 to 17/9	14/7
Others	9/6 to 10/6	10/0 to 11/0	12/0 to 13/0	10/0 to 13/9	12/0 to 14/0	11/9 to 13/9	10/0 to 13/9	12/6 to 13/0	13/6 to 14/6	13/0 to 15/0	7/6 to 8/6	10/6	7/6 to 14/6	11/10
Merino ewes...	8/0 to 10/0	10/0 to 12/6	...	12/0 to 15/4	...	...	13/0 to 15/9	12/0 to 16/0	11/9 to 17/0	12/9 to 15/3	9/0 to 10/0	7/9 to 15/6	7/9 to 17/0	12/5
<b>Fat Lambs—</b>														
Prime	8/0 to 9/0	9/9 to 12/6	10/6 to 12/6	11/6 to 13/0	12/0 to 14/0	11/9 to 14/0	11/6 to 12/6	8/9 to 10/6	9/0 to 10/6	9/9 to 10/9	9/6 to 10/0	9/6 to 11/0	8/0 to 14/0	13/10
Extra prime	9/6 to 10/6	12/0 to 14/6	12/0 to 17/0	13/0 to 16/0	14/0 to 15/9	13/0 to 16/0	13/0 to 14/0	10/0 to 12/0	10/9 to 11/9	11/0 to 13/0	10/9 to 13/7	11/3 to 12/6	9/6 to 17/0	12/9
Others	6/0 to 7/0	6/6 to 9/0	7/0 to 9/0	8/0 to 11/0	8/6 to 12/0	8/0 to 12/0	6/3 to 12/9	5/6 to 8/6	7/6 to 9/0	8/0 to 9/6	6/3 to 7/6	5/9 to 9/9	5/6 to 12/9	8/4
<b>Butchers' Meat—</b>														
Beef per 100 lbs.	12/0 to 15/0	12/0 to 15/0	12/0 to 16/0	16/0 to 19/0	16/0 to 18/0	16/0 to 18/0	12/0 to 15/0	10/0 to 16/0	14/0 to 19/0	14/0 to 16/6	12/0 to 14/0	13/0 to 14/0	12/0 to 19/0	12/3
Mutton	0/11 to 0/2	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/1 to 0/3	0/2
Veal	0/13 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 to 0/3	0/1 to 0/3	0/2
Pork	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/4 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/2 to 0/5	0/4
Sheepskins (superior) each	3/6 to 4/6	3/3 to 5/9	3/6 to 5/6	3/3 to 5/0	3/0 to 5/6	3/0 to 5/6	3/6 to 6/6	3/3 to 6/6	4/3 to 6/3	3/0 to 5/9	3/0 to 5/3	3/0 to 5/4	3/0 to 6/6	4/5
<b>Hides—</b>														
Green ox (extra per lb. heavy)	0/4 to 0/4	0/4 to 0/4	0/4 to 0/4	0/4 to 0/4	0/4 to 0/7	0/4 to 0/7	0/4 to 0/7	0/4 to 0/7	0/3 to 0/7	0/3 to 0/7	0/3 to 0/7	0/3 to 0/7	0/3 to 0/7	0/5
Green ox (average)	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/3	0/3 to 0/3	0/3 to 0/3	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/7	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3
Calfskins	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/2 to 0/5	0/2 to 0/5	0/2 to 0/5	0/2 to 0/5	0/2 to 0/5	0/2 to 0/5	0/2 to 0/5	0/4
Tallow	22/5 to 24/10	22/0 to 25/10	22/5 to 25/5	22/5 to 24/10	23/0 to 24/0	21/0 to 22/10	26/0 to 27/10	22/15 to 23/10	22/5 to 23/0	22/15 to 23/0	22/0 to 22/10	22/0 to 22/10	21/0 to 27/10	23/5
Mutton	1/6 to 3/3	4/0 to 8/0	1/6 to 5/0	2/3 to 6/3	1/0 to 5/0	2/9 to 5/0	2/0 to 10/0	2/0 to 8/0	2/6 to 8/0	7/0 to 9/0	2/6 to 6/3	6/6 to 11/6	1/0 to 11/6	5/0
<b>FISH.</b>														
Barracouta per basket	3/0 to 7/0	4/0 to 9/0	4/0 to 8/0	4/0 to 9/6	4/6 to 8/6	1/6 to 6/9	3/0 to 10/6	5/6 to 6/9	3/3 to 8/0	5/6 to 10/0	4/9 to 7/3	7/6 to 12/0	3/0 to 12/0	6/9
Bream	2/0 to 4/0	1/6 to 5/0	1/6 to 6/0	2/3 to 5/0	1/6 to 4/6	1/6 to 4/0	2/0 to 9/6	2/5 to 5/6	1/6 to 4/9	3/3 to 5/6	2/0 to 5/0	3/6 to 6/3	1/6 to 9/6	4/3
Flatthead	6/0 to 9/0	8/0 to 10/0	7/6 to 10/0	6/0 to 10/0	5/0 to 7/6	3/9 to 6/0	5/3 to 15/6	5/6 to 7/6	2/9 to 5/3	5/0 to 10/0	5/6 to 7/6	10/0 to 11/6	2/9 to 15/0	7/7
Garfish	4/0 to 8/0	5/0 to 10/0	5/0 to 13/6	5/6 to 10/0	5/6 to 9/0	4/9 to 7/3	4/6 to 13/0	6/0 to 10/0	7/3 to 11/0	7/6 to 10/0	4/6 to 9/9	8/6 to 15/0	4/0 to 15/0	4/6
Mullet	2/0 to 8/6	2/6 to 6/0	2/0 to 6/0	2/3 to 7/6	2/0 to 4/6	1/6 to 3/0	1/6 to 8/6	2/3 to 5/6	1/6 to 5/0	4/0 to 6/6	2/9 to 7/9	4/9 to 9/6	1/6 to 9/6	8/1
Pike	4/0 to 8/0	5/6 to 9/0	6/0 to 10/0	6/6 to 10/0	...	5/0 to 6/6	6/0 to 9/6	6/0 to 11/0	5/6 to 12/0	8/0 to 8/6	5/9 to 8/0	7/6 to 12/0	4/0 to 12/0	7/8
Whiting	4/0 to 8/0	5/0 to 12/0	8/0 to 15/6	8/0 to 15/6	4/0 to 8/6	4/0 to 4/6	2/6 to 10/0	3/0 to 10/6	8/0 to 12/0	3/0 to 8/3	6/3 to 12/6	5/6 to 17/6	2/6 to 17/6	9/3
Crayfish	3/0 to 9/0	3/6 to 6/6	3/0 to 11/6	5/0 to 11/6	4/0 to 12/6	5/6 to 13/3	7/0 to 17/0	7/9 to 17/6	4/3 to 11/6	6/3 to 13/0	3/9 to 14/0	5/0 to 15/0	3/0 to 17/0	8/9
Flounder	2/0 to 7/0	2/0 to 6/0	2/0 to 8/0	2/6 to 11/0	3/3 to 7/6	3/3 to 7/6	6/0 to 12/0	5/0 to 10/0	2/6 to 11/3	5/3 to 14/6	4/6 to 12/6	3/6 to 12/6	2/0 to 14/6	6/9
Trevalla	...	2/6 to 4/0	2/6 to 4/0	2/0 to 3/0	3/0 to 7/6	2/6 to 6/0	5/6 to 12/0	3/6 to 5/0	3/0 to 5/0	9/6 to 11/6	...	5/0 to 5/6	2/0 to 12/0	5/2
Oysters	10/0 to 2/0	5/0 to 2/0	6/6 to 3/0	1/0 to 1/10	...	10/0 to 2/0	1/5/0 to 3/0/0	15/0 to 1/15/0	15/0 to 1/15/0	1/15/0 to 2/15/0	15/0 to 2/10/0	15/0 to 1/10/0	5/0 to 3/0/0	1/9/5
<b>FRUIT.</b>														
Apples	1/0 to 10/0	0/8 to 5/0	1/0 to 5/0	1/0 to 5/0	1/0 to 6/6	1/6 to 7/0	2/0 to 8/0	2/9 to 10/0	4/6 to 14/0	6/0 to 9/0	5/0 to 10/0	6/0 to 9/0	1/0 to 14/0	5/3
Oranges—Italian	18/0 to 1/1/0	9/0 to 18/0	18/0 to 1/3/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9/0 to 1/3/0	17/10
Oranges—Lisbon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3/0 to 4/0	6/9
Oranges—Colonial	...	...	...	5/0 to 6/0	4/0 to 8/0	4/6 to 9/6	3/0 to 7/0	4/6 to 9/0	6/0 to 12/0	6/0 to 15/0	5/0 to 10/0	3/0 to 4/0	3/0 to 15/0	6/9

\* The mean price represents the average realized, assuming that equal quantities were disposed of periodically during the year.

WHOLESALE PRICES IN MELBOURNE FOR EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1900.—continued.

Articles.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Annual Range.	Mean Price.*
<i>Fruit—continued.</i>														
Lemons—Italian per case or Lisbon	1/5/0 to 1/12/6	1/6 to 1/2/6	1/6 to 1/1/0	1/5/0 to 1/0/0	1/3/6 to 1/8/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	10/0 to 1/10/0	10/0 to 1/12/6	1/0/0
Lemons—Colonial	...	...	...	4/0 to 5/0	5/0 to 8/0	4/0 to 7/0	3/0 to 5/0	4/0 to 7/0	5/0 to 7/0	4/6 to 7/0	5/0 to 15/0	10/0 to 15/0	3/0 to 15/0	6/8
Pears—Culinary	...	2/0 to 3/0	4/0 to 5/0	2/0 to 3/0	2/0 to 3/0	2/0 to 4/0	2/0 to 4/0	...	...	...	...	...	2/0 to 4/0	2/8
" Dessert...	2/0 to 9/0	4/0 to 6/0	4/0 to 5/0	4/0 to 8/0	5/0 to 8/0	8/0 to 10/0	8/0 to 10/0	6/6 to 7/0	5/3 to 7/6	...	...	...	2/0 to 10/0	6/9
<i>MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.</i>														
<i>Furred Skins—</i>														
Kangaroo ... per lb.	0/6 to 1/6	0/6 to 1/6	0/6 to 1/6	0/6 to 1/6	0/6 to 1/6	0/10 to 1/3	0/10 to 1/3	0/10 to 1/3	0/6 to 1/9	0/6 to 1/9	0/10 to 1/4	0/10 to 1/4	0/6 to 1/9	1/0 1/2
Opossum ... per doz.	5/0 to 1/1/0	5/0 to 1/1/0	5/0 to 1/1/0	5/0 to 1/1/0	5/0 to 1/2/0	6/0 to 8/0	4/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 7/6	4/0 to 1/1/0	9/0
Rabbit ... per lb.	0/5 to 0/7	0/5 to 0/7	0/3 1/2 to 0/7	0/3 1/2 to 0/5	0/3 1/2 to 0/7	0/3 to 0/8	0/2 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/3 to 0/8	0/2 to 0/6 1/2	0/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2
Bark (for tanning) per ton	3/0/0 to 7/10/0	3/0/0 to 7/10/0	3/0/0 to 7/15/0	2/10/0 to 8/0/0	3/0/0 to 7/10/0	3/0/0 to 7/10/0	3/10/0 to 7/10/0	6/0/0 to 7/10/0	6/0/0 to 7/10/0	6/0/0 to 7/10/0	5/0/0 to 7/10/0	6/0/0 to 7/10/0	2/10/0 to 8/0/0	5/17/3
Tea (duty paid) per lb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1/6
Sugar, Victorian, per ton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20/0/0
refined (duty paid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20/0/0
Rice (duty paid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24/10/0
<i>Tobacco—</i>														
Imported, manu- per lb.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4/7 1/2
factured (duty paid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3/5
Colonial-made, " manufactured (duty paid)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3/5
Soap, Household per ton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21/0/0
Salt, Best House- hold	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4/2/6

WINES, SPIRITS, ETC. (DUTY PAID).

Articles.	Imported.	Annual Range.	Mean Price.*	Victorian.	Annual Range.	Mean Price.*
Ale—English	...	5/0/0 to 7/0/0	6/0/0	...	...	...
Brandy, in bulk	...	18/6 to 1/9/0	1/3/9	...	...	3/4/0
Rum	...	15/6 to 18/6	17/0	...	...	10/0
Whisky "	...	17/0 to 1/10/0	1/3/6	...	...	16/0
Wine—Port	...	66/0/0 to 150/0/0	108/0/0	...	...	13/6
" Sherry	...	65/0/0 to 160/0/0	112/10/0	...	...	13/6
Clarets, &c.	...	1/15/0 to 4/15/0	3/5/0	...	...	4/9
Champagne	...	5/0/0 to 6/0/0	5/10/0	...	...	...
Ale—Ordinary	...	...	...	...	...	...
Brandy—Wine, in bulk	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Other	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whisky—Malt	...	...	...	...	...	...
Wine, in bulk	...	...	...	...	...	...

NOTE.—The prices quoted are the distributing prices to the retail traders. There is great difficulty in arriving at the exact prices paid, as many items are subject to trade allowances and discounts. \* The mean price represents the average realized, assuming that equal quantities were disposed of periodically during the year.

RETAIL PRICES IN MELBOURNE FOR EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1900.

Article.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Annual Range.	Mean Price.*
<b>BUTCHERS' MEAT.</b>														
Beef ... per lb.	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/5 to 0/8	0/5 to 0/8	0/5 1/2 to 8/1 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/4 to 0/8 1/2	0/6 1/4
Mutton ... "	0/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/2 1/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 1/2 to 0/5	0/3 1/2 to 0/5	0/3 1/2 to 0/5	0/3 1/2 to 0/5	0/3 1/2 to 0/5	0/3 1/2 to 0/5	0/2 to 0/5	0/3 1/4
Pork ... "	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/5 to 0/8	0/5 to 0/8	0/5 to 0/8	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/5 1/2 to 0/8 1/2	0/4 to 0/8 1/2	0/6 1/4
<b>DAIRY PRODUCE.</b>														
Butter (best factory) ... per lb.	1/0	1/0	1/0	1/0	0/11 to 1/0	1/0	1/0 to 1/2	0/9 1/2 to 0/10	0/9 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/9 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/2	0/11 1/4
Cheese ... "	0/5 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/4 to 0/8	0/5 to 0/10	0/4 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/4 to 0/10	0/7 1/4
Milk ... per quart	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/5	0/4
<b>FARM-YARD PRODUCE, POULTRY, AND GAME.</b>														
Bacon ... per lb.	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/6 to 0/10	0/5 to 0/10	0/8
Ham ... "	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/10
Eggs ... per doz.	0/8 to 1/0	0/9 to 1/0	0/10 to 1/6	1/0 to 1/8	1/0 to 2/0	1/0 to 1/0	1/1 1/2 to 1/9	0/10 to 1/0	0/8 to 1/0	0/7 to 0/10	0/7 to 0/10	0/9 to 1/0	0/7 to 2/0	1/0 1/4
Geese ... per pair	6/0 to 10/0	5/0 to 6/0	5/0 to 6/0	5/0 to 6/6	5/0 to 7/0	5/0 to 8/0	4/6 to 8/6	6/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 10/0	4/6 to 10/0	6/8
Ducks ... "	4/6 to 7/0	4/0 to 6/0	3/6 to 6/0	3/6 to 6/6	4/0 to 7/0	3/6 to 7/0	4/0 to 7/6	4/0 to 5/0	4/6 to 7/6	4/0 to 7/0	4/6 to 7/0	4/6 to 7/0	3/6 to 7/6	5/4
Fowls ... "	4/6 to 7/0	4/0 to 6/0	3/6 to 6/0	3/6 to 5/0	3/6 to 6/0	3/0 to 7/0	3/0 to 7/0	3/0 to 4/6	4/0 to 7/0	3/0 to 7/0	4/6 to 7/0	4/6 to 7/0	3/0 to 7/0	5/0
Turkeys ... "	8/0 to 1/0/0	8/0 to 1/0/0	7/0 to 1/0/0	7/0 to 1/8/0	8/0 to 1/0/0	7/0 to 1/8/0	8/0 to 1/0/0	6/0 to 1/0/0	8/0 to 1/4/0	6/0 to 1/4/0	8/0 to 1/5/0	8/0 to 1/5/0	6/0 to 1/5/0	14/8
Rabbits ... "	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/6 to 1/0/0	0/6 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/6
Hares ... per brace.	1/9 to 2/0	1/6 to 2/0	1/6 to 2/0	1/6	1/6	1/6 to 2/6	1/9 to 2/0	2/0	1/6 to 2/0	2/0	2/0	2/0 to 2/6	1/6 to 2/6	1/10
<b>GARDEN PRODUCE.</b>														
Potatoes ... per cwt.	1/0 to 2/0	1/0 to 2/0	1/0 to 2/6	1/6 to 2/6	2/0 to 3/0	2/0 to 3/0	2/0 to 3/0	2/6 to 3/6	2/6 to 3/6	2/6 to 3/6	2/0 to 4/0	5/0 to 8/0	1/0 to 8/0	2/9
" kidney per case	0/9 to 1/0	0/9 to 1/0	0/9 to 1/0	...	1/0 to 2/0	1/0 to 2/0	1/9 to 2/0	1/9 to 2/6	2/0 to 2/6	1/0 to 2/6	2/6 to 4/6	2/0 to 4/0	0/9 to 4/6	1/10
Onions, dried ... per cwt.	1/0 to 2/0	1/0 to 2/0	1/0 to 2/0	1/0 to 2/0	1/0 to 3/0	2/0 to 3/0	2/0 to 3/0	4/0 to 8/0	6/0 to 9/0	5/0 to 9/0	6/0 to 10/0	4/0 to 6/8	1/0 to 10/0	3/11
" green bunches	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/4
Cabbages ... per doz.	0/6 to 1/3	0/4 to 1/6	0/6 to 3/0	0/4 to 1/6	0/4 to 1/0	0/3 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/6	0/6 to 3/6	1/0 to 5/0	0/6 to 2/0	0/6 to 2/6	0/6 to 2/6	0/3 to 5/0	1/4
Carrots ... per doz.	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/5	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/8	0/5
Cauliflowers ... per doz.	...	...	...	0/9 to 3/0	0/6 to 3/0	0/4 to 1/6	0/6 to 3/0	0/9 to 5/0	1/0 to 5/0	0/9 to 3/0	0/8 to 2/0	0/9 to 3/0	0/4 to 5/0	1/11
Celery ... "	...	...	0/6 to 1/3	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/4 to 1/0	0/3 to 0/9	0/4 to 0/8	...	0/3 to 2/0	0/9 1/2
Lettuces ... per doz.	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/8	0/6 to 0/9	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/4 to 1/0	0/2 to 0/6	0/2 to 0/6	0/2 to 0/6	0/2 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/9	0/3 to 0/8	0/2 to 0/9	0/4 1/2
Parsnips bunches	0/6 to 0/9	0/6 to 0/9	0/6 to 1/0	0/4 to 0/8	0/3 to 0/6	0/4 to 1/0	0/6 to 0/8	0/6 to 0/9	0/6 to 0/9	0/6 to 0/9	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 0/9	0/3 to 1/0	0/7 1/4
Radishes ... "	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/4	0/4 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/6	0/4
Turnips ... "	0/3 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 1/0	0/4 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/9	0/4 to 0/9	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/8	0/3 to 1/0	0/6
Rhubarb ... "	0/5 to 0/9	0/4 to 0/6	0/4 to 0/8	0/3 to 0/6	0/3 to 0/4	0/3 to 0/8	0/6 to 0/9	0/6 to 0/8	0/6 to 1/0	0/3 to 0/8	0/4 to 0/9	0/4 to 0/8	0/3 to 1/0	0/6
Horse Radish per bundle	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/4 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/6 to 1/0	0/4 to 1/0	0/9
Tomatoes ... per case	2/0 to 5/0	0/9 to 2/0	1/0 to 2/6	0/9 to 1/6	0/9 to 1/6	...	...	...	...	...	...	3/0 to 3/6	0/9 to 7/0	2/7

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RETAIL PRICES IN MELBOURNE FOR EACH MONTH OF THE YEAR 1900—continued.

Articles.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Annual Range.	Mean Price.*
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.</b>														
Bread per 4-lb. loaf	0/3 1/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 1/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 1/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 1/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 1/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 1/2 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/3 to 0/4 1/2	0/4
Coal—Newcastle per ton	18/6 to 1/2/6	18/6 to 1/2/6	18/6 to 1/2/6	18/6 to 1/2/6	19/6 to 1/3/6	19/6 to 1/3/6	1/11/6 to 1/3/6	1/0/6 to 1/3/6	1/2/0 to 1/4/0	1/2/6 to 1/8/0	1/2/6 to 1/4/0	1/2/6 to 1/8/0	18/0 to 1/8/0	1/2/0
" Victorian	19/0 to 1/2/0	19/0 to 1/2/0	19/0 to 1/2/0	19/0 to 1/2/0	19/6 to 1/3/0	19/6 to 1/3/0	1/0/0 to 1/3/0	1/1/0 to 1/4/0	1/1/0 to 1/4/0	1/1/0 to 1/4/0	1/1/0 to 1/4/0	1/2/0 to 1/8/0	19/0 to 1/8/0	1/1/9
Firewood—														
Box Blocks per cwt.	0/10 to 0/11	0/10 to 0/11	0/10 to 0/11	0/10 to 0/11	0/11	0/11	0/11	0/11	0/11	0/11	0/11	0/11	0/10 to 0/11	0/11
Mixed Blocks (2-ton measurement)	17/0 to 1/0/0	17/0 to 1/0/0	17/0 to 1/0/0	17/0 to 1/2/0	1/2/0	1/2/0	1/2/0	18/0 to 1/3/0	18/0 to 1/2/0	18/0	1/2/0	1/2/0	17/0 to 1/3/0	1/0/3
<b>MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.</b>														
Tea, medium quality ...	1/0 to 1/6	1/0 to 1/6	1/3	Tobacco—Colonial... per lb.	3/2 to 4/10	4/0	4/0	4/0	4/0	Ale—English ...	9/0 to 11/6	10/3	9/0 to 11/6	10/3
" superior ...	1/6 to 2/3	1/6 to 2/3	1/10 1/2	" Imported ...	4/10 to 6/6	5/8	5/8	5/8	5/8	" Colonial ...	4/6 to 5/6	5/0	4/6 to 5/6	5/0
Coffee, pure ...	1/6 to 1/8	1/6 to 1/8	1/7	Soap, common ...	0/2 to 0/3	0/2 1/2	0/2 1/2	0/2 1/2	0/2 1/2	Porter—English ...	0/3	0/3	0/3 to 12/0	0/3
" with Chicory ...	1/0 to 1/6	1/0 to 1/6	1/3	Candles ...	0/6 to 0/7 1/2	0/6 3/4	0/6 3/4	0/6 3/4	0/6 3/4	Brandy ...	9/0 to 12/0	10/6	9/0 to 12/0	10/6
Sugar, refined ...	0/2 1/2	0/2 1/2	0/2 1/2	Salt, ordinary ...	0/0 3/4	0/0 3/4	0/0 3/4	0/0 3/4	0/0 3/4	Whisky ...	5/0 to 6/6	5/9	5/0 to 6/6	5/9
Rice ...	0/2 1/4 to 0/2 3/4	0/2 1/4 to 0/2 3/4	0/2 1/2	Gas ...	5/0	5/0	5/0	5/0	5/0	Wine—Colonial ...	3/6 to 6/6	5/0	3/6 to 6/6	5/0
										"	10/6 to 1/10/0	1/0/3	10/6 to 1/10/0	1/0/3
											3/6 to 8/0	5/9	3/6 to 8/0	5/9

\* The mean price represents the average realized, assuming that equal quantities were disposed of periodically during the year.

+ Reputed quarts.



PRICE OF GOLD.

RETURN showing the Lowest and Highest Prices per Ounce paid for Gold during the Quarter ended 31st December, 1900, in each of the Districts and Subdivisions of the several Mining Districts throughout the Colony of Victoria.

District, and Division or Subdivision.	Price of Gold per Ounce.		District, and Division or Subdivision.	Price of Gold per Ounce.	
	From—	To—		From—	To—
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
<b>ARARAT AND STAWELL.</b>			<b>CASTLEMAINE—continued.</b>		
Ararat ... ..	3 15 0	4 0 0	Daylesford ... ..	3 17 6	4 2 6
Stawell ... ..	3 12 6	4 3 0	Taradale ... ..	3 17 6	4 0 0
Barkly ... ..	3 15 0	4 1 0	Tarrangower ... ..	3 17 6	4 3 0
Raglan ... ..	4 1 0	4 1 0	St. Andrew's ... ..	3 17 0	4 2 0
<b>BALLARAT.</b>			<b>GIPPSLAND.</b>		
Central ... ..	3 17 6	4 3 6	Omco ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0
Southern ... ..	4 0 0	4 2 0	Boggy Creek ... ..	3 16 0	4 0 0
Buninyong... ..	4 0 0	4 3 0	Crooked River ... ..	3 19 0	4 0 0
Smythesdale ... ..	3 18 0	4 3 6	Dargo ... ..	3 10 0	4 0 0
Creswick ... ..	3 18 0	4 3 0	Stringer's Creek ... ..	3 12 6	4 0 0
Clunes ... ..	3 15 0	4 2 0	Russell's Creek ... ..	3 10 0	3 18 0
Gordons ... ..	4 0 0	4 2 6	Bendoc ... ..	3 15 0	3 16 6
Steiglitz ... ..	3 18 0	3 19 0	Orbost ... ..	3 12 0	3 18 0
Blackwood ... ..	3 18 0	4 0 0	Haunted Stream ... ..	3 18 0	4 2 0
<b>BEECHWORTH.</b>			<b>MARYBOROUGH.</b>		
Beechworth ... ..	3 18 0	4 3 0	Maryborough ... ..	4 0 0	4 2 6
Yackandandah ... ..	3 17 6	4 2 6	Carisbrook ... ..	3 18 0	4 0 0
Indigo ... ..	4 0 0	4 2 0	Amherst ... ..	3 15 0	4 2 0
Wandiligong ... ..	3 18 0	4 2 6	Avoca ... ..	3 18 0	4 0 0
Buckland ... ..	3 18 6	4 2 0	Dunolly ... ..	4 0 0	4 2 6
Alexandra ... ..	3 18 0	4 0 0	Tarnagulla... ..	4 0 0	4 0 0
Benalla ... ..	3 17 6	3 18 0	Inglewood ... ..	3 16 0	4 1 0
Dry Creek... ..	3 16 0	4 0 0	Wedderburn ... ..	4 0 0	4 0 0
Gaffney's Creek ... ..	3 17 6	3 19 0	St. Arnaud North ... ..	2 15 0	4 1 0
Wood's Point ... ..	3 17 6	4 2 0	St. Arnaud South ... ..	4 0 0	4 1 0
Big River ... ..	3 17 6	3 18 6			
Jamieson ... ..	3 15 0	3 18 0	<b>BENDIGO.</b>		
Mitta Mitta North ... ..	3 10 0	3 15 0	Sandhurst ... ..	3 17 0	4 3 6
Mitta Mitta South ... ..	3 0 0	4 0 0	Eaglehawk ... ..	3 17 6	4 0 0
<b>CASTLEMAINE.</b>			Kilmore ... ..	3 10 0	3 18 0
Castlemaine ... ..	3 17 0	3 17 6	Heathcote ... ..	3 17 6	4 2 0
Fryer's Creek ... ..	3 18 0	3 19 0	Rushworth... ..	3 17 0	4 2 0

NOTE.—This return was received from the Mining Department.

LIVE STOCK IMPORTED OVERLAND.

RETURN of Live Stock Imported Overland into Victoria during the Year ended 31st December, 1900, according to the Accounts of Inspectors of Stock.

Crossing Place.	Horses.	Cattle.	Sheep.	Pigs.
Albury ... ..	8,206	5,809	112,175	17
Apsley ... ..	142	1	17,316	...
Buchan ... ..	402	194	...	...
Cobram ... ..	...	243	7,435	1
Dartmoor ... ..	32	220	10,294	...
Delegate ... ..	242	2,136	13,695	...
Echuca ... ..	948	7,307	131,507	234
Gooramadda ... ..	638	707	32,426	...
Jingellic ... ..	360	835	11,035	...
Koondrook ... ..	10	422	49,838	25
Lockhart ... ..	1,481	1,341	28,876	5
Mildura ... ..	42	130	37,968	5
Nelson ... ..	21	4	2,562	...
Penola ... ..	418	466	43,829	...
Strathdownie ... ..	224	243	19,813	...
Swan Hill ... ..	225	2,251	81,168	15
Tintalra ... ..	241	5,702	4,665	7
Tocumwal ... ..	163	2,540	32,572	...
Wahgunyah ... ..	286	806	43,832	9
Yarrowonga ... ..	158	1,519	62,857	250
<b>Total ... ..</b>	<b>14,319</b>	<b>32,876</b>	<b>743,863</b>	<b>568</b>

NOTE.—This return was furnished by Mr. G. Pentland, Chief Inspector of Stock.

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