

Table No. 15.

INCREASED FINANCIAL BURDENS.

Comparisons in Expenditure, Pre- and Post-war Years.

Country.	1914.	1921.
The United Kingdom	£197,492,969	£1,039,728,000
United States of America	\$700,254,489	\$5,517,110,000
Dominion of Canada	£26,184,670	£74,192,299
Union of South Africa	£17,662,014	£25,695,584
Australian Commonwealth (Federal expenditure only)	£21,740,423	£64,624,087
Australian States—		
New South Wales	£17,701,851	£34,476,892
Victoria	£10,594,551	£19,043,197
Queensland	£6,962,516	£12,591,201
South Australia	£4,604,129	£7,543,640
West Australia	£5,348,303	£7,476,291
Tasmania	£1,162,514	£2,189,157
Dominion of New Zealand	£11,825,864	£28,068,730

NOTE.—In comparing the Australian increases with those of New Zealand it should be remembered that the expenditure by the State Governments has to be added to that of the Federal Government to make the comparison a fair one, the functions of government being divided between the State and the Federal Governments in Australia, while in the Dominion they are all discharged by the one Government. Compared with 1914 the expenditures of the Federal and State Governments of Australia rose from £68,113,287 to £147,944,465—that is, by £79,831,178.

Per Capita Expenditure Increases, Australian States, 1914–1921.

The following table shows the increase in the expenditure of the several Australian States, together with their proportionate share of the Commonwealth Government's expenditure, which must necessarily be shown in any comparison between the expenditure by the Government of this country and that of the Australian States, which divide the functions of government with the Commonwealth, whereas in this Dominion they are all discharged by the one Government:—

State.	1914.	1921.	Increase.
New South Wales—			
State expenditure	£ 9 12 8	£ 16 9 9	£ 6 17 1
Federal expenditure	3 3 5	11 16 10	8 13 5
	12 16 1	28 6 7	15 10 6
Queensland—			
State expenditure	10 12 7	16 14 9	6 2 2
Federal expenditure	3 3 5	11 16 10	8 13 5
	13 16 0	28 11 7	14 15 7
West Australia—			
State expenditure	17 13 4	22 12 0	4 18 8
Federal expenditure	3 3 5	11 16 10	8 13 5
	20 16 9	34 8 10	13 12 1
South Australia—			
State expenditure	10 11 1	15 7 2	4 16 1
Federal expenditure	3 3 5	11 16 10	8 13 5
	13 14 6	27 4 0	13 9 6
Victoria—			
State expenditure	8 3 8	12 7 11	4 4 3
Federal expenditure	3 3 5	11 16 10	8 13 5
	11 7 1	24 4 9	12 17 8
Tasmania—			
State expenditure	6 17 5	10 5 9	3 8 4
Federal expenditure	3 3 5	11 16 10	8 13 5
	10 0 10	22 2 7	12 1 9
New Zealand	10 4 2	23 10 0	13 5 10