Balance Sheet

AT JUNE 30, 1949

ASSETS

Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock and Bonds
(face value) ........................................ £1,070 0 0
Balance in State Savings Bank ........................ 6 0 6

£1,076 0 6

(Signed) A. S. CHALK,
Hon. Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
(Signed) HUGH C. E. STEWART,
(Signed) PHIL. LAIRD,
Hon. Auditors.

cercus group of parrots, the Eopsaltria and Colluricincla genera, the Singing Honeyeater and the Currawongs.

H. M. WHITTELL.

Congregation of Swifts over Geelong, Vic.—Whilst bird observing at Princes' Bridge, Geelong, on February 25, 1950, I noted six Fork-tailed Swifts (Micropus pacificus) flying northwards within twenty feet of the ground, the white rumps showing plainly to the naked eye. A thunderstorm was working up from the south at the time (1.45 p.m. to 2 p.m.). I endeavoured to count the birds but gave up at 100 when I began to realize that the sky was like a pepper pot with the birds, all making in the same direction, with little circling. At 2.40 p.m. a heavy ‘blow,’ with rain, sprang up and continued for ten minutes, and at 3 p.m. I noted these birds, again in great numbers, at Newtown and over Geelong City proper, all low down and flying in a westerly direction. The storm centre was by now gradually working around to the east. The wind, which was still in the north, had abated considerably by this time. At 3.15 p.m. I noted odd birds flying between palms growing in Johnstone’s Park. The large flocks gradually broke down to twos and threeses passing over low down, with the last birds noted at 4.02 p.m.

At 3.28 p.m. two Spine-tailed Swifts (Hirundapus caudacutus) passed over, also low down, and the difference in size was easy to assess after watching the other species. Although the sky was searched constantly from 4.02 p.m. until 7.25 p.m., when another violent storm struck the city, no more birds were noticed.—HAROLD E. TARR, Middle Park, Vic., 25/2/50.