

APPENDIX.

[Recent information and returns which have come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press are given hereunder.]

CHAPTER III.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 2. Parliaments and Elections.

3. **Federal Elections, p. 66.**—The ninth Parliament was dissolved on 9th October, 1928, and the elections for the tenth Parliament were held on 17th November, 1928.

4. **Federal Referenda, p. 67.**—A referendum on the "Financial Agreement" was submitted to the electors on 17th November, 1928. For further details see Appendix, Chapter VIII., Finance, p. 1021.

§ 3. Administration and Legislation.

2. **Governors-General and Ministries.**—(c) Bruce-Page Government, p. 72.

After the elections held on 17th November, 1928, the Bruce-Page Government was re-organized and on 11th December, 1928, the composition of the Commonwealth Ministry was as shown in the following statement:—

Prime Minister and Minister for External Affairs	..	RT. HON. S. M. BRUCE, C.H., P.C., M.C.
Treasurer	..	HON. E. C. G. PAGE.
Vice-President of the Executive Council	..	RT. HON. SIR G. F. PEARCE, P.C., K.C.V.O.
Attorney-General and Minister for Industry	..	HON. J. G. LATHAM, C.M.G., K.C.
Postmaster-General and Minister for Works and Railways	..	HON. W. G. GIBSON.
Minister for Health and Minister in charge of Repatriation	..	MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON. SIR N. R. HOWSE, V.C., K.C.B., K.C.M.G.
Minister for Defence	.. ..	MAJOR-GENERAL THE HON. SIR T. W. GLASGOW, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D.
Minister for Markets	..	HON. T. PATERSON.
Minister for Trade and Customs	..	HON. H. S. GULLETT.
Minister for Home Affairs	..	HON. C. L. A. ABBOTT.
Assistant Ministers	.. ..	MAJOR THE HON. C. W. C. MARR, D.S.O., M.C., V.D.
		HON. A. J. MCLACHLAN.
		HON. J. E. OGDEN.

3. **State Ministries.**—Victoria, p. 73.—The following is the composition of the Victorian Ministry from 21st November, 1928:—

Premier and Treasurer	.. ..	HON. SIR W. MCPHERSON, K.B.E.
Chief Secretary and Minister for Health	.. ..	HON. S. S. ARGYLE.
Attorney-General and Solicitor-General	.. ..	HON. I. MACFARLAN.
Minister for Lands and Water Supply	.. ..	HON. H. ANGUS.
Minister for Agriculture, Markets, and Immigration	.. ..	HON. J. W. PENNINGTON, O.B.E.
Minister for Railways, Electric Supply, and Labour	.. ..	HON. P. GROVES.
Minister for Public Works and Mines	.. ..	HON. A. E. CHANDLER, M.L.C.
Minister for Education	.. ..	HON. H. I. COHEN, K.C., M.L.C.
Honorary Ministers	.. ..	HON. R. M. CUTHBERTSON.
		HON. E. MORLEY.
		HON. R. G. MENZIES, M.L.C.
		HON. M. SALTAU, M.L.C.

CHAPTER VI.

OVERSEA TRADE.

§ 4. Oversea Trade.

1. Total Oversea Trade, p. 202.—The following particulars have been compiled from preliminary returns relating to the Oversea Trade of Australia during the year 1927-28 :—

OVERSEA TRADE.—AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Recorded Value.			Value per Inhabitant.			Per-centage of Exports on Imports.
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	
1927-28	£1,000. 148,117	£1,000. 143,213	£1,000. 291,330	£ s. d. 23 15 2	£ s. d. 22 19 5	£ s. d. 46 14 7	% 96.7

2. Ratio between Exports and Imports, p. 204.

BALANCE OF AUSTRALIAN TRADE FROM 1st JULY, 1914, TO 30th JUNE, 1928.

Year.	Recorded Excess of Exports.	Increase in Public Debt (Common-wealth and State) Raised Abroad.	B. A. W. R. A. Dividends.	Total of Columns (2), (3), and (4).	Approximate Annual Obligations Abroad for Interest and Services.	Addition to Funds Available Abroad for Transmission to Australia.	
						For the Year.	Accumulated from 1st July, 1914.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
1914-15 ..	— 3.8	5.1	..	1.3	16.0	—14.7	—14.7
1915-16 ..	— 3.0	4.3	..	1.3	17.2	—15.9	—30.6
1916-17 ..	21.7	18.6	..	40.3	18.4	21.9	— 8.7
1917-18 ..	19.1	20.9	..	40.0	22.0	18.0	9.3
1918-19 ..	11.6	0.5	..	12.1	22.2	—10.1	— 0.8
1919-20 ..	50.8	10.8	..	61.6	23.2	38.4	37.6
1920-21 ..	—31.6	11.3	7.7	—12.6	24.3	—36.9	0.7
1921-22 ..	24.8	42.2	9.9	76.9	26.7	50.2	50.9
1922-23 ..	—13.9	3.9	5.9	— 4.1	26.8	—30.9	20.0
1923-24 ..	—21.1	48.1	5.3	32.3	28.5	3.8	23.8
1924-25 ..	4.9	0.1	..	5.0	29.5	—24.5	— 0.7
1925-26 ..	— 2.9	37.5	..	34.6	32.0	2.6	1.9
1926-27 ..	—19.6	11.8	..	— 7.8	33.2	—41.0	—39.1
1927-28 .. (preliminary)	— 4.9	54.3	3.9	53.3	35.0	18.3	—20.8
Total ..	32.1	269.4	32.7	334.2	355.0	..	—20.8

§ 10. Exports according to Industries.

4. Australian Production and Exports according to Industry, p. 229.—The heading "£1,000" should be added to columns relating to the Value of Production during Ten Years and Value of Exports during Ten Years.

CHAPTER VII. TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

E. MOTOR VEHICLES.

5. Motor Vehicles Registered, p. 310.—Motor Vehicles registered at 30th June, 1928, were as follows:—

MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED AT 30th JUNE, 1928.

State or Territory.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles.	Motor Cycles.	All Vehicles.	
				No.	Per 1,000 of Population.
New South Wales ..	141,329	37,197	29,038	207,564	86
Victoria ..	126,120	(c) 208	24,015	150,343	86
Queensland ..	(a) 65,444	(b) 2,457	8,088	75,989	83
South Australia ..	51,753	11,517	12,741	76,011	132
Western Australia ..	23,644	8,665	6,071	38,380	96
Tasmania ..	9,730	1,559	3,887	15,176	72
Northern and Central Australia ..	195	170	42	407	96
Federal Capital Territory	916	233	135	1,284	160
Australia ..	419,131	62,006	84,017	565,154	90

(a) Pneumatic tyred vehicles.

(b) Solid tyred vehicles.
trucks, vans, &c., included with motor cars.

(c) Motor buses only—

CHAPTER VIII.

FINANCE.

A. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

§ 2. Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Division II.—Revenue.

1. Total, p. 342.—Revenue for year 1927–28 amounted to £76,670,222.
2. Revenue per Head, p. 342.—The revenue per head of population for 1927–28 was £12 5s. 11d.

Division III.—Expenditure.

2. Total Expenditure, p. 348.—For the year 1927–28 the total expenditure was £82,120,459, and the expenditure per head of population £13 3s. 5d.

§ 4. Commonwealth Loan Funds and Public Debt.

7. Commonwealth Public Debt.—(ii) *Place of Flotation*, p. 359. At the 30th June, 1928, the debt stood as follows:—

	£
Payable in London	172,497,984
Payable in New York	33,563,752
Payable in Australia	277,031,917
Value of Transferred Properties	11,035,447
Total	494,129,100

(iv) *Amount of Interest Payable*, p. 360. At the 30th June, 1928, the annual interest payable on the debt amounted to £25,979,561, of which £8,674,152 was payable in London, £1,626,815 in New York, and £15,678,594 in Australia.

B. STATE FINANCE.**§ 1. General.**

3. *Inter-relation of Commonwealth and State Finance, p. 371.*—At a referendum of Commonwealth electors taken on 17th November, 1928, the question of validating the proposals included in the "Financial Agreement" between the Commonwealth and the several States Governments was agreed to, the votes cast being as follows:—

Yes (in favour of the proposed agreement)	..	2,236,680
No (not in favour of the proposed agreement)	..	773,698
Informal	.. .. .	213,886
Total votes cast		.. .. . 3,224,264
Percentage of electors who voted		.. .. . 93.25%

The foregoing figures are incomplete in that some small returns in the State of Queensland have not yet been received.

CHAPTER XIII.**LABOUR, WAGES, AND PRICES.****C. EMPLOYMENT.****§ 4. Recent Legislation, p. 576.**

Transport Workers Act (No. 37 of 1928). The Transport Workers Act 1928 provides for the regulation of the engagement, service and discharge of transport workers; the licensing of persons as transport workers; the regulation and prohibition of employment of unlicensed persons; and for the protection of transport workers.

CHAPTER XVII.**AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.****§ 4. Wheat.**

7. *Voluntary Wheat Pools, p. 678.*—(i) *General.* Voluntary wheat pools¹⁷ again operated in the States of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, and Western Australia during the 1927-28 season. The system adopted in these States is somewhat similar, and is a co-operative one controlled by trustees, or committees appointed by the growers, the whole of the proceeds, less administrative expenses, being distributed amongst contributors of wheat to the pool. The trading names of these organizations in the various States are as follows:—

New South Wales.—The Wheat-growers' Pooling and Marketing Co. Ltd.

Victoria.—Victorian Wheat-growers' Corporation Ltd.

South Australia.—South Australian Co-operative Wheat Pools Ltd.

Western Australia.—The Co-operative Wheat Pool of Western Australia.

The marketing of wheat in Queensland was conducted on the compulsory basis by the State Wheat Board, consisting of five representatives of the growers with a Government appointee as Chairman.

(ii) *Delivery of Wheat to Pools.* The quantities of wheat received by the different pools, together with the percentage thereof on the total marketable wheat during 1927-28, were as follows:—

WHEAT RECEIVED BY VOLUNTARY POOLS, 1927-28.

Particulars.	Unit.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.
Wheat received	Bushel	1,042,123	2,762,745	5,075,571	17,267,000
Percentage on Total Marketable Wheat	%	5	12	25	53

(iii) *Finance.* The requisite financial accommodation in New South Wales and Victoria was furnished by the Commonwealth and Associated Banks. In Western Australia funds were made available by the Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd. of Great Britain. Initial advances were made available to growers on the delivery of their wheat at country stations, and further advances have been made in all the States, the payments to October, 1928, being as follows:—

WHEAT POOLS ADVANCES^(a) PER BUSHEL MADE TO OCTOBER, 1928.

Particulars.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	South Australia.	Western Australia.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1st Payment	0 3 6	0 3 8	0 3 8	0 3 6
2nd Payment	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 0 9
3rd Payment	0 0 6	..	0 0 4	0 0 3
4th Payment .. ..	..	..	..	0 0 7½
Estimated Final Payment ..	0 0 3	(b)	0 0 2	0 0 1

(a) Less Rail Freight.

(b) Not available.

In Queensland the Commonwealth Bank provides the financial assistance necessary to make advances on wheat delivered, the State Government guaranteeing the Wheat Board's accounts with the bank.

All wheat not required for consumption on the farm is delivered to the Board, which is the sole marketing agency. The crop in 1927-28 was a good one, amounting to 3½ million bushels. Marketing operations were favourable and it is expected that a net payment of 5s., or perhaps slightly more, per bushel will be paid on pool wheat of good quality. Advances made to 30th June, 1928, amounted to 4s. 8½d. per bushel on f.a.q. wheat, and 3s. 6½d. per bushel on inferior grades, the relative percentages being, milling wheat 86.2 per cent., and feed wheat 13.8 per cent.

CHAPTER XXI.

MINERAL INDUSTRY.

§ 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.

3. Value of Production during 1927, p. 751.—The following table gives the value of Australian mineral production for the year 1927:—

MINERAL PRODUCTION.—VALUE, 1927.

Mineral.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Ter.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gold ..	76,595	163,099	161,321	1,776	1,734,568	20,646	465	2,159,073
Silver and Lead	3,487,980	304	32,102	143	30,421	222,427	379	3,773,756
Copper ..	12,655	..	218,842	12,452	101	362,988	..	607,038
Iron ..	657,346	..	506	830,789	..	..	..	1,488,641
Tin ..	287,539	11,454	193,774	..	13,316	317,593	18,754	842,430
Zinc ..	990,877	..	..	..	..	181,242	..	1,178,119
Coal ..	9,782,002	982,533	987,465	..	407,967	99,802	..	12,259,769
Other ..	150,138	18,388	51,101	343,362	6,427	204,654	2,115	776,185
Total ..	15,451,132	1,176,378	1,645,111	1,188,522	2,192,800	1,409,352	21,716	23,085,011

CHAPTER XXIV.

POPULATION.

§ 3. Distribution and Fluctuation of Population.

1. Present Number, p. 881.—The estimated population at the 30th June, 1928, was 6,284,407. distributed as follows :—

AUSTRALIA.—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 30th JUNE, 1928.

States and Territories.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
New South Wales	1,235,835	1,187,217	2,423,052
Victoria	869,390	880,049	1,749,439
Queensland	482,862	428,875	911,737
South Australia	299,104	278,652	577,756
Western Australia	216,589	183,111	399,700
Tasmania	104,588	105,878	210,466
Northern Territory	2,973	1,273	4,246
Federal Capital Territory	4,516	3,495	8,011
Total, Australia	3,215,857	3,068,550	6,284,407

The corresponding figures for Australia for the year ended 30th June, 1927, were 3,154,121 males and 3,013,308 females, or a total of 6,167,429. There was thus a total increase during the year ended 30th June, 1928, of 116,978, made up of 61,736 males and 55,242 females.