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P R E F A C E.

THIS is the thirty-second issue of the *Victorian Year-Book*.

The general arrangement of the work is the same as in former years, but many alterations have been made in the text. The whole of the existing matter has been revised, much fresh matter has been added, and sections relating to subjects which have ceased to be of public interest have been deleted.

The main object of the work is to show the progress made by the State during the year under review, and with this end comparisons are instituted with former years, and with other States and countries. An endeavour is made to present such information as will enable investigators to ascertain the results of past legislation, and as will assist legislators, publicists, and others in forming an opinion in regard to the most suitable methods to be adopted in the future in developing the natural resources of the State, and promoting the social welfare of the people.

The first part deals principally with the past history of the State and its constitutional progress. Its natural features, geology, fauna, and flora are also described. Parts II. to V. and Part VII. deal with the wealth and progress of the community as indicated by the growth of population, and by increases in bank deposits, in amounts assured with life offices, in volume of trade, &c., and details are given of the revenue and expenditure of the Government, and of municipalities. In Parts VI., VIII., and IX. attention is given to matters affecting primarily the daily lives of the individuals of whom the community is composed, rather than the collective interests of the community itself. In these latter portions of the book will be found statistics relating to births, marriages and deaths, education, charitable institutions, crime, and other cognate subjects. In Part X.

a detailed account is given of the agricultural and other production of the State, and of its manufactures. The various parts were distributed as soon as completed, the first being issued in June, and the last in November.

The information in all the parts has been brought up to the latest possible date—in many instances to the middle of the year 1912.

The following are some of the principal new features included in the present volume:—

An estimate of the private wealth held in Victoria, based on probate returns, and a description of the method adopted in framing such estimate; statements giving the mileage of roads of various kinds in Victoria, the annual cost of their maintenance, and the amount required to put them in a good state; tables illustrating the numerical strength of the various religious denominations, and the progress made by each of them during the last 50 years; details of assessments for State land tax and of amounts of tax paid; and tables showing the average heights and weights of school children of various ages.

The section relating to Friendly Societies has been re-written and considerably enlarged. Since the date of issue of the last *Year-Book* much tabulated information, based on particulars obtained at the 1911 census, has been made available. In parts Population and Vital Statistics the tables derived from such information have been brought up to date, and a number of new ones added. The mortality and other figures for successive census periods afford a means by which it is possible to ascertain the effect being produced by improvement in hygiene and changes in conditions of life.

An appendix has been added which contains information that was not available for publication when the parts dealing with the subjects referred to therein were sent to press.

It is regrettable that the trade returns furnished by the Customs Department have been subjected to further curtailment. The records of Inter-State trade were abandoned by the Federal authorities in

1910, and in 1911 the distinction formerly maintained between Victorian and Australian produce exported to oversea countries was not observed.

The publication contains two maps. The first is an ordinary geographical map; the other shows the live stock, the production of wheat and wool, and the average rainfall in different divisions of the State during the past five years.

I have to thank the heads of Government Departments and the various experts who have supplied information and in other ways assisted in the preparation of the work. I also take this opportunity of thanking the members of my staff for their hearty co-operation and for the valuable assistance received from them.

The figures and other matter contained in each part of the book have been carefully examined and checked. If, however, any error should be detected, I shall be pleased to receive information as to its nature and position.

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