

APPENDIX.

Recent information and returns which have come to hand since the various sections of this book were sent to press, are given below.

SECTION II.

DISCOVERY, COLONISATION, AND FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA.

§ 8. Commonwealth Legislation.

3. **The Course of Legislation, p. 48.**—The following is a list of Acts passed by the Commonwealth Parliament during the Session of 1909:—

- No. 1. Supply Act (No. 1) 1909-10.
2. Old-age Pensions Appropriation Act 1909.
3. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1909.
4. Audit Act 1909.
5. Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1909-10.
6. Coinage Act 1909.
7. Supply Act (No. 2) 1909-10.
8. Supply Act (No. 3) 1909-10.
9. Telegraph Act 1909.
10. Supply Act (No. 4) 1909-10.
11. Marine Insurance Act 1909-10.
12. Appropriation Act 1909-10.
13. Supplementary Appropriation Act 1907-8.
14. Naval Loan Act 1909.
15. Defence Act 1909.
16. Supplementary Appropriation (Works and Buildings) Act 1907-8.
17. Patents Act 1909.
18. Surplus Revenue Act 1909.
19. Commonwealth Electoral Act 1909.
20. Referendum (Constitution Alteration) Act 1909.
21. Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1909 (No. 2).
22. High Commissioner Act 1909.
23. Seat of Government Acceptance Act 1909.
24. Officers' Compensation Act 1909.
25. Commonwealth Public Service Act 1909.
26. Australian Industries Preservation Act 1909.
27. Bills of Exchange Act 1909.
28. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act 1909.
29. Seamen's Compensation Act 1909.

In addition to the above, both Houses of the Parliament passed two proposed laws for the alteration of the Constitution entitled—

Constitution Alteration (Finance) 1909 and
Constitution Alteration (State Debts) 1909.

These proposed laws had to be submitted, by referendum, to the people at the elections held on 13th April, 1910, before becoming law. The result was that the former proposed Act was negatived, and consequently does not become law, while the latter received the sanction of the majority of the people, and will, therefore, be placed on the Statute Book.

SECTION IV.
POPULATION.

§ 4. Elements of Growth of Population.

3. **Net Immigration, p. 123.**—The following table gives particulars of net immigration for the year 1909 :—

NET IMMIGRATION,* 1909.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W.A.	Tas.	C'wth.
Arrivals	247,891	198,077	84,146	67,093	24,643	33,297	93,609
Departures	245,859	183,002	73,859	64,466	23,109	35,919	54,676
Excess of arrivals over departures	2,032	15,075	10,287	2,627	1,534	—2,622	28,933

Note.—(—) signifies excess of departures over arrivals. * Figures for States represent Interstate and Oversea migration; those for Commonwealth represent Oversea migration only.

4. **Total Increase, p. 125.**—The following table gives particulars of the total increase in population for each State and for the Commonwealth during the year 1909 :—

TOTAL INCREASE OF POPULATION, 1909.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W.A.	Tas.	C'wth.
Excess of births over deaths ...	27,972	17,108	10,022	6,241	4,898	3,658	69,899
Excess of arrivals over departures	2,032	15,075	10,287	2,627	1,534	—2,622	28,933
Total increase ...	30,004	32,183	20,309	8,868	6,432	1,036	98,832

Note.—(—) signifies excess of departures over arrivals.

§ 8. Enumerations and Estimates.

5. **Estimates of Population, pp. 132 to 136.**—The following table shows the estimated population of each State and the Commonwealth on the 31st December, 1909 :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION ON 31st DECEMBER, 1909.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	C'wealth.
Males ...	862,755	655,745	311,534	222,264	157,798	95,541	2,305,637
Females ...	758,922	647,612	261,120	193,783	115,745	91,319	2,068,501
Total ...	1,621,677	1,303,357	572,654	416,047	273,543	186,860	4,374,138

SECTION V.

VITAL STATISTICS.

§ 1. Births.

1. **Male and Female Births, p. 177.**—The total number of male and female births registered, and the birth rates per 1000 of the population in each State and in the Commonwealth, during the year 1909 were as follows:—

BIRTHS AND BIRTH RATES, 1909.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	C'wealth.
Males ...	22,464	16,096	7,954	5,235	3,884	2,849	58,482
Females ...	21,318	15,448	7,598	4,856	3,718	2,651	55,589
Total ...	43,782	31,544	15,552	10,091	7,602	5,500	114,071
Birth rates ...	27.26	24.55	27.52	24.57	28.06	29.86	26.40

§ 2. Marriages.

1. **Marriages, p. 190.**—The following statement shows the number of marriages registered in each State and the Commonwealth, and the marriage rates per 1000 of the mean population, during the year 1909:—

MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE RATES, 1909.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	C'wealth.
No. of marriages	13,025	9,431	4,543	3,285	1,997	1,494	33,775
Marriage rates*	8.11	7.34	8.04	8.00	7.37	8.11	7.82

* Number of marriages, not persons married, per 1000 of mean population.

§ 3. Deaths.

1. **Male and Female Deaths, p. 197.**—The number of deaths registered in each State and in the Commonwealth during 1909, and the death rates per 1000 of the mean population, are shewn in the following table:—

MALE AND FEMALE DEATHS AND DEATH RATES, 1909.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	C'wealth.
Male ...	9,184	8,070	3,419	2,140	1,671	1,030	25,514
Female ...	6,626	6,366	2,111	1,710	1,033	812	18,658
Total ...	15,810	14,436	5,530	3,850	2,704	1,842	44,172
Death rates ...	9.84	11.24	9.79	9.37	9.98	10.00	10.22

SECTION VIII. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

§ 4. Wheat.

1. **Progress of Wheat Growing, p. 369.**—The following table shows the estimated area under wheat and the prospective yields of wheat in each State and the Commonwealth for the season 1909-10:—

ESTIMATED AREAS UNDER WHEAT AND PROSPECTIVE YIELDS, 1909-10.

Particulars.		N.S.W.	Vic.*	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Cwth.
Estimated area ... Acres		1,827,266	2,097,162	80,000	1,772,675	446,155	34,950	6,258,228
Prospective yield ... Bush.		25,600,000	28,780,100	1,120,000	20,139,575	5,978,829	797,210	82,415,714
Average yield per acre ...		14.01	13.72	14.00	11.36	13.40	22.81	13.17

* Final Figures.

§ 20. Government Loans to Farmers.

7. **Western Australia, p. 434.**—The Agricultural Bank Act Amending Act of 1909, assented to on 21st December, 1909, provided that the amount authorised to be raised by the issue of mortgage bonds be increased to £2,000,000. In addition to the purposes for which advances can be made under the principal Act, an advance can, subject to certain regulations, be made for the purchase of agricultural machinery manufactured in Western Australia. Advances may be made of an amount not exceeding £400 to the full value of the improvements proposed to be made, and further advances may be made up to an amount not exceeding £250 to one-half the value of additional proposed improvements. Not more than £100 may be advanced to any person for the purchase of agricultural machinery. The total advances to any one person must not, at any time, exceed £750.

SECTION XII. MINES AND MINING.

§ 2. Gold.

2. **Production of Gold at Various Periods, p. 488.**—The Australian gold yield for 1909 is shewn in the subjoined table. The figures are open to final revision, but only to a slight extent:—

GOLD RAISED IN AUSTRALIA, 1909.

Particulars.		N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	C'wealth.
Quantity ... Fine ozs.		204,709	654,222	450,937	7,989	1,595,263	44,669	2,957,789
Value £		869,549	2,778,958	1,915,459	33,935	6,776,246	189,742	12,563,889

The quantity raised in New Zealand during the year 1909 was 484,920 fine ounces, valued at £2,059,809, making the total yield for Australasia 3,442,709 fine ounces, valued at £14,623,698.

SECTION XVIII.

POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.

4. Telephones.

2. **Telephone Rates, p. 779.**—By a regulation of 21st June, 1910, the new charges specified on page 779 were repealed, and the pre-existing rates, as shewn below, were continued in force :—

TELEPHONE TOLL SYSTEM.—UNIFORM CHARGES FOR ALL STATES.

In Telephone Networks having a Population of—	Radius of Network with Main Exchange as Centre.	Minimum Annual Charge—		
		For an Exclusive Service.	For each Subscriber or Instrument on a Two-party Service.	For each Subscriber or Instrument on a Three-party Service.
	Miles.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
From 1 to 10,000 ...	5	4 0 0	3 0 0	2 10 0
„ 10,001 to 100,000 ...	10	4 10 0	3 7 6	2 15 0
„ 100,001 upwards ...	10	5 0 0	3 15 0	3 0 0

For the foregoing charges the Postal Department provides and maintains all necessary exchange equipment, subscribers' lines not exceeding one mile in length radially, and one telephone wall-set for each subscriber, and allows 1000 effective calls to be originated by each subscriber in each half-year.

(i.) *Charges for Extra Calls.* For all effective calls beyond 1000 half-yearly the subscriber is charged as follows :—

For calls above 1000 and not exceeding 2000 half-yearly, two calls for one penny.

For calls above 2000 and not exceeding 3000 half-yearly, three calls for one penny.

For calls above 3000 half-yearly, four calls for one penny.

(ii.) *Charges for Extra Mileage.* When the radial length of any line exceeds one mile the following charges are made :—

	Exclusive Services.	Two-party Services.	Three or More Party Services.
For each half-mile or part thereof	£1 per annum	Ten shillings per annum per subscriber or instrument	Five shillings per annum per subscriber or instrument

SECTION XIX.

COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

§ 1. General.

10. **Transfer and Consolidation of State Debts, p. 784.**—The proposed law providing for an amendment of the Constitution to admit of the assumption by the Commonwealth of the whole of the State Debts was submitted to a referendum on 13th April, 1910. The results are not yet (28th April) actually complete, but are sufficiently so to indicate that the electors have approved of the proposed law. The results to date are as follows:—

REFERENDUM OF 13th APRIL, 1910, ON TRANSFER OF STATE DEBTS.—RESULTS AS AT 28th APRIL, 1910.

State.	In Favour.	Not in Favour.
New South Wales	158,163	316,798
Victoria	279,353	153,099
Queensland	96,344	51,314
South Australia	72,959	26,732
Western Australia	57,390	21,800
Tasmania	43,329	10,185
Total	707,538	579,928

13. **Interstate Conferences, p. 785.**—A proposed law based on the financial agreement made on 20th August, 1909, between the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth and the Premiers of the several States, was submitted to a referendum on 13th April, 1910. The results are not yet (28th April) actually complete, but are sufficiently so to indicate that the electors have not approved of the proposed law to alter the Constitution on the lines laid down in the financial agreement. The results to date are as follows:—

REFERENDUM OF 13th APRIL, 1910, ON FINANCIAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN COMMONWEALTH AND STATES.—RESULTS AS AT 28th APRIL, 1910.

State.	In Favour.	Not in Favour.
New South Wales	225,988	252,609
Victoria	200,190	242,150
Queensland	82,799	68,136
South Australia	49,350	51,244
Western Australia	48,934	30,433
Tasmania	32,167	21,454
Total	639,428	666,026

SECTION XX.

STATE FINANCE.

§ 2. State Consolidated Revenue Funds.

(D) Principal State Taxes.

6. **Probate and Succession Duties, Western Australia, p. 821.**—Under the provisions of the Administration Act Amendment Act 1909, which was assented to on 20th November of that year, the schedule contained in the Administration Act of 1903 was repealed and the following rates of duty were imposed:—When the total value of an estate, real and personal, of a deceased person, and of the property given or accruing to any person under a settlement or deed of gift, does not, after the deduction of all debts, exceed £500, duty is payable at the rate of 1 per cent.; where the value exceeds £500, and does not exceed £1000, 2 per cent. is charged; over £1000, and not over £2500, 3 per cent.; over £2500, and not over £4500, 4 per cent.; over £4500, and not over £6000, 5 per cent.; over £6000, and not over £7000, 6 per cent.; over £7000, and not over £8000, 6½ per cent.; over £8000, and not over £9000, 6¾ per cent.; over £9000, and not over £10,000, 6⅘ per cent.; over £10,000, and not over £11,000, 7 per cent.; over £11,000, and not over £12,000, 7¼ per cent.; over £12,000, and not over £13,000, 7½ per cent.; over £13,000, and not over £14,000, 7¾ per cent.; over £14,000, and not over £15,000, 8 per cent.; over £15,000, and not over £16,000, 8¼ per cent.; over £16,000, and not over £17,000, 8½ per cent.; over £17,000, and not over £18,000, 8¾ per cent.; over £18,000, and not over £19,000, 9 per cent.; over £19,000, and not over £20,000, 9½ per cent.; and when the value exceeds £20,000, 10 per cent. is payable.

SECTION XXV.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

3. **The Cabinet and Executive Government, p. 931** (see also p. 48).—At the Federal elections held on 13th April, 1910, the Deakin-Cook Government was defeated. The Prime Minister (Mr. Deakin) tendered the resignation of his Ministry to the Governor-General, and Mr. Andrew Fisher, the leader of the Labour party, was, on 25th April, 1910, commissioned to form a Ministry. This commission was fulfilled on 29th April, when the following Ministry was appointed and duly sworn in:—

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF THE COMMONWEALTH ON 29th APRIL, 1910.

<i>Prime Minister and Treasurer</i> ...	... THE HON. A. FISHER.
<i>Attorney-General</i> ...	... THE HON. W. M. HUGHES.
<i>Minister of State for External Affairs</i> ...	... THE HON. E. L. BATCHELOR.
<i>Minister of State for Home Affairs</i> ...	... THE HON. K. O'MALLEY.
<i>Postmaster-General</i> ...	... THE HON. J. THOMAS.
<i>Minister of State for Defence</i> ...	... THE HON. G. F. PEARCE.
<i>Minister of State for Trade and Customs</i> ...	... THE HON. F. G. TUDOR.
<i>Vice-President of Executive Council</i> ...	... THE HON. G. MCGREGOR.
<i>Honorary Minister</i> ...	... THE HON. E. FINDLEY.
" " ...	... THE HON. C. E. FRAZER.