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P R E F A C E .

THIS is the forty-third issue of the *Victorian Year-Book*.

The main object of the work is to show the progress made by the State during the year under review, and with this end the particulars appertaining to that year are compared with those relating to previous years. An endeavour is made to present such information 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 shows the progress of the State since the early days of settlement, and contains a description of the Constitution, as well as an epitome of Acts passed during 1922 by the State Parliament, lists of members of Parliament, &c. Parts II., III., V., VI., and IX. 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. Parts IV., VII., and VIII. contain statistics relating to births, marriages and deaths, crime, education, charitable institutions, and other cognate subjects. In Part X. a detailed account is given of the agricultural, mineral, manufacturing, and other productions of the State. The various parts were issued as soon as completed.

The information in all parts has been brought up to the latest possible date—on many subjects to the middle of the year 1923, and in a few instances to a later date.

An outline is given of the main provisions of certain Acts which have been passed since the issue of the preceding *Year-Book*, and which are of interest to large sections of the community. The Acts referred to are the *Rating on Unimproved Values Act 1922*, the *Hospital and Charities Act 1922*, and the *University Act 1923*.

Many of the tables in part "Finance" are presented in an altered form, and some new tables have been added. The figures in part "Interchange" relating to Imports and Exports have been revised in accordance with a new statistical classification which came into operation on 1st July, 1922.

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 book. 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 material in each part of the book have been carefully examined and checked. If, however, any errors should be detected, I shall be pleased to receive information as to their nature and position.

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REFERENCE

- Railways
 - State Schools Free
 - Towns having Public Water Works
 - Reservoirs and Weirs
 - Bores
 - Districts having Public Irrigation Supplies
 - Domestic and Stock Supplies
- For the Average Yearly Rainfall, See Year Book, Part. Production.

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