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1899-1900,

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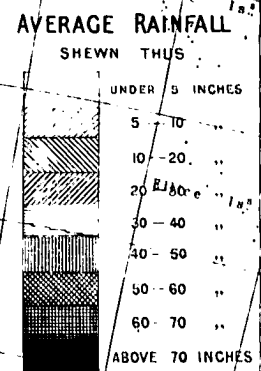
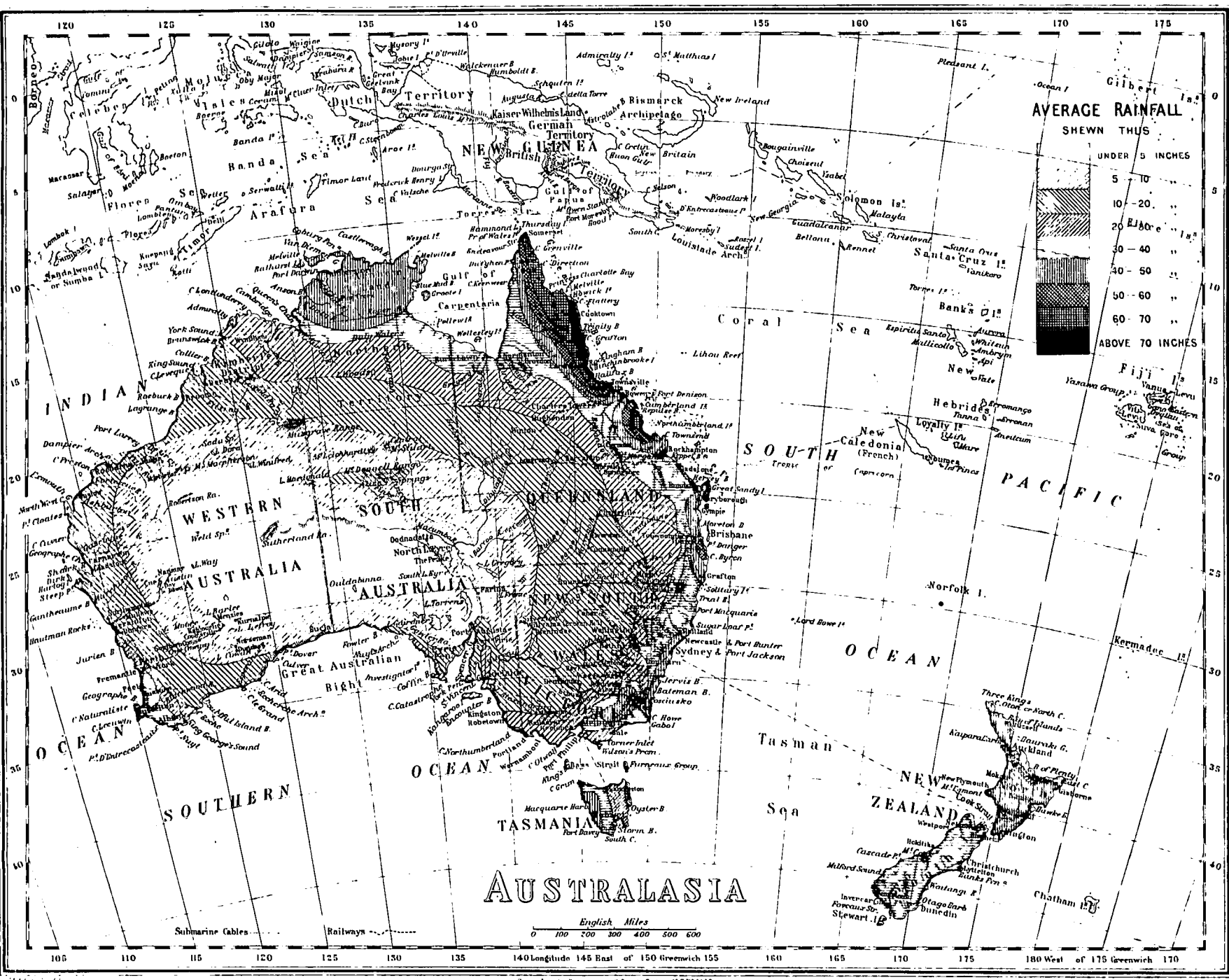
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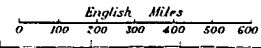
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PREFACE.

THE general plan adopted in previous issues has been followed on the present occasion, but as this edition is published on the eve of the establishment of the Australian Commonwealth, it has been necessary to make several important changes in the arrangement of the information to accord with the new condition of things which the Commonwealth establishes. I have also thought it desirable to insert a brief historical sketch of each State and of New Zealand, and to enlarge the scope of the chapters which deal with matters now transferred to the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth.

In all cases the figures have been revised to accord with the latest information, and as a rule they refer either to the year 1899 or to the year 1900; in some instances, however, owing to the undue delay in publishing the official statistics, I have been compelled to use figures relating to 1898, but the instances where this was necessary were neither many nor important.

Care has been taken to correct errors which have escaped notice in previous editions, and to keep this edition free from them. Should any such have remained undetected, as in the multitude of references is quite possible, it would be deemed a favour if their nature and position were pointed out.

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