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## PREFACE.

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**T**HIS is the forty-seventh 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 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 1926 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 1927, and in a few instances to a later date.

In accordance with resolutions passed at recent conferences of the Government Statisticians of Australia and New Zealand information is given in part "Interchange" in regard to the methods adopted in fixing the registration fees for motor vehicles, and the amount received in each of the last five years, which formerly appeared under the

heading "Fees" in part "Finance," is now included in "Taxation." Statistics relating to Insurance business other than life assurance are given in greater detail than in former years.

The statistics of grain production in counties typical of the three most important wheat-growing districts of the State have been analysed with the view of showing the number of acres producing certain specified yields per acre. The results are given in part "Production." This analysis was made in pursuance of a resolution passed at a Conference of Statisticians held in Perth (W.A.) in 1926.

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 this book. I also wish to thank the members of my staff for their hearty co-operation and for the valuable assistance received from them, and in particular I desire to express my appreciation of the work performed by Mr. J. B. Hourigan (Assistant Government Statist) in supervising the preparation of the parts.

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

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