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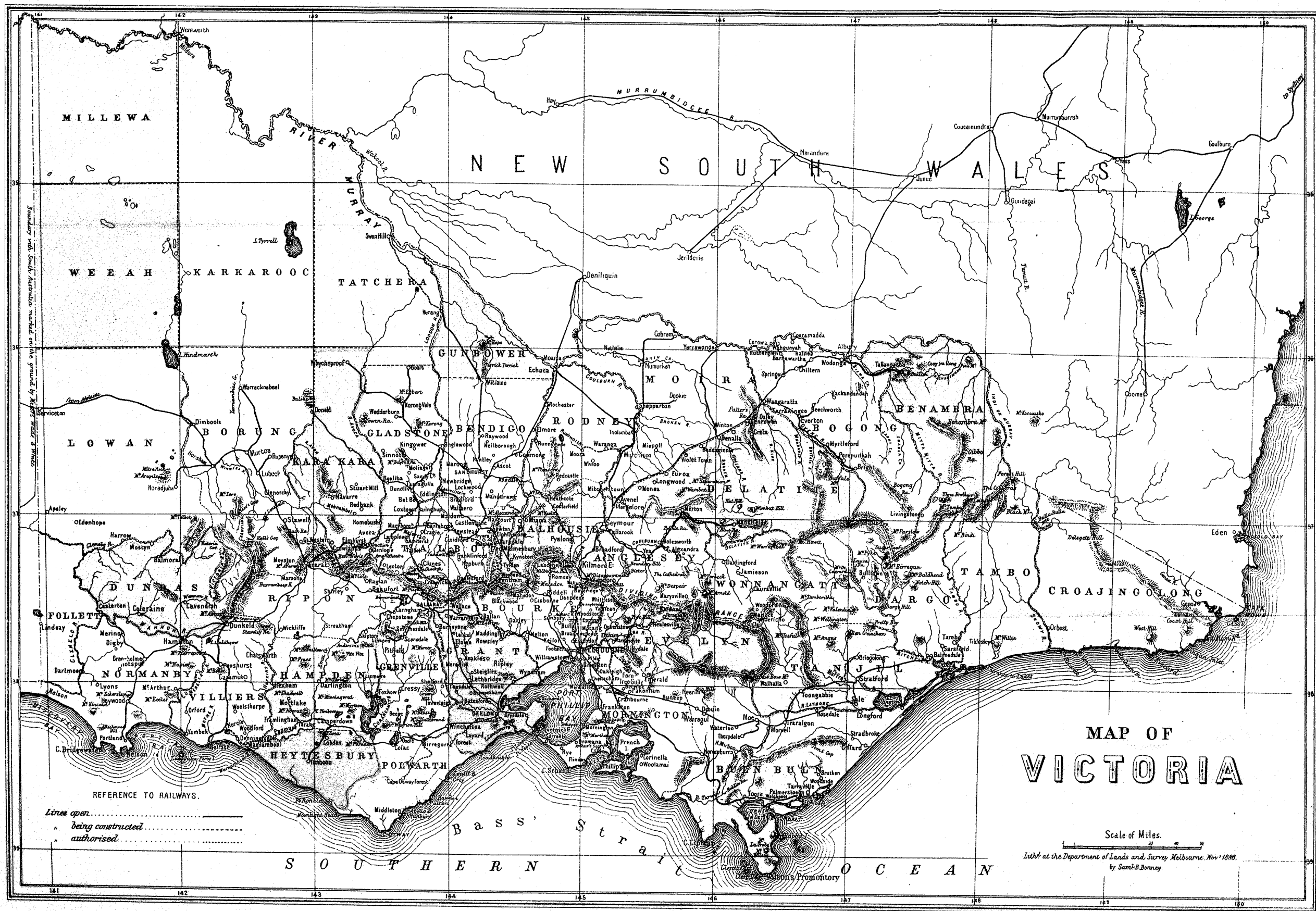
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PREFACE.

IT having been decided by the Government that the *Victorian Year-Book* shall henceforth be printed by a private firm instead of as heretofore by the Government Printer, a contract for the printing has been let for a period of five years. Although no improvement in the time of issue can be expected the first year, it is hoped that the change may eventually result in the work being published at an earlier date than has hitherto been possible.

It is proposed on this occasion to bring out the work in two volumes instead of three as was done last year. The present volume contains Introductory Remarks, and deals with Population, Finance, Interchange, and Accumulation. Towards the end are Appendices containing twelve tables of Australasian Statistics, tables of Revenue and Expenditure, and Labour Reports brought on to the latest date. These are followed by a General Index to the contents of the volume.

The remaining statistical parts, together with the folding, sheets, map, and further appendices, will appear in the second volume, the manuscript relating to most of which is already in the printer's hands.

Much fresh matter will be found scattered throughout the present volume. Attention is drawn to the complete description of the electoral systems of the various colonies of this group, pages 111 to 124. The material for this portion has been obtained by direct correspondence with the respective colonies.

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