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THIS seventy-fourth issue of the *Victorian Year-Book* is again a composite publication and covers the years from 1954 to 1958. In an effort to bridge the unavoidable gap in publishing up-to-date information over recent years, it has been decided to condense four years into one volume. This has made the omission of some material unavoidable, but certain principles have been followed consistently in deciding what tables were to be retained.

Firstly, emphasis has been given to tables which record activity consecutively over a number of years.

Secondly, in tables which refer only to a specific year, greater attention is given to detail.

Thirdly, some tables which were previously regarded as containing excessive local details have now been summarised and the emphasis placed on the broader rather than the narrower classification of facts.

As a result of these changes, the amount of space devoted to some tables has necessarily been reduced, but the compensation, on the other hand, now lies in highlighting trends and presenting a clear over-all picture of activities in the State. The aim has been to see the wood as well as the trees.

Tables which have previously appeared, but which are omitted from this *Year Book* are, however, still retained in the Bureau and readers requiring information based on them will find it readily available on application.

Readers requiring the main features of the official *Year Book* in a handy summarized form are again referred to the *Victorian Pocket Year-Book*.

Next year it is hoped to publish the first volume of a new series of Victorian Year-Books. These will include many facts and activities not previously recorded and feature special articles and illustrations. The first volume will cover the years 1958 to 1960 and will thus bring the *Year-Book* up to date once again.

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