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## P R E F A C E.

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IN addition to the matter contained in previous issues of the *Victorian Year-Book*, which has been carefully revised and brought on to date, and, in many cases, amplified, the present volume contains a number of new tables with appropriate explanations and comments.

Amongst the most important of the tables which now appear for the first time are the following :—Area and population of sub-districts of Melbourne and suburbs, page 23 ; members and electors of the Lower House in each Australasian colony, page 54 ; Revenue estimated and raised, page 58 ; expenditure authorized and incurred and savings, page 59 ; surplus or deficiency of Revenue, page 59 ; land revenues in Australasian colonies, page 71 ; three tables relating to the land tax, pages 74 and 75 ; taxation by Customs duties in the Australasian colonies, in British Dominions, and in Foreign countries (three tables), page 82 ; interest and expenses of public debt per head, and in proportion to total expenditure in the Australasian colonies, the United Kingdom, and various Foreign countries (four tables), pages 97 to 99 ; expenditure on immigration in the Australasian colonies, page 101 ; proportion of marriages to population and to marriageable men, page 104 ; deaths from typhoid fever in the Australasian colonies, page 157 ; deaths from phthisis in ditto, page 164 ; deaths from suicide in ditto, page 168 ; death-rate from violence in European countries, page 169 ; deaths and injuries from railway accidents, page 170 ; deaths from childbirth and metria in Australasian colonies, page 172 ; stamps issued from Post Office, page 230 ; course of a telegram between London and Melbourne, page 231 ; average price of wheat in London,

page 304 ; produce of gold in Australasian colonies, page 324 ; revenue and expenditure of London, Melbourne, and Sydney Mints, page 331 ; silver and bronze coin supplied to and withdrawn from Australasian colonies, page 333 ; gold coin issued from mints of certain foreign countries, page 333 ; &c.

In an Appendix will be found a description of the land system of each of the Australasian colonies. The accounts respecting Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland were specially prepared for this work, at my request, unofficially, by Mr. A. J. Skene, Surveyor-General of the first-named colony, Mr. W. Wilberforce Stephen, Secretary for Lands of the second, and Mr. J. Alcock Tully, Under-Secretary for Lands, of the third. The officers at the head of the Crown Lands Departments in South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, and New Zealand, whilst declining to furnish papers, forwarded such official documents as enabled me to compile statements respecting those colonies. In the case of the first three of these, however, fearing I might not have grasped the subject correctly, I sent the accounts I had written back, with a request that they might be revised and verified, which was readily done. Thanks are due to the officers in the seven Australasian colonies by whose means it has been possible to make such a valuable addition to the volume.

The three folding sheets at the beginning of the work have been brought on by the addition of the figures of another year. The table of principal events immediately following the paragraphs has been, as usual, carefully compiled from the records of the period.

The Tariffs of all the Australasian colonies, given in Appendix B, and the Tariff of the United Kingdom, in Appendix C, are those in operation at the time of going to press. The arrangement of the articles differs from that usually followed, and corresponds with that recommended by the Statistical Conference held in Tasmania in 1875, according to which the articles imported and exported in 1879 are placed in the table at page 181 to page 193. The index which precedes that table will be found of use in discovering the position of articles named in any of the Tariffs.

The general index to the paragraphs has been carefully compiled, and it is believed will enable the place of any fact recorded in the work to be readily found.

A map of Victoria, printed in colors at the Government Printing Office, from transfers supplied by the Surveyor-General, has been added on this occasion, and will be found at the end of the volume. The colors are so marked as to distinguish the agricultural, pastoral, and auriferous portions of the colony.

Every portion of the work has been, as usual, carefully checked by the officers in this Department. As, however, it is possible that some errors may have escaped observation, I shall be glad to receive information respecting any which may be discovered.

HENRY HEYLYN HAYTER,  
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