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# PREFACE.

By the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Parliament of the Commonwealth is empowered "to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth, with respect to Census and Statistics." In the exercise of the power so conferred, a "Census and Statistics Act" was passed in 1905, and in the year following the "Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics" was created. The first Official Year Book was published early in 1908. The publication here presented is the thirty-eighth Official Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government.

The synopsis on pp. ix to xxvii immediately following shows the general arrangement of the work. The special index (following the usual general index) provided at the end of the volume, together with certain references given in the various Chapters, will assist in tracing in previous issues special articles and other more or less important miscellaneous matter which, owing to limitations of space, have been omitted or are not printed fully in the present volume.

Every endeavour has been made to meet the demand occasioned by the current economic and financial conditions for new information, or information expressed in new terms, concerning many branches of statistics, while a diary of the principal financial and economic events of the years 1946 to 1949 is inserted after the last chapter.

It is not proposed to refer here to the whole of the new matter or to the new treatment of existing matter incorporated in the present volume, but attention may be drawn to the following :—

Chapter II. Physiography.—Climate and Meteorology of Australia (pp. 30-70)

Chapter III. General Government.—Commonwealth Ministers of State, 1925 to 1949 (pp. 74-9); Conspectus of Parliamentary Superannuation Funds (pp. 91-9); Legislation during 1948 (pp. 104-7).

Chapter V. Transport and Communication.—World Shipping Tonnage (pp. 153-4); World Telephone Statistics (pp. 223-4).

Chapter VI. Education.—University Extension (pp. 247-8).

Chapter VII. Public Justice.—Powers of Magistrates (pp. 273-4); Habitual Offenders (pp. 282-3).

Chapter VIII. Public Health and Related Institutions.—This Chapter comprises the whole of the old chapter "Public Hygiene" together with matter relating mainly to hospitals from the old chapter "Public Benevolence, etc."

State Public Health Legislation and Administration (pp. 295-9).

Chapter IX. Welfare Services.—This chapter covers the balance of the matter previously appearing in old chapter "Public Benevolence, etc.", and relates to the Commonwealth Social Service Benefits and other welfare services. The explanatory matter respecting the various Commonwealth benefits has been rewritten.

Chapter XII. Trade.—Import values throughout this and other chapters changed to f.o.b. values in Australian currency.

Imperial Preference in the United Kingdom (pp. 471-3).

Chapter XIII. Population.—Final Results of 1947 Census of Population and Dwellings and Final Population Estimates for the Intercensal Period 1933-1947 (pp. 517 *et seq* and pp. 1303-4; Assisted Migration into Australia (pp. 576-9); Citizenship and Naturalization (p. 583).

Chapter XVI. Private Finance.—Classification of Advances of Commonwealth Bank and Nine Trading Banks (p. 720).

Chapter XVII. Public Finance.—Commonwealth Trust Funds—Receipts, Expenditure, Balances of more important individual Funds (p. 790); Commonwealth Expenditure on Capital Works and Services (p. 792); Commonwealth and State Public Debt—now a separate section (p. 816).

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 Chapter XXIII. Fisheries.—Inquiries and Research (p. 1082).  
 Chapter XXV. Water Conservation and Irrigation.—Dams and Reservoirs (p. 1149); Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme (p. 1157).  
 Appendix.—Australian Life Tables 1946-48 (p. 1305).

The material in the Year Book has been carefully checked throughout, but I shall be grateful to those who will be kind enough to point out defects or make suggestions.

Printing difficulties are still being experienced and have delayed the publication of this volume. Compared with the previous volume, however, the figures have been advanced by two years.

Later information which has been compiled since the various Chapters were sent to press has been incorporated in the Appendix (p. 1282). Opportunity has been taken therein to advance as far as possible, in summarized form, the more important statistics of the foregoing chapters. In some cases information has been extended to 1950.

Commencing with this issue a change in the title of the Year Book has been made, the year now shown being the year of issue.

My thanks are tendered to the State Statisticians, who have collected and compiled the data on which a great part of the information given in the Official Year Book is based. Thanks are also tendered to the responsible officers of the various Commonwealth and State Departments, and to others who have kindly, and often at considerable trouble, supplied information; special mention should be made of the services of the Chief Draftsman of the Property and Survey Branch, Department of the Interior, who was responsible for the drawing of the graphs throughout this volume.

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Heading.		Years.							
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1948.
Population(a) ..	Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,598,644	3,910,051
	Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,544,954	3,884,829
	Persons	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,143,598	7,794,880
Births ..	No.	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525	177,976
	Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	18.92	23.08
Deaths ..	No.	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176	76,839
	Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.01	9.96
Marriages ..	No.	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148	74,902
	Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.57	9.71
		1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1948-49.
Agriculture—									
Wheat ..	Area '000 acs.	2,996	3,335	5,116	7,428	9,719	14,741	12,003	12,583
	Yld. '000 bus.	21,444	25,675	38,562	71,636	129,089	190,612	166,713	190,703
	Av. Yld. bus.	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	13.89	15.15
Oats ..	Area '000 acs.	195	246	461	617	733	1,085	1,460	1,770
	Yld. '000 bus.	4,796	5,726	9,790	9,562	12,147	15,195	22,302	23,601
	Av. Yld. bus.	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	15.27	13.34
Barley ..	Area '000 acs.	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	784,253	1,011,768
	Yld. '000 bus.	1,353	1,179	1,520	2,057	6,086	6,291	18,004	17,785
	Av. Yld. bus.	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	22.96	17.58
Maize ..	Area '000 acs.	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	301,366	181,958
	Yld. '000 bus.	5,726	9,262	7,035	8,940	7,840	7,062	7,436	5,188
	Av. Yld. bus.	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	24.67	28.51
Hay ..	Area '000 acs.	768	942	1,688	2,518	2,995	2,635	2,758	1,580
	Yld. '000 tons	767	1,067	2,025	2,868	3,902	3,167	3,575	2,292
	Av. Yld. tons	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	1.30	1.45
Potatoes ..	Area '000 acs.	(b) 76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	99,324	119,682
	Yld. '000 tons	(b) 243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	332,727	459,812
	Av. Yld. tons	(b) 3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.35	3.84
Sugar-cane ..	Area (e) '000 acs.	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,356	241,576	254,564	266,330
	Yld. '000 tons	350	738	1,368	1,682	2,437	4,213	5,154	6,708
	Av. Yld. tons	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.25	25.19
Vineyards ..	Area '000 acs.	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,739	135,272
	Wine '000 gal.	1,438	3,438	5,262	4,975	8,543	14,191	16,045	34,183
Total net value of all agricultural production .. £'000		(d) 15,519	(d) 16,988	(d) 23,835	(d) 38,774	(d) 81,890	49,714	62,412	151,463
Pastoral, dairying, etc.—									
Live-stock ..	Horses '000	1,088	1,585	1,620	2,278	2,438	1,776	1,611	1,115
	Cattle " "	8,011	11,112	8,401	11,829	14,441	12,261	13,561	14,124
	Sheep " "	65,093	106,421	72,040	96,886	86,119	110,619	125,189	108,735
Wool production(e) ..	Pigs " "	703	846	931	1,111	960	1,168	1,477	1,196
	Butter " " tons	(f) 319,649	(f) 634,046	(f) 539,395	(f) 798,391	723,059	1,007,455	1,167,158	1,030,397
	Cheese " " "	(g) 18,891	(f) 46,316	(f) 46,316	(f) 94,676	(f) 119,228	174,665	167,631	165,830
Meat(h)—	Beef and Veal ..	(g) 4,523	(f) 5,288	(f) 7,092	(f) 14,577	14,028	30,143	43,202	577,326
	Mutton and Lamb ..	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)
	Pork ..	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)
Total net value of—	Bacon and Ham ..	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)
	Total ..	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)	(g) (g) (g) (g)
	Pastoral production .. £'000	(d) 29,538	(d) 39,256	(d) 36,890	(d) 72,883	(d) 119,399	43,025	85,358	244,739
Dairying ..	Dairying ..	(d) 29,538	(d) 39,256	(d) 36,890	(d) 72,883	(d) 119,399	22,564	34,344	67,553
	Total ..	(d) 29,538	(d) 39,256	(d) 36,890	(d) 72,883	(d) 119,399	22,564	34,344	67,553
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.	1948.
Mineral production—									
Gold ..	£'000	5,194	5,282	14,018	10,552	4,019	3,564	15,991	9,530
	Silver and lead ..	46	3,736	2,249	3,022	1,540	1,444	6,256	21,130
	Copper ..	714	367	2,215	2,564	804	568	1,505	1,744
Tin ..	£'000	1,146	561	448	1,210	418	216	1,001	1,000
	Zinc ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,194	11,064	19,993
	Coal (Black and Brown) ..	638	1,912	2,603	3,927	11,015	6,194	11,064	19,993
Total value of all mineral production .. £'000		7,820	12,074	21,817	23,303	20,029	13,191	41,690	64,392
Forestry production—									
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn ..	'000 sup. ft.	(g)	(g)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	1,184,088
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		(g)	(g)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	913,675	1,184,088

(a) At 31st December.

(b) Partly estimated.

(c) Productive cane.

(d) Gross value.

(e) In

terms of greasy.

(f) Years ended December.

(g) Not available.

(h) Bone-

in weight in terms of fresh meat; cured weight, bacon and ham.

## STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.		Years.							
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.	1948-49.
Factories—									
No. of factories ..	No.				14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971	40,070
Hands employed ..	No.				311,710	378,540	336,658	725,342	890,232
Wages paid ..	£'000				27,528	68,051	55,932	180,052	339,287
Value of production ..	"				51,259	121,674	110,982	316,439	568,415
Total value of output ..	"				133,022	320,341	281,646	773,059	1,425,025
Shipping—									
Oversea vessels entered and cleared ..	No. '000 tons	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057	2,544	3,486
Commerce—									
Imports, oversea ..	£'000 f.o.b.	26,480	34,355	38,657	61,008	93,893	51,789	173,593	415,194
per head ..	£ s. d.	11/13/5	10/15/0	10/4/0	13/11/7	17/0/9	7/18/1	24/6/0	53/4/9
Exports, oversea ..	£'000 f.o.b.	27,528	36,043	49,696	79,482	127,847	108,404	168,977	542,673
per head ..	£ s. d.	12/2/7	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/11	23/4/0	16/10/11	23/13/1	69/11/8
Total oversea trade ..	£'000 f.o.b.	54,008	70,398	88,353	140,490	221,740	160,193	312,570	957,867
per head ..	£ s. d.	23/16/0	22/0/6	23/6/2	31/5/6	40/4/9	24/9/0	47/19/1	122/16/5
Net Customs and Excise duties ..	£'000	4,809	7,441	8,657	13,515	27,565	28,525	55,700	126,197
per head ..	£ s. d.	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/15/11	16/3/8
Principal Oversea Exports(b)—									
Wool ..	'000 lb.(c)	329,200	640,753	517,929	722,365	945,931	903,488	937,685	1,320,898
per head ..	£'000 f.o.b.	13,173	19,940	15,237	26,071	47,977	32,102	58,041	231,396
Wheat ..	'000 bus.	5,365	9,795	20,260	55,148	99,947	127,401	22,313	83,030
per head ..	£'000 f.o.b.	1,190	1,939	2,775	9,642	28,644	19,220	4,645	64,705
Flour ..	'000 short tons	50	33	97	176	360	611	414	855
per head ..	£'000 f.o.b.	520	328	590	1,392	5,520	3,833	4,191	33,721
Butter ..	'000 lb.	1,299	4,240	34,536	101,722	127,347	201,639	130,347	183,552
per head ..	£'000 f.o.b.	39	207	1,448	4,637	7,968	10,250	8,125	23,806
Hides and skins ..	"	317	874	1,251	3,227	3,137	2,316	5,982	12,205
Tallow (inedible) ..	"	644	571	678	1,936	1,442	831	842	965
Meats ..	"	363	461	2,611	4,303	5,542	6,370	14,094	29,762
Timber (undressed) ..	"	118	38	731	1,024	1,158	433	320	1,707
Gold ..	"	6,445	5,704	14,316	12,046	3,483	11,893	9,188	4
Silver and lead ..	"	58	1,932	2,250	3,213	2,697	2,902	7,434	23,664
Copper ..	"	677	418	1,619	2,346	705	472	18	117
Coal ..	"	361	646	987	901	1,100	342	259	97
Government Railways—									
Length of line open ..	miles	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,241	27,053
Capital cost ..	£'000	42,741	99,764	123,224	152,195	244,353	321,972	322,152	355,975
Gross revenue ..	"	3,910	8,654	11,038	17,848	38,195	37,580	66,482	86,791
Working expenses ..	"	2,142	5,630	7,134	10,946	29,818	28,142	51,043	84,956
Per cent. of working expenses on gross revenue ..	%	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	76.78	97.89
Postal—									
Letters and postcards dealt with ..	'000	67,640	157,297	220,853	453,063	561,973	(d) 731,135	921,901	1,094,281
per head ..	No.	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	(d) 111.62	129.17	140.31
Newspapers dealt with ..	'000	38,063	85,280	102,727	141,638	140,477	139,502	(d) 177,974	(d) 240,049
per head ..	No.	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	(d) 24.94	(d) 30.78
Cheque-paying Banks (e)—									
Note circulation ..	£'000	3,979	4,417	3,399	3,718	(f) 214	197	167	158
Coin and bullion held ..	"	9,108	16,713	19,781	33,471	21,627	1,949	1,533	2,954
Advances ..	"	57,733	129,742	86,353	108,579	193,436	227,139	269,944	377,544
Deposits ..	"	53,849	98,345	91,487	143,447	(g) 273,867	276,114	386,502	824,172
Savings Banks(h)—									
Total deposits ..	£'000	7,854	15,537	30,883	59,394	154,396	197,966	274,275	714,219
Av. per head of population ..	£ s. d.	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11	38/3/11	91/12/7
State Schools—									
Schools ..	No.	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,535	7,971
Teachers ..	"	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	32,066	33,287
Enrolment ..	"	434,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	886,655	928,067
Average attendance ..	"	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	734,116	770,554

(a) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (b) Australian produce, except gold which includes re-exports. Australian currency values. (c) In terms of greasy. (d) Includes packets. (e) Figures for first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. All cheque-paying banks prior to 1931-32, nine trading banks only thereafter. (f) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (g) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank deposits. (h) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June.

# CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE.

## CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE OF CHIEF EVENTS SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SETTLEMENT IN AUSTRALIA.

NOTE.—The Government was centralized in Sydney, New South Wales, up to 1825, when Tasmania (Van Diemen's Land) was made a separate colony. In the Table the names now borne by the States serve to indicate the localities.

Year.

- 1788 N.S.W.—Arrival of "First Fleet" at Botany Bay. Land in vicinity being found unsuitable for settlement, the expedition moved to Sydney Cove. Formal proclamation of colony on 7th February. Branch Settlement established at Norfolk Island. French navigator Lapérouse visited Botany Bay. First cultivation of wheat and barley. First grape vines planted.
- 1789 N.S.W.—First wheat harvest at Parramatta, near Sydney. Discovery of Hawkesbury River.
- 1790 N.S.W.—Scarcity of provisions. "Second Fleet" reached Port Jackson. Landing of the New South Wales Corps.
- 1791 N.S.W.—Arrival of "Third Fleet". Territorial seal brought by Governor King.
- 1792 N.S.W.—Visit of *Philadelphia*, first foreign trading vessel.
- 1793 N.S.W.—First free immigrants arrived in the *Bellona*. First Australian church opened at Sydney. Tas.—D'Entrecasteaux discovered the Derwent River.
- 1794 N.S.W.—Establishment of settlement at Hawkesbury River.
- 1795 N.S.W.—Erection of the first printing press at Sydney. Descendants of strayed cattle discovered at Cowpastures, Nepean River.
- 1796 N.S.W.—First Australian theatre opened at Sydney. Coal discovered by fishermen at Newcastle.
- 1797 N.S.W.—Introduction of merino sheep from Cape of Good Hope.
- 1798 Tas.—Insularity of Tasmania proved by voyage of Bass and Flinders.
- 1800 N.S.W.—Hunter River coal-mines worked. First Customs House in Australia established at Sydney. Flinders' charts published.
- 1801 N.S.W.—First colonial manufacture of blankets and linen.
- 1802 Vic.—Discovery of Port Phillip by Lieut. Murray. Q'land.—Discovery of Port Curtis and Port Bowen by Flinders. S.A.—Discovery of Spencer's and St. Vincent Gulfs by Flinders.
- 1803 N.S.W.—First Australian wool taken to England by Capt. Macarthur. Issue of "The Sydney Gazette", first Australian newspaper. Vic.—Attempted settlement at Port Phillip by Collins. Discovery of Yarra by Grimes. Tas.—First settlement formed at Risdon by Lieut. Bowen.
- 1804 Vic.—Abandonment of settlement at Port Phillip. Tas.—Foundation of settlement at Hobart by Collins.
- 1805 N.S.W.—First extensive sheep farm established at Camden by Capt. Macarthur.
- 1806 N.S.W.—"The great flood" on the Hawkesbury. Shortage of provisions. Tas.—Settlement at Launceston.
- 1807 N.S.W.—First shipment of merchantable wool (245 lb.) to England.
- 1808 N.S.W.—Deposition of Governor Bligh.
- 1809 N.S.W.—Free school established.
- 1810 N.S.W.—Post Office officially established at Sydney.
- 1813 N.S.W.—Passage across Blue Mountains discovered by Wentworth, Lawson and Blaxland. Macquarie River discovered by Evans.
- 1814 N.S.W.—Flinders suggested the name "Australia", instead of "New Holland". Creation of Civil Courts.
- 1815 N.S.W.—First steam engine in Australia erected at Sydney. Lachlan River discovered by Evans. Tas.—Arrival of first immigrant ship with free settlers. First export of wheat to Sydney.
- 1816 N.S.W.—Sydney Hospital opened.
- 1817 N.S.W.—Oxley's first exploration inland. Discovery of Lakes George and Bathurst and the Goulburn Plains by Meehan and Hume. First bank in Australia—Bank of New South Wales—opened at Sydney.

- Year.**
- 1818 N.S.W.—Liverpool Plains, and the Peel, Hastings and Manning Rivers discovered by Oxley, and Port Essington by Captain King.
- 1819 N.S.W.—First Savings Bank in Australia opened at Sydney.
- 1820 Tas.—First importation of pure merino sheep from Camden Park (N.S.W.) flocks.
- 1821 Tas.—Establishment of penal settlement at Macquarie Harbour.
- 1823 N.S.W.—New South Wales Judicature Act passed. Discovery of gold at Fish River by Assistant-Surveyor McBrien. Qld.—Brisbane River discovered by Oxley.
- 1824 N.S.W.—Constituted a Crown Colony. Executive Council formed. Establishment of Supreme Court at Sydney, and introduction of trial by jury. First Australian Enactment (Currency Bill) passed by the Legislative Council. Proclamation of freedom of the press. First manufacture of sugar. Vic.—Hume and Hovell, journeying overland from Sydney, arrived at Corio Bay. Qld.—Penal settlement founded at Moreton Bay (Brisbane). Fort Dundas Settlement formed at Melville Island, N. Terr.
- 1825 Tas.—Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) proclaimed a separate colony. Qld.—Major Lockyer explored Brisbane River to its source and discovered coal.
- 1826 N.S.W.—Settlement in Illawarra District. Vic.—Settlement at Corinella, Western Port, formed by Captain Wright.
- 1827 Qld.—Darling Downs and the Condamine River discovered by Allan Cunningham. W.A.—Military settlement founded at King George's Sound by Major Lockyer. First official claim of British Sovereignty over all Australia.
- 1828 N.S.W.—Second constitution. First Census. Sturt's expedition down Darling River. Gas first used at Sydney. Richmond and Clarence Rivers discovered by Captain Rous. Vic.—Abandonment of settlement at Western Port. Qld.—Cunningham discovered a route from Brisbane to the Darling Downs, and explored Brisbane River.
- 1829 N.S.W.—Sturt's expedition down Murrumbidgee River. W.A.—Foundation of settlement at Swan River. Foundation of Perth.
- 1830 N.S.W.—Sturt, voyaging down Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers, arrived at Lake Alexandrina. Tas.—Black line organized to force aborigines into Tasman's Peninsula, but failed. Small remnant subsequently (1830 to 1835) persuaded to settle on Flinders Island.
- 1831 N.S.W.—Crown lands first disposed of at auction. Mitchell's explorations north of Liverpool Plains. SS. *Surprise*, first steamship built in Australia, launched at Sydney. First coal shipped from Australian Agricultural Company's workings at Newcastle, N.S.W. First assisted immigration to N.S.W. S.A.—Wakefield's first colonization committee. W.A.—Appointment of Executive and Legislative Councils.
- 1832 N.S.W.—State Savings Bank established.
- 1833 N.S.W.—First School of Arts established at Sydney.
- 1834 N.S.W.—First settlement at Twofold Bay. Vic.—Settlement formed at Portland Bay by Henty Brothers. S.A.—Formation of the South Australian Association. W.A.—Severe reprisals against Murray River natives at Pinjarrah for continued attacks on settlers.
- 1835 Vic.—John Batman arrived at Port Phillip; foundation of Melbourne.
- 1836 N.S.W.—Mitchell's overland journey from Sydney to Cape Northumberland. Vic.—Proclamation of Port Phillip district as open for settlement. S.A.—Settlement founded at Adelaide under Governor Hindmarsh.
- 1837 N.S.W.—Appointment in London of Select Committee on Transportation. Vic.—First overlanders from Sydney arrived at Port Phillip.
- 1838 N.S.W.—Discontinuance of assignment of convicts. Qld.—Settlement of German missionaries at Brisbane—first free colonists. S.A.—“Overlanding” of cattle from Sydney to Adelaide along the Murray route by Hawden and Bonney. Settlement at Port Essington, Northern Territory, formed by Captain Bremer.
- 1839 N.S.W.—Gold found at Vale of Clwydd by Count Strzelecki. S.A.—Lake Torrens discovered by Eyre. Port Darwin discovered by Captain Stokes. W.A.—Murchison River discovered by Captain Grey.

Year.

- 1840 N.S.W.—Abolition of transportation to New South Wales. Land regulations—proceeds of sales to be applied to payments for public works and expenditure on immigration. Vic.—Determination of northern boundary. Qld.—Penal settlement broken up and Moreton Bay district thrown open. S.A.—Eyre began his overland journey from Adelaide to King George's Sound.
- 1841 N.S.W.—Gold found near Hartley. W.A.—Completion of Eyre's overland journey from Adelaide to King George's Sound. Tas.—Renewal of transportation. New Zealand proclaimed a separate colony.
- 1842 N.S.W.—Incorporation of Sydney. Vic.—Incorporation of Melbourne. S.A.—Discovery of copper at Kapunda.
- 1843 N.S.W.—First Representative Constitution (under Act of 1842). Qld.—Moreton Bay granted legislative representation as a distinct electoral division.
- 1844 Qld.—Leichhardt's expedition to Port Essington. S.A.—Sturt's last expedition inland.
- 1845 N.S.W.—Mitchell's explorations on the Barcoo. Qld.—Explorations by Mitchell and Kennedy. S.A.—Discovery of the Burra copper deposits. Sturt discovered Cooper's Creek.
- 1846 N.S.W.—Initiation of meat-preserving. Qld.—Foundation of settlement at Port Curtis. S.A.—Proclamation of North Australia.
- 1847 N.S.W.—Iron-smelting commenced near Berrima. Overland mail established between Sydney and Adelaide. Qld.—Explorations by Leichhardt, Burnett and Kennedy.
- 1848 N.S.W.—National and Denominational School Boards established. Qld.—Leichhardt's last journey. Kennedy speared by the blacks at York Peninsula. Chinese brought in as shepherds.
- 1849 N.S.W.—Indignation of colonists at arrival of convict ship *Hashemy*. Exodus of population to gold-fields of California. Vic.—*Randolph* prevented from landing convicts. Qld.—Assignment of *Hashemy* convicts to squatters on Darling Downs. W.A.—Commencement of transportation to Western Australia.
- 1850 N.S.W.—Final abolition of transportation. First sod of first Australian railway turned at Sydney. Sydney University founded. Vic.—Gold discovered at Clunes. Representative government granted. S.A.—Representative government granted. W.A.—Pearl oysters found by Lieut. Helpman at Saturday Island Shoal. Tas.—Representative government granted.
- 1851 N.S.W.—Payable gold discovered by Hargraves at Lewis Ponds and Summerhill Creek. Vic.—Port Phillip created an independent colony under the name of Victoria. Discovery of gold in various localities. W.A.—Proclamation of Legislative Council Act.
- 1852 N.S.W.—Arrival of the *Chusan*, first P. and O. mail steamer from England. S.A.—First steamer ascended the Murray River to the junction with the Darling. Tas.—Meeting of first elective Council protested against transportation. Payable gold discovered at The Nook, near Fingal, and at Nine Mile Springs.
- 1853 Tas.—Abolition of transportation. Vic.—Melbourne University founded.
- 1854 Vic.—Opening of first Victorian railway—Flinders-street to Port Melbourne. Riots on Ballarat gold-fields. Storming of the Eureka Stockade, 3rd Dec. Telegraph first used.
- 1855 N.S.W.—Opening of railway—Sydney to Parramatta. Mint opened.
- 1856 N.S.W.—Pitcairn Islanders placed on Norfolk Island. W.A.—A. C. Gregory's expedition in search of Leichhardt.
- Responsible Governments in N.S.W., Vic., S.A. and Tas. (Act of 1855).
- 1857 N.S.W.—Select Committee on Federation. Vic.—Manhood suffrage and vote by ballot. S.A.—Passage of Torrens' Real Property Act.
- 1858 N.S.W.—Establishment of manhood suffrage and vote by ballot. Telegraphic communication between Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Qld.—Canoona gold rush.
- Population of Australia reached 1,000,000.
- 1859 Qld.—Proclamation of Queensland as separate colony. Tas.—First submarine cable, via Circular Head and King Island to Cape Otway.

## Year.

- 1860 Vic.—Burke and Wills left Melbourne and crossed to Gulf of Carpentaria. S.A.—Copper discoveries at Wallaroo and Moonta. McDouall Stuart reached centre of continent and named "Central Mount Stuart".
- 1861 N.S.W.—Anti-Chinese riots at Lambing Flat and Burrangong gold-fields. Opening of first tramway in Sydney. Regulation of Chinese immigration. Vic.—Burke and Wills perished at Cooper's Creek, near Innamineka, S.A.
- 1862 N.S.W.—Abolition of State aid to religion. Real Property (Torrens) Act passed. S.A.—Stuart crossed the Continent from south to north. W.A.—First export of pearl-shell.
- 1863 Vic.—Intercolonial Conference at Melbourne. S.A.—Northern Territory taken over. W.A.—Initiation of settlement in the north-west district. Henry Maxwell Lefroy discovered and traversed area now comprised in the Coolgardie-Kalgoorlie gold-field.
- 1864 Qld.—First sugar made from Queensland cane.
- 1866 N.S.W.—Passage of Public Schools Act of (Sir) Henry Parkes. S.A.—Introduction of camels for exploration, etc.
- 1867 Vic.—Imposition of protective tariff. Qld.—Discovery of gold at Gympie.
- 1868 W.A.—Arrival of the *Hougomont*, last convict ship.
- 1869 Vic.—Record gold nugget "Welcome Stranger" 2,284 oz. found near Dunolly. W.A.—First telegraph line opened from Perth to Fremantle.
- 1870 N.S.W.—Intercolonial Exhibition opened at Sydney. Imperial troops withdrawn. Vic.—Intercolonial Congress at Melbourne. S.A.—Commencement of trans-continental telegraph.
- 1871 N.S.W.—Permanent military force raised. W.A.—Forrest's explorations. Tas.—Discovery of tin at Mount Bischoff.
- 1872 Vic.—Mint opened. S.A.—Cable from Java to Port Darwin. Completion of transcontinental telegraph line.
- 1873 N.S.W.—Intercolonial Conference at Sydney. First volunteer encampment. Inauguration of mail service with San Francisco.
- 1874 N.S.W.—Triennial Parliaments Act passed. Intercolonial Conference. W.A.—John and Alexander Forrest arrived at Overland Telegraph from Murchison. S.A.—University of Adelaide founded.
- 1876 N.S.W.—Completion of cable—Sydney to Wellington. W.A.—Giles crossed colony from east to west. Tas.—Death of Truganini, last representative of Tasmanian aborigines.
- 1877 W.A.—Opening of telegraphic communication with South Australia. Population of Australia reached 2,000,000.
- 1878 Qld.—Restriction of Chinese immigration. Introduction of telephone into Australia.
- 1879 N.S.W.—First artesian bore at Killara. First steam tramway. W.A.—A. Forrest's explorations in the Kimberley district, and discovery of the Fitzroy pastoral country.
- 1880 N.S.W.—Public Instruction Act passed. Vic.—First Australian Telephone Exchange opened in Melbourne. Federal Conference at Melbourne and Sydney.
- 1881 N.S.W.—Further restrictions on Chinese immigration. First Australia-wide censuses on same date taken.
- 1882 W.A.—Nugget of gold found between Roebourne and Cossack.
- 1883 N.S.W.—Discovery of silver at Broken Hill. Completion of railway between New South Wales and Victoria. Qld.—Annexation of New Guinea—repudiated by Imperial authorities. Federal Conference held at Sydney. Federal Council created.
- 1884 Federation Bill passed in Victoria and rejected in New South Wales. British protectorate declared over New Guinea.
- 1885 N.S.W.—Military contingent sent to the Sudan. Opening of the Broken Hill Proprietary Silver Mines. W.A.—Gold found by prospectors on the Margaret and Ord Rivers in the Kimberley district. Tas.—Silver-lead discovered at Mount Zeehan.
- 1886 Tas.—Discovery of gold and copper at Mount Lyell. First session of Federal Council met at Hobart on 26th January.

Year.

- 1887 W.A.—Gold discovered at Southern Cross.  
First "Colonial" Conference in London. Australasian Naval Defence Force Act passed.
- 1888 N.S.W.—Restrictive legislation against Chinese, imposing poll-tax of £100. Qld.—Railway communication opened between Sydney and Brisbane.  
Conference of Australian Ministers at Sydney to consider question of Chinese immigration. First meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science held in Sydney.
- 1889 Qld.—Railway communication established between Brisbane and Adelaide. W.A.—Framing of new Constitution. Tas.—University of Tasmania founded. Population of Australia reached 3,000,000.
- 1890 W.A.—Responsible Government granted.  
Meeting at Melbourne of Australasian Federation Conference.
- 1891 N.S.W.—Arrival of Australian Auxiliary Squadron. Cessation of assisted immigration. W.A.—Discovery of gold on the Murchison.  
First Federal Convention in Sydney, draft bill framed and adopted.
- 1892 W.A.—Discovery of gold at Coolgardie.
- 1893 Financial crisis, chiefly affecting the eastern States.
- 1895 N.S.W.—Free-trade tariff. Land and income taxes introduced.  
Conference of Premiers on Federation at Hobart.
- 1896 N.S.W.—People's Federal Convention at Bathurst. Vic.—Wages Board system established by Act of Parliament.
- 1897-8 Sessions of Federal Convention at Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne.
- 1898 Draft Federal Constitution Bill submitted to electors in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. Requisite statutory number of votes not obtained in New South Wales.
- 1899 First contingent of Australian troops sent to South Africa. Conference of Premiers in Melbourne to consider amendments to Federal Constitution Bill. Referendum—Bill accepted by New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania. First Labour Government (Queensland).
- 1900 N.S.W.—Old-age pensions instituted.  
Contingents of naval troops sent to China. Commonwealth Constitution Act received Royal Assent, 9th July. Proclamation of Commonwealth signed, 17th September. Mr. (afterwards Sir) Edmund Barton formed first Federal Ministry.
- 1901 Proclamation of the Commonwealth at Sydney. First Federal Parliament opened at Melbourne by the Duke of Cornwall and York. Interstate free-trade established.
- 1902 Completion of Pacific Cable (all-British). First Federal Tariff.
- 1903 Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie Water Supply Scheme completed. Inauguration of the Federal High Court.
- 1904 Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act.
- 1905 Population of Australia reached 4,000,000. Re-introduction of assisted immigration in New South Wales.
- 1906 Wireless telegraphy installed between Queenscliff, Vic., and Devonport, Tas. Papua taken over by Commonwealth. Excise Tariff Act imposed duties on agricultural machinery except when manufactured "under conditions as to the remuneration of labour which are declared . . . . . to be fair and reasonable . . . . ."
- 1907 First telephone trunk line service between Capital Cities, i.e., Sydney and Melbourne. Imperial Conference in London. Declaration of first basic wage in "Harvester Judgment".
- 1908 Canberra chosen as site of Australian Capital.
- 1909 Imperial Defence Conference in London. Visit of Lord Kitchener to report and advise on Australian military defence. Queensland University founded.
- 1910 Penny Postage. Arrival of *Yarra* and *Parramatta*, first vessels built for the Royal Australian Navy. Australian Notes Act passed and first Commonwealth notes issued. Admiral Sir R. Henderson visited Australia to advise on naval defence.



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- 1911 First Federal Census. Transfer of Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory to Commonwealth. Introduction of compulsory military training. University of Western Australia founded.
- 1912 Opening of Commonwealth Bank. First payments of Maternity Bonus. First sod turned at Port Augusta of Trans-Australian Railway.
- 1913 Australian Capital named Canberra and foundation stone laid. Appointment of Interstate Commission.
- 1914 Visit of General Sir Ian Hamilton to report on military defence scheme. Double dissolution of Federal Parliament. Transfer of Norfolk Island to Commonwealth.
- European War declared 4th August. Australian Navy transferred to British Navy. Australian offer to equip and furnish 20,000 troops accepted. German possessions in South-West Pacific seized by Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force. German cruiser *Emden* destroyed by H.M.A.S. *Sydney* at Cocos Islands, 9th November. First contingent landed in Egypt. Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (A.N.Z.A.C.) formed under Sir William Birdwood.
- 1915 Opening of Broken Hill Proprietary's Ironworks at Newcastle, N.S.W.
- Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli, 25th April. Evacuation, 18th-20th December. Australian warships with Grand Fleet.
- 1916 Purchase of steamships by the Commonwealth.
- Australian and New Zealand mounted troops organized in mounted divisions and camel corps, operating thereafter in Egypt, Palestine and Syria. Other troops transferred to France. First proposal for compulsory military service defeated by referendum.
- 1917 National Ministry formed under Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes. Transcontinental (Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta) Railway completed.
- Australian Flying Corps operating with R.F.C. in Palestine and France. Second proposal for compulsory military service defeated by referendum.
- 1918 Population of Australia reached 5,000,000. Australia House (Strand, London) opened by the King.
- Five Australian divisions in France formed into army corps, 1st January. Armistice with Germany, 11th November. Repatriation Commission created.
- 1919 Peace Conference. Return of Australian troops. Flight England to Australia by Capt. (Sir) Ross Smith and Lieut. (Sir) Keith Smith. Peace Treaty signed at Versailles, 28th June.
- 1921 Mandate given to Australia over Territory of New Guinea. First direct wireless press message, England to Australia.
- 1922 First lock on River Murray opened at Blanchetown, South Australia. Queensland Legislative Council abolished.
- 1923 First sod turned on the site of Federal Parliament House at Canberra.
- 1924 Directorate of Commonwealth Bank appointed. Australian Loan Council formed.
- 1925 Population of Australia reached 6,000,000. Solar Observatory established at Canberra.
- 1926 Council for Scientific and Industrial Research established. Imperial Conference. Dominion Status defined.
- 1927 Transfer of Seat of Commonwealth Government from Melbourne to Canberra. Beam wireless established.
- 1928 Financial agreement of Commonwealth and States: referendum carried.
- 1929 Commonwealth Bank empowered to mobilize gold reserve.
- 1930 Effects of world-wide severe economic depression felt throughout Australia. Wireless phone service with other countries inaugurated. Brisbane-Grafton (N.S.W.) railway, first step towards uniform gauge railway communication between capitals of mainland States, opened. First Australian—Right Hon. Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of the High Court—appointed Governor-General of Australia. Telephone trunk line service established between Adelaide and Perth linking up the whole of the mainland States by telephone.

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- 1931 Depression continues. Exchange rate at 130 in January. Initiation of Premiers' Conference plan to meet the financial situation. Commonwealth Bank Act amended to provide for temporary lower reserve against notes. England departed from gold standard. Commonwealth Bank assumed control of exchange rate and lowered it to 125.
- 1932 Sydney Harbour Bridge opened. Australian Broadcasting Commission established. Legislation passed enabling note reserve to be held in sterling securities. Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa.
- 1933 World Economic Conference in London. Secession Referendum carried (Western Australia.) Antarctica and Ashmore and Cartier Islands taken over by the Commonwealth.
- 1934 Inauguration of England-Australia Air Mail Service.
- 1935 Empire Statistical Conference at Ottawa.
- 1936 Joint Commonwealth and State Marketing Schemes invalidated by decision of the Privy Council in the James case. Tasmania linked with mainland by submarine telephone cable.
- 1937 Imperial Conference in London. Report of the Royal Commission on Monetary and Banking Systems in Australia.
- 1938 New Defence Programme involving expenditure of £63,000,000 over three years. New Trade Treaty with Japan.
- 1939 Population of Australia reached 7,000,000. War declared on Germany, 3rd September.  
Royal Australian Navy placed at disposal of Great Britain. Advance party of Australians embarked for Middle East, 15th December.
- 1940 Exchange of Ministers between Australia and United States of America. Exchange of High Commissioners between Australia and Canada.  
First Australian convoy (6th Australian Division) sailed for Middle East. Cruiser *Sydney* crippled Italian cruiser *Bartolomeo Colleoni*.
- 1941 Establishment of Commonwealth Child Endowment Scheme. United States Congress passed Lend-Lease Bill. Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Australia declared war on Japan, 9th December.  
Australian destroyers in "Tobruk Ferry Run". *Sydney* lost after fight with *Steiermark*. R.A.A.F. in defence of Britain, in Middle East and at Singapore. Australian forces engaged in Middle East, Greece, Crete and Syria. Arrival of units of Eighth Australian Division in Malaya.
- 1942 Darwin bombed. United States armed forces land in Australia. General Douglas MacArthur Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in South-west Pacific. Federal uniform taxation adopted. Commonwealth widows' pensions introduced. Japanese submarines sunk in Sydney Harbour. Rationing of commodities. Exchange of Ministers between Netherlands, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Australia.  
Ninth Australian Division launched first attack in British thrust at El Alamein (North Africa). Fall of Singapore, 15th February. Japanese landed at Rabaul. Coral Sea Battle. Australians withdrew from Kokoda. Australian cruisers lead attack on Solomon Islands. Japanese forced to withdraw from Milne Bay. Australians recaptured Kokoda and Gorari, and captured Oivi. Wairopi and Gona.
- 1943 Price Stabilization Scheme. Mortgage Bank Department of Commonwealth Bank opened. National Works Council formed.  
Australian forces combined with American forces to recapture many places in New Guinea. Commencement of long series of amphibious operations in which R.A.N. ships took part. R.A.A.F. from 1943 till end of war operated on all fronts.
- 1944 Allied invasion of France by sea and air on 6th June. Pay-as-you-earn taxation operated from 1st July. Referendum on Constitution Amendment to give Commonwealth Government increased powers in post-war period defeated.  
Australians landed on New Britain; took over from Americans in Bougainville, Solomon Islands, and at Aitape, New Guinea.

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- 1945 H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester sworn in as Governor-General. Captain Cook Dock opened. Cessation of hostilities in Europe, 8th May. Delegates of 50 countries sign United Nations' Charter at San Francisco. Re-establishment and Employment Act. Cessation of hostilities against Japan, 15th August. Australian National Airlines Act. General demobilization of Armed Forces commenced.
- At cessation of hostilities in Pacific, Australian forces were operating in New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Borneo.
- 1946 First meeting of General Assembly of United Nations in London. Arrangements between United Kingdom and Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa to operate air trunk routes in various parts of world. An Australian observer sent to first meeting to establish International Monetary Fund and Bank. Government plans for increased immigration. Cessation of manpower controls. Arrival of British Rocket Research Mission in Australia. Mutual appointment of Ambassadors between Australia and United States of America. Prime Minister attended conference with United Kingdom and Dominion Prime Ministers in London. Commonwealth Government accepted responsibility for supply and maintenance of BCOF in Japan. Inauguration of Commonwealth Employment Service. Hearing of 40-hour week case commenced. Appointment of Commonwealth Insurance Commissioner. United Kingdom and Dominion Wool Disposals Ltd. (Joint Organization) commenced operations. Conference of Paris to consider draft treaties of peace with Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Finland. Act to establish National University at Canberra. Coal Industry Act. Commonwealth and State agreement on housing programme to provide employment for 130,000 men over ten years. Commonwealth Trans-Australia Airlines began operations. Sydney-Vancouver fortnightly air service commenced. Constitution Alteration Referendum results granted powers in regard to social services to Commonwealth—powers for marketing and employment refused. Double taxation relief agreement between Australia and Britain signed. Basic wage enquiry, adjourned in 1940, re-opened. Reciprocal air transport agreement between Australia and United States of America signed. Interim basic wage rise. Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act. Expiry of National Security Act.
- 1947 Conference of Provisional International Civil Aviation Organization in Melbourne. Constitution of South Pacific Commission as permanent body. End of demobilization of Australian fighting forces. Industrial Arbitration (Forty Hours Week) Amendment Act (N.S.W.). International Monetary Agreement Act. Expenditure of £250,000,000 on defence in next five years approved. Talks in Canberra between Australian and United States Governments on Pacific strategy and future defence planning. Northern Territory Administration Act provided for establishment of a Legislative Council. Census of Australia—first since 1933. Arrival of Viscount Montgomery, Chief of Imperial General Staff, to discuss aspects of defence. War-time sugar rationing abolished. Australia to take displaced persons as migrants. Full High Court declared invalid Section 48 of Banking Act 1945. Resumption of private trading with Japan authorized. Empire conference on Japanese peace settlement at Canberra. Arbitration Court judgment reduced standard weekly hours of work from 44 to 40. Air Arm of R.A.N. to be established. Banking Act to nationalize trading banks. First party of Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition left for Heard Island to establish scientific research station. First "displaced persons" reached Australia. Act approving Australia becoming member of World Health Organization; also Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act.
- 1948 Forty-hour week effective throughout Australia. BCOF to be controlled and administered by Commonwealth Government. Tram and tramway bus strike in Melbourne—Victorian Essential Services Act. Status of Australian representatives in France, U.S.S.R. and China raised from Minister to

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Ambassador. R.A.A.F. Reserve to be established. State of emergency declared in connexion with Queensland rail strike—Industrial Law Amendment Act (subsequently repealed.) Scheme for £8,000,000 housing project to meet industrial expansion in Wollongong—Port Kembla district. Representation Act increasing membership of Commonwealth Parliament. First meeting of South Pacific Commission. Proposal for Constitution Alteration (Rents and Prices) defeated at referendum. Australian Iron and Steel Ltd. ten-year plan for new tinplate mill and other extensions at Port Kembla. Cessation of war-time meat and clothes rationing. High Court declared invalid certain vital sections of Banking Act 1947. Professor Marcus L. Oliphant, F.R.S. accepted appointment as Director of Post-Graduate Research School of Physical Science at Australian National University. Essential Services Act proclaimed in Victoria. Tuberculosis Act assented to. Opening session of Economic Commission for Asia and Far East at Lapstone (N.S.W.). Wheat Industry Stabilization Act repealed 1946 Act. First display of new Australian-made car, the "Holden". Australian Capital Territory Representation Act. International Trade Organization Act (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and Havana Charter for International Trade Organization). Nationality and Citizenship Act. Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act. Parliamentary Retiring Allowances Act. National Health Service Act.

1949 Nationality and Citizenship Act operative. First Italian Minister to Australia arrived. Commonwealth to build hostels in Newcastle, Port Kembla, Adelaide and Melbourne to accommodate European migrants expected during next eighteen months. Appointment of Australia's first High Commissioner to Pakistan. Broadcasting Control Board to develop and co-ordinate national and commercial broadcasting services came into operation. Port Moresby decided on as administrative centre for Papua and New Guinea. Full High Court granted an injunction preventing deportation in O'Keefe case (subsequently Acts to provide for removal of certain persons who entered Australia during period of hostilities, and to amend Immigration Act, introduced and assented to). Act providing for placing of New Guinea under international trusteeship and for administrative union of Papua and New Guinea assented to. Certain Australian aborigines for first time granted franchise at Federal elections. Queensland State Parliament electorates increased from 62 to 75, and State divided into four zones. Agreement between Australia and New Zealand for full reciprocity in social service benefits. Prime Minister attended Dominion Prime Ministers' Conference, where India's continuing membership of British Commonwealth of Nations accepted and recognized. Agreement reached on arrangements for increasing meat exports from Australia to United Kingdom (legislation subsequently enacted to provide for assistance for improved roads and other facilities for movement of live-stock in Queensland and Western Australia). Provision in Tasmania for compulsory X-ray examination and treatment of all persons suffering from tuberculosis. Report of British experts on New South Wales transport recommended a transport commission, covering all transport including ferries and intra-state airways, to consider and recommend capital and other extraordinary expenditure and to co-ordinate budgets, and control wages and conditions in the departments covered—buses to replace trams in Newcastle and in Sydney. Invitation to four overseas Universities to establish observatories at Mount Stromlo, Australian Capital Territory. Ratification by Victoria of Murray River Agreement for enlarging of Hume Weir and installation of hydro-electric plant—all Governments concerned have ratified. Commencement of hearing of £10 per week basic wage claim—hearing of claim for interim basic wage increase of £2 per week refused. Appointment of first French Ambassador to Australia. Arrival of H.M.A.S. *Sydney*, Australia's first aircraft carrier. South Africa's first High Commissioner to Australia arrived. High Court declared invalid National Security (Liquid Fuel) Regulations, thus restoring free retailing of petrol. Victorian State and Municipal Authorities to spend

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£46,000,000 in next eight years to expand electricity generation, making it less dependent on black coal. British expert's report on Victorian transport system recommended changes in administration and finances of railways, metropolitan tramways and road transport, including the setting-up of a central controlling transport authority. Border River scheme commenced with work on Dumaresq River. Dispute over claims for 35-hour week, 30s. a week wage increase, and long-service leave rendered all Australian black coal mines idle from 27th June until 15th August—transport, power, lighting and gas supplies severely restricted in all States, and much unemployment caused, especially in New South Wales—National Emergency (Coal Strike) Bill enacted, making illegal any kind of payment in support of strike—troops used to extract coal from open-cut mines in New South Wales. Australia accepted agreement of wheat importing nations to purchase 450,000,000 bushels of wheat a year—Australia's share of exports to be 80,000,000 bushels a year. Assent to Act for construction and operation of works for generation of hydro-electric power in Snowy Mountains area for defence purposes and for consumption in Australian Capital Territory, and constituting Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Authority; subsequently decided that final third of Snowy River waters be diverted to Murray; scheme commenced 17th October. Air transport agreement signed between Australia and India. Legislation passed in New South Wales to increase seats in Legislative Assembly from 90 to 94, to ban press and radio electoral comment for 70 hours preceding close of poll, and virtually to eliminate postal voting in present form. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act amended to prevent irregularities in elections for offices in organizations registered under Act. Act providing for establishment of Australian Whaling Commission assented to. Liquid fuel importers required by law to hold stocks at specified places for defence needs. Privy Council dismissed Commonwealth Government's appeal against High Court's invalidation of Commonwealth's bank nationalization legislation. Following report on Finance Ministers Conference in London, Federal Cabinet sub-committee approved 25 per cent. reduction in Australia's imports from dollar areas. Coal Industry Tribunal granted long-service leave to miners throughout Australia—thirteen weeks' leave on full pay after minimum of ten years' service—not to be commenced before June, 1954. First Australian Minister to Italy appointed. Devaluation of sterling against American dollar, and commensurate devaluation of Australian pound to two dollars twenty-four cents. All-Australia Trade Union Congress decision to cancel affiliation with World Federation of Trade Unions. First party of European migrants under International Refugee Organization scheme released from two-year contracts 30th June. Prime Minister announced establishment of Immigration Planning Council to assist in assimilation of migrants into industry and the community. Arrival of first French Ambassador to Australia. Agreement on rail standardization, replacing original agreement of 1946, ratified by Commonwealth and South Australian Governments. Defence (Transitional Provisions) Act 1949 assented to. Dissolution of Eighteenth Australian Parliament. Australia's population reached 8,000,000. Re-introduction of petrol rationing in all States except Tasmania. Fulbright Agreement, providing for exchange of students between Australia and United States of America, signed, thereby liquidating balance of Australia's lend-lease debt to United States. Federal election resulted in defeat of Labour Government by Liberal-Country Parties' coalition.