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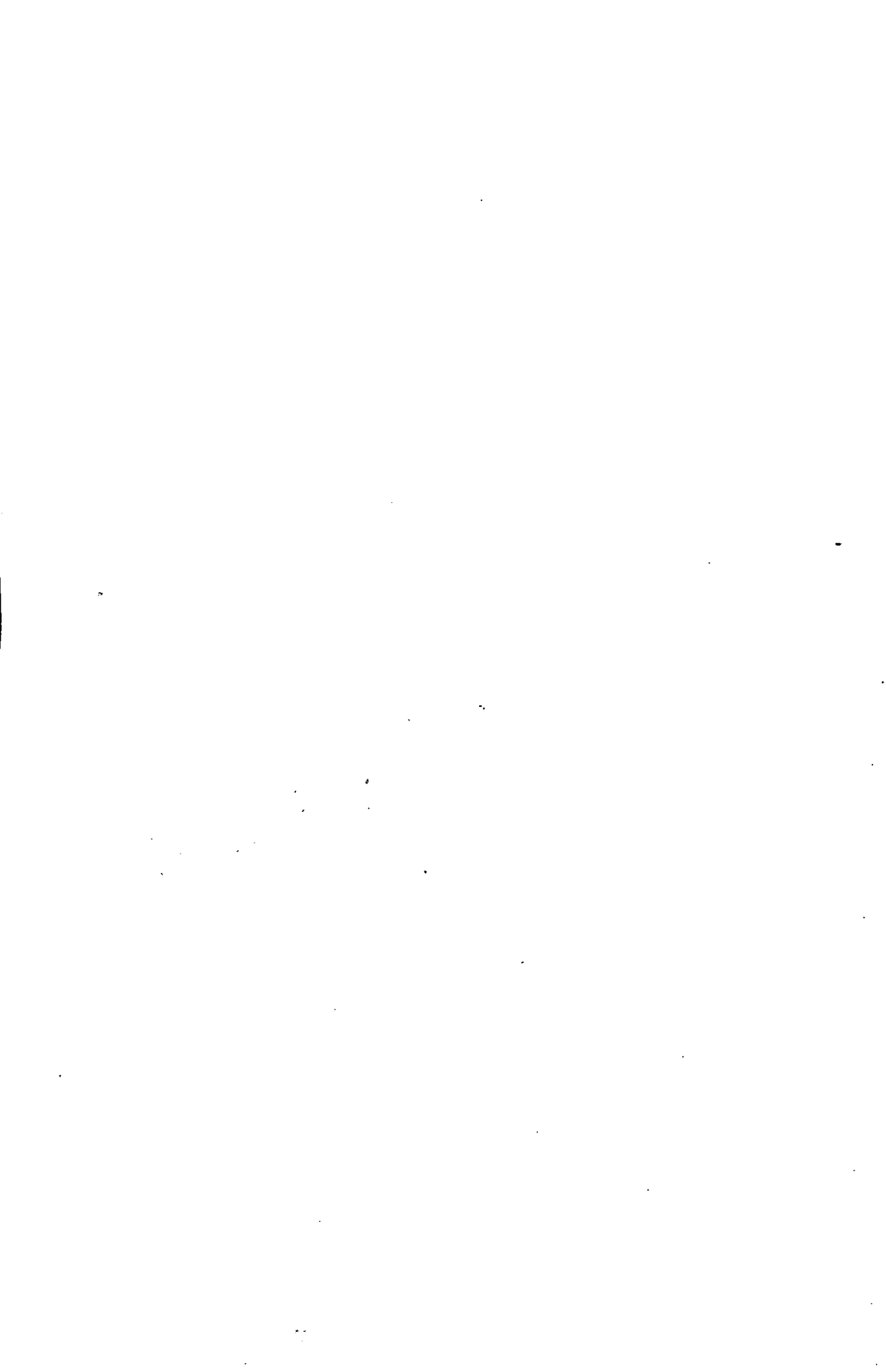
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PREFACE.

By the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Parliament of the Commonwealth is empowered, subject to the Constitution, "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 forty-sixth Official Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government.

The Synopsis on pp. xi to xxxi following shows the general arrangement of the work. The special index (preceding the 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 abbreviated in the present volume. Where, in the General Index, more than one reference to a subject is given, the chief reference (or references) has been specially indicated wherever possible.

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 Principal Economic Events of the years 1956 to 1959 is inserted after the last chapter.

It is not proposed to refer 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 V.—The Territories of Australia.—New Map showing location of Territories (p. 109).
- Chapter XII.—Labour, Wages, and Prices.—Revised and enlarged section dealing with Wage Margins, including 1959 cases (p. 446).
- Chapter XV.—Education.—Graph showing Students Enrolled and Teachers Employed (p. 593).
- Chapter XVI.—Public Justice.—New section dealing with Children's Courts (p. 633); revised section dealing with Divorce, etc. (p. 638).
- Chapter XX.—Private Finance.—Revised section dealing with Banking, setting out information on re-organization of Commonwealth Banks (pp. 763 *et seq.*).—New section dealing with Short Term Money Market (p. 805).
- Chapter XXIV.—Farmyard, Dairy, and Bee Products.—Revision of section dealing with Dairy Cattle and Dairy Products.
- Chapters XXV.—Forestry, XXVI.—Fisheries and XXVII.—Mineral Industry (pp. 1005, 1019, and 1037).—General revisions of order and presentation of data.
- Chapter XXX.—Miscellaneous.—Special article on Mount Stromlo Observatory (p. 1142).
- Appendix.—Basic Wage Inquiry, 1960.—Précis of judgment (p. 1220).
- Consumer Price Index—New Section (p. 1218).

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.

In a publication of this size, a considerable time must necessarily elapse between the handling, both by author and printer, of the earlier and later parts of the work. In order to offset, to some extent, the consequent delay in presentation, the contents of this issue have already been published in separate parts as the successive chapters or groups of chapters were printed. Particulars of these parts, numbering eleven in all, are shown in the Price List of Printed Publications at the end of this volume. In a statistical publication, however, the time element does result in an unevenness in the periods to which the statistics relate. To overcome this difficulty, in part at least, an Appendix is provided in which, so far as space permits, later particulars, where available, of many statistical series appearing in preceding chapters have been inserted. The insertions have been restricted mainly to figures, as the inclusion of current textual matter is not generally practicable.

In a number of chapters, the figures in this issue have been brought forward two years from those in the previous issue. The Appendix to this issue contains information for various periods up to 1959-60.

It should be pointed out that for the most recent statistics the reader should refer to other publications issued by this Bureau, notably the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*. There are also numerous mimeographed statements issued from time to time on a wide range of subjects. Particulars of these are shown in Chapter XXXI.—Statistical Organization and Sources of Information.

My thanks are tendered to the Statisticians in each State, 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.

I also desire to express my keen appreciation of the valuable work performed by Mr. A. E. Callander, Editor of Publications, Mr. E. H. Harry, B.A., B.Com., and Mr. S. Burton, B.A., Assistant Editors, and the other officers of the Publications Division, and of the services rendered by the officers in charge of the several Branches of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics upon whom has devolved the duty of revising the chapters relative to their respective Branches.

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