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## PREFACE

Although this volume is entitled *No. 1*, it is not claimed that it is the first Tasmanian Official Year Book. The credit for producing the first belongs to R. M. Johnston, the Government Statistician, whose "*Tasmanian Official Record*" appeared for the years 1890, 1891 and 1892. Lack of adequate resources unfortunately prevented the continuance of that publication. It was not until 1964 that work could be commenced on this volume, and the long interval since Johnston's last volume (75 years) is the justification for the considerable amount of historical material contained herein.

The lack of an Official Year Book during most of Tasmania's recorded history has been met, in some degree, by other official statistical publications, the principal of which are the annual "*Statistics of the State of Tasmania*" and "*Pocket Year Book of Tasmania*", and by "*Walch's Tasmanian Almanac (The Red Book)*", published by J. Walch and Sons Pty. Ltd. and now in its 103rd year of publication. The "*Statistics of the State of Tasmania*" is a comprehensive volume of statistics collected and compiled by the Bureau, presented in detailed form but without associated descriptive or background information. The "*Pocket Year Book*" is substantially a condensation of the statistics contained in the "*Statistics of the State of Tasmania*" into short summary form with brief descriptive material of general interest. "*Walch's Tasmanian Almanac*", on the other hand, is mainly a detailed guide to personalities, institutions, organisations, &c., but also contains much interesting and useful general information.

The Year Book has not been written as a substitute for any of these publications, all of which will continue to fulfill a proper role. It may be regarded rather as complementary to them, the aim being to concentrate in the one publication all available statistical data (in rather less detail than in the "*Statistics of the State of Tasmania*", but not in as condensed form as in the "*Pocket Year Book*") together with adequate interpretative comment and appropriate background information. The Year Book, therefore, provides a wide general reference on all the more important aspects of the economic and social life of the State. For detailed study on particular subjects, however, other publications will usually be more appropriate and attention is directed to Appendix A where the various publications of the Bureau are described.

It should be appreciated that the year 1967 in the title of this volume refers to the year of issue. Preparation of the manuscript commenced in 1964 and, as a result, it has not been possible to take data in some of the tables beyond 1964. It is anticipated, however, that in subsequent issues data will be included closer in time to the year of issue.

In subsequent issues it is planned to retain a structure of basic information which will be revised annually, to reduce the historical content and to feature more special articles.

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The relationship between pounds, shillings and pence, and dollars and cents, as prescribed in the Act, is as follows:

1 pound = 2 dollars  
1 shilling = 10 cents  
1 penny = 5/6 cents.

In this volume, monetary amounts have been converted to the equivalent amounts in the new system.