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ERRATUM.

Page 594, Training Ships, sixth line, read "not more than 16 years," *instead of* "not less than 16 years."

PREFACE.

THIS is the thirty-fifth issue of the *Victorian Year-Book*.

The main object of the work is to show the progress made by the State during the year under review, and with this end comparisons are instituted with former years, and with other States and countries. An endeavour is made to present such information as will enable investigators to ascertain the results of past legislation, and as will assist legislators, publicists, and others in forming an opinion in regard to the most suitable methods to be adopted in the future in developing the natural resources of the State, and promoting the social welfare of the people.

The first part deals principally with the past history of the State and its constitutional progress. Its natural features, geology, fauna and flora are also described. Parts II. to V. and Part IX. deal with the wealth and progress of the community as indicated by the growth of population, and by increases in bank deposits, in amounts assured with life offices, in volume of trade, &c., and details are given of the revenue and expenditure of the Government, and of municipalities. In parts VI., VII., and VIII. attention is given to matters which have an important bearing on the progress of the community, though affecting primarily the daily lives of the individuals of whom the community is composed. In these latter portions of the book will be found statistics relating to births, marriages and deaths, education, charitable institutions, crime, and other cognate subjects. In part X. a detailed account is given of the agricultural and other production of the State, and of its manufactures. The various parts were distributed as soon as completed, the first being issued in June, and the last in December.

The information in all parts has been brought up to the latest possible date—in many instances to the middle of the year 1915.

The appendix contains a statement of the amounts paid into the various Patriotic Funds which have been established in connexion with the war.

The statistics included in the volume do not show the extent to which the resources of the State have been affected by the war, partly because they refer in most instances to a period terminating only a few months after its commencement, and partly because there have been other disturbing factors operating concurrently with the war, such as drought. In part "Finance" particulars are given of additional taxation which is being imposed to meet a shortage in revenue.

Several new tables containing information in regard to infectious diseases have been included in part "Vital Statistics." The section relating to the port of Melbourne has been re-written and enlarged, and an epitome is given of the "Intoxicating Liquor Temporary Restriction Act," which provides for hotels being opened at a later and closed at an earlier hour than formerly. The other new features relate principally to matters connected with or having an intimate bearing on the war.

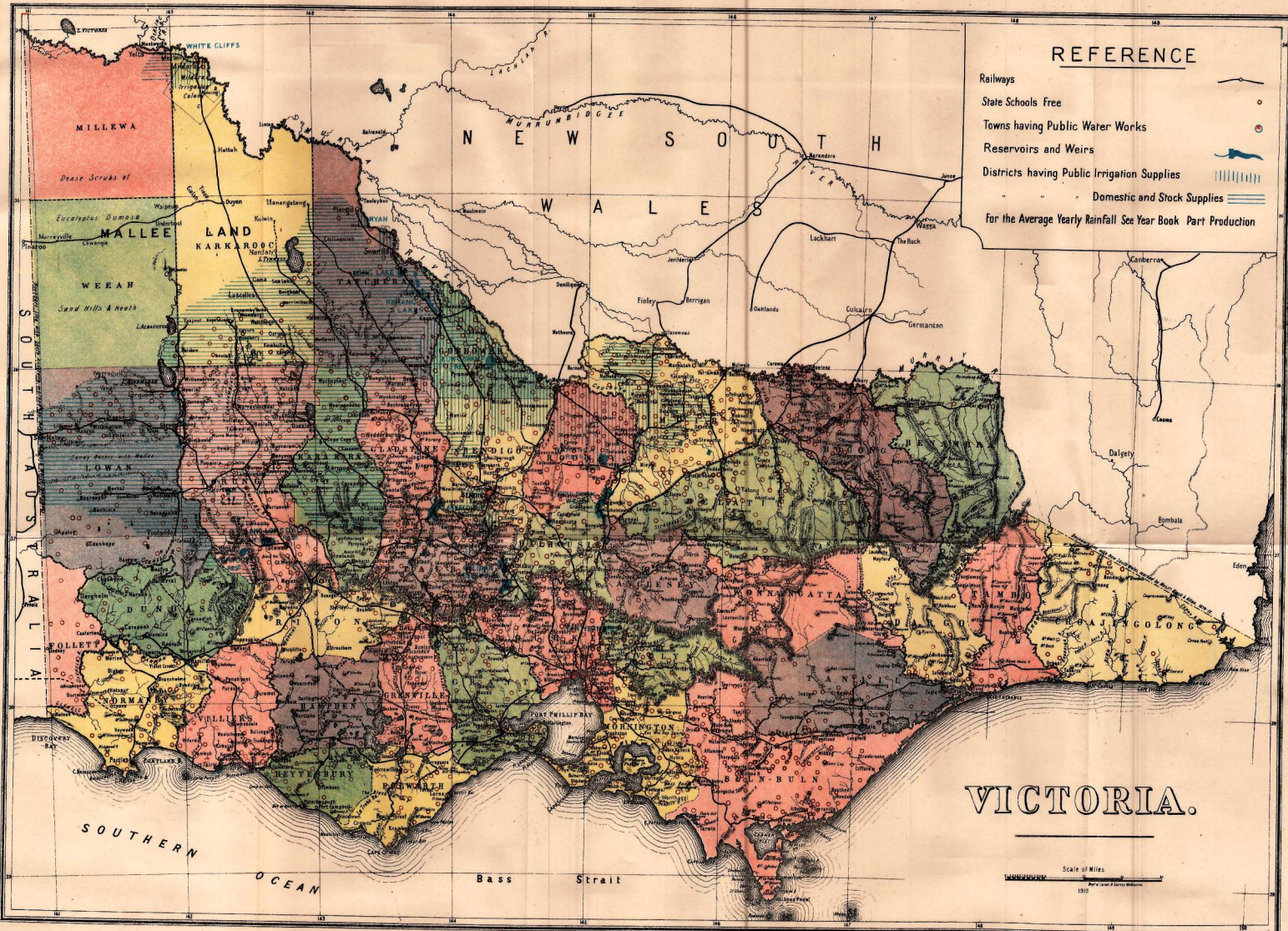
With a view to securing uniformity in the statistics relating to agricultural and pastoral production, trade, finance, &c., the particulars of imports and exports and the shipping returns are now given for the year ended 30th June, instead of 31st December as formerly.

I have to thank the heads of Government Departments and the various experts who have supplied information and in other ways assisted in the preparation of the work. I also take this opportunity of thanking the members of my staff for their hearty co-operation and for the valuable assistance received from them.







The figures and other matter contained in each part of the book have been carefully examined and checked. If, however, any error should be detected, I shall be pleased to receive information as to its nature and position.

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REFERENCE

- Railways 
 - State Schools Free 
 - Towns having Public Water Works 
 - Reservoirs and Weirs 
 - Districts having Public Irrigation Supplies 
 - Domestic and Stock Supplies 
- For the Average Yearly Rainfall See Year Book Part Production

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Scale of Miles

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