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STATISTICS OF THE OTHER AUSTRALASIAN COLONIES  
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## PREFACE.

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THE present issue of this work will be memorable on account of the death, during the course of its publication, of its eminent author, after more than twenty years' unbroken connexion with it—Mr. HENRY HEYLYN HAYTER, C.M.G., having died on the 23rd March, 1895, in the 74th year of his age, after a painful illness of about nine months' duration, which, however, did not altogether incapacitate him, until shortly before his death, from taking an active part in those duties to which he had devoted many years of his life. Mr. Hayter entered the Public Service of the Colony in the Registrar-General's Department in 1857, and was for some time in charge of the Statistical Branch of that Department prior to its constitution in May, 1874, as a separate department, and his appointment at its head with the title of "Government Statist." The present writer, who had been closely associated with him ever since, could testify, if such testimony were wanting, of his zeal and industry as a public officer, his devotion to his work, his sound common sense, his precise and regular habits, his aptitude for analysis and classification, his versatility, his general acquaintance with books and men, and his desire to excel in all his undertakings. The chief reward desired by him was the satisfaction afforded by the fame of his statistical works, for which he received recognition by being chosen as a member of one British and two Foreign Orders, and by being elected as Honorary Fellow or Member of sixteen British, Colonial, and Foreign societies or institutions.

As will be observed by the title page, the present is the 21st issue of the Year-Book, the first having been published in 1874. Prior to the issue of 1887-8 it was published in single volumes, but, with a view of rendering the information available as early as possible, the issue of 1887-8 was published in three, and the five subsequent issues in two volumes; whilst the present work was, in the first instance, published in five sections as follow:—Section I., Parts Constitution and Government; Section II., Parts Finance and Vital Statistics; Section III.,

Parts Interchange and Accumulation ; Section IV., Parts Production and Defences ; Section V., Parts Law, Crime, and Social Condition, together with appendices and folding sheets. The two first sections were published prior to, but the three last after, Mr. Hayter's death. Owing to this event and the changes consequent thereon, retrenchment, and the preparation of special returns called for by Government, the publication of the work has been much delayed.

Efforts have been made on the present occasion to still further condense the information as much as possible, without impairing the efficiency of the work ; and, at the same time, much new matter of importance has been added.

In Part Interchange, for example, on pages 487 to 491, the important question of the declining value, as against an increasing volume, of our export trade arising from the fall in prices is shown by means of index numbers. In Part Accumulation the tables and paragraphs relating to the currency question, pages 595 to 604, have been brought up to date ; some facts are given relative to the financial crisis on pages 617 to 622 ; and the statistics of life assurance companies have been restricted to the Victorian, instead of to the Australasian, business, and some interesting particulars are added relative to the policies in force in the colony. In Part Production the following fresh additions will, no doubt, prove of interest :—Estimated capital value of land, with and without improvements, page 657 ; estimated number of selectors, page 659 ; areas under cultivation in Victoria and the other Australasian Colonies at various periods compared, pages 679 and 680 ; wheat cultivation in Australasian Colonies at various periods, page 687 ; prospects of establishing a sugar-beet industry in Victoria, page 706 ; cotton production and consumption of the world, page 716 ; fruit imported into the United Kingdom, page 717 ; agricultural exports of the United States, page 732 ; exports of meats and farm and dairy products, pages 739 and 748 ; gold raised in South Africa to latest date, page 779 ; annual value of miscellaneous primary products (not previously accounted for), page 795 ; bonuses offered by Victorian Department of Agriculture, page 797. Moreover, in the same part full information is furnished relating to village and labour settlements, not only in Victoria, but also in the neighbouring colonies, pages 665 to 675 ; and the value of cattle production has been carefully estimated on a revised basis, which has been adopted after numerous inquiries, page 750. In Part

Law Crime, a change has been made in the method adopted in dealing with criminal statistics, see page 827.

The appendices contain information relating to revenue and expenditure to 1894-5, Australasian statistics, Australasian tariffs, and the data for calculating the trade index numbers of the value, volume, and prices of Victorian exports. Attention is directed to new tables in the Australasian statistics relating to the exports of frozen meat, bread-stuffs, and butter and cheese.

The usual three statistical summaries are given on two folding-sheets, and the information in the first summary has been brought down, where possible, to the end of 1894.

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