Recent information and returns which have come to hand since the various sections of this book were sent to press, are given below.

SECTION II.

DISCOVERY, COLONISATION, AND FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA.

§3. The Creation of the Several Colonies.

14. Proposed Transfer of the Northern Territory to the Commonwealth, p. 22. The Northern Territory Acceptance Act was assented to on the 16th November, 1910, and came into force by proclamation on the 1st January, 1911. Under this Act the Northern Territory was accepted by the Commonwealth as a Territory under the authority of the Commonwealth, by the name of the Northern Territory of Australia. The acceptance included the Palmerston and Pine Creek and the Port Augusta railways. (See page 711 hereof.) On the 25th November, 1910, the Northern Territory (Administration) Act, 1910, was assented to, and came into force on the same day as the Acceptance Act. The Administration Act provides for the appointment of an Administrator, for the continuance of State laws, and for the application of certain Commonwealth Acts in the Territory; it also directs that the State Courts should continue to have jurisdiction in the Territory, and it empowers the Governor-General to make Ordinances having the force of law in the Territory.

§ 7. Creation of the Commonwealth.

2. Summary of the Commonwealth Constitution. (i.) Chapter I.—The Parliament. Part V., Powers of the Parliament (sections 51 to 60), p. 39.* Two proposed laws for the alteration of the Constitution were submitted to the people for acceptance or rejection on the 26th April, 1911. They were (A) The Constitution Alteration (Legislative Powers) 1910, and (B) the Constitution Alteration (Monopolies) 1910. If, in a majority of the States, a majority of the electors voting approve the proposed laws, and if a majority of all the electors voting also approve them, they are presented to the Governor-General for the King's assent.

(A) Constitution Alteration (Legislative Powers) 1910. The object of this proposed law is to extend the powers of the Commonwealth Government (under section 51 of the Constitution) in four directions, viz.—(a) Trade and Commerce, (b) Corporations, (c) Industrial matters, and (d) Trusts and monopolies.

^{*} See also Section XXVII. Industrial Unionism and Industrial Legislation, para. 6, page 1067.

(a) Trade and Commerce. In Section 51, para. (i.) of the Constitution it is proposed to omit the words "with other countries, and among the States," so as to give the Commonwealth Parliament power to legislate with respect to trade and commerce, without limitation.

(b) Corporations. It is proposed to omit the words (para. xx.) "Foreign corpora-"tions, and trading or financial corporations formed within the limits of the Common-"wealth," and to insert in lieu thereof the words—"Corporations including (a) the "creation, dissolution, regulation, and control of corporations; (b) corporations formed "under the law of a State (except any corporation formed solely for religious, charitable, "scientific or artistic purposes, and not for the acquisition of gain by the corporation or "its members), including their dissolution, regulation, and control; and (c) foreign "corporations, including their regulation and control."

(c) Industrial Matters. In para. xxxv. it is proposed to omit the words "Conciliation "and arbitration for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes extending "beyond the limits of any one State," and to insert in lieu thereof the words "Labour and "employment, including (a) the wages and conditions of labour and employment in any "trade, industry, or calling; and (b) the prevention and settlement of industrial "disputes, including disputes in relation to employment on or about railways, the "property of any State."

(d) Trusts and Monopolies. It is proposed to amend Section 51 of the Constitution by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph :—"(xl.) Combinations and mono-"polies in relation to the production, manufacture, or supply of goods or services."

(B) Constitution Alteration (Monopolies) 1910. The object of this proposed law is to alter the Constitution by inserting, after Section 51 thereof, the following section "51A. When each House of Parliament, in the same session, has by resolution declared "that the industry or business of producing, manufacturing, or supplying goods, or of "supplying any specified services, is the subject of any monopoly, the Parliament shall "have power to make laws for carrying on the industry or business by or under the "control of the Commonwealth, and acquiring for that purpose on just terms any "property used in connection with the industry or business."

Complete particulars as to the results of the Referenda on the above proposals were not available in time for publication herein. The following table, however, shews the number of votes in favour of, and against, each of the proposed laws, as on the 1st May, 1911. The outstanding returns at that date were not sufficiently numerous to affect the results; it will be seen, therefore, that neither of the proposed laws was approved by the people.

	•	Leg	islative Pov	vers.	1	Monopolies.	
Particulars.		In Favour.	Against.	Majority Against.	In Favour.	Against.	Majority Against.
		Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.	Number.
New South Wales Victoria Queensland South Australia Western Australia Tasmania	 	$128,011 \\ 165,079 \\ 56,737 \\ 48,508 \\ 31,744 \\ 23,902$	225,202 262,536 78,829 77,637 26,065 32,564	97,191 97,457 22,092 29,129 *5,679 8,662	$127,656 \\ 165,524 \\ 57,648 \\ 49,014 \\ 32,303 \\ 23,984$	222,402 260,785 77,320 77,477 25,460 32,139	94,746 95,261 19,672 28,433 *6,843 8,205
Commonwealth		453,981	702.833	248,852	456,109	695.583	239,474

COMMONWEALTH REFERENDA-RESULTS OF VOTING AS AT THE 1st MAY, 1911.

* Majority in favour.

(ii). Chapter VIII.—Alteration of the Constitution, p. 44. Footnote. The Constitution has also been altered by the Surplus Revenue Act 1910 (for provisions of which see page 800).

SECTION IV.

POPULATION.

§ 4. Elements of Growth of Population.

3. Net Immigration, p. 131.—The following table gives particulars of net immigration for the year 1910:—

NET IMMIGRATION,* 1910.

Particulars.		N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W.A.	Tas.	C'wlth.
Arrivals Departures		273,573 270,402	222,457 211,852	91,221 81,066		31,403 24,538	35,377 38,508	95,692 58,145
Excess of arrivals over partures	de- 	3,171	10,605	10,155	9,882	6,865	3,131	37,547

Note. — — signifies excess of departures over arrivals. * Figures for States represent Interstate and Oversea migration; those for Commonwealth represent Oversea migration only.

4. Total Increase, p. 133.—The following table gives particulars of the total increase in population for each State and for the Commonwealth during the year 1910:—

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W.A.	Tas.	C'wlth.
Excess of births over deaths		16,705	10,425	6,484	4,845	3,466	71,211
Excess of arrivals over depar- tures	3,171	10,605	10,155	9,882	6,865		37,547
					'		
Total increase	32,457	27,310	20,580	16,366	11,710	335	108,758

TOTAL INCREASE OF POPULATION, 1910.

Note. - - signifies excess of departures over arrivals.

§8. Enumerations and Estimates.

5. Estimates of Population, pp. 140 to 144.—The following table shews the estimated population of each State and the Commonwealth on the 31st December, 1910 :—

Particulars.		N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	C'wealth.	
Males Females	 	879,955 780,465	671,308 653,073	321,920 271,314	231,999 200,414	164,828 120,425	95,539 91,656	2,365,549 2,117,347	
Total	•••	1,660,420	1,324,381	593,234	432,413	285,253	187,195	4,482,896	

ESTIMATED POPULATION ON 31st DECEMBER, 1910.

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SECTION V.

VITAL STATISTICS.

§ 1. Births.

1. Male and Female Births, p. 166.—The total number of male and female births registered, and the birth rates per 1000 of the population in each State and in the Commonwealth, during the year 1910 were as follows :—

BIRTHS	AND	BIRTH	RATES.	1910.

Particular	6.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	C'wealth.
Males Females		23,368 22,076	$16,412 \\ 15,025$	8,260 7,909	5,423 5,157	3,855 3,730	2,888 2,698	60,206 56,595
Total Birth rates		45,444 27.56	31,437 · 24.12	16,169 27.58	10,580 25.08	7,585 27.17	5,586 30.26	116,801 26.40

§ 2. Marriages.

1. Marriages, p. 179.—The following statement shews the number of marriages registered in each State and the Commonwealth, and the marriage rates per 1000 of the mean population, during the year 1910 :---

MARRIAGES AND MARRIAGE RATES, 1910.

Particulars.	N.S W	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	C'wealth.
No. of marriages	14,307	10,239	4,768	3,678	2,107	1,493	36,592
Marriage rates*	8 68	7.86	8.13	8.72	7.55	8.09	8.27

* Number of marriages, not persons married, per 1000 of mean population.

3. Deaths.

1. Male and Female Deaths, p. 186.—The number of deaths registered in each State and in the Commonwealth during 1910, and the death rates per 1000 of the mean population, are shewn in the following table:—

Particulars.	 N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	C'wealth.
Male	 9,339	8,128	3,594	2,235	1,760	1,098	26,154
Female	6,819	6,604	2,150	1,861	980	1,022	19,436
Total (16,158	14,732	5,744	4,096	2,740	2,120	45,590
Death rates	 9.80	11.30	9.80	9.71	9.81	11.49	10.30

MALE AND FEMALE DEATHS AND DEATH RATES, 1910.

SECTION VI.

LAND TENURE AND SETTLEMENT.

§ 2. Land Legislation in Individual States.

4. South Australia and the Northern Territory, pp. 241-2. (See also Northern Territory, p. 255.) Under the Northern Territory (Administration) Act 1910, which came into force on the 1st January, 1911, it is provided that no Grown lands in the Territory shall be sold or disposed of for any estate of freehold, except in pursuance of some contract entered into before the commencement of the Act.

SECTION VIII.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.

§ 4. Wheat.

1. Progress of Wheat Growing, p. 366.—The following table shews the estimated area under wheat and the prospective yields of wheat in each State and the Common-wealth for the season 1910-11:—

ESTIMATED AREAS UNDER WHEAT AND PROSPECTIVE YIELDS, 1910-11.

Particulars.	N,S.W.	Vic.*	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Cwlth.
Estimated area Acres Prospective yield Bush. Average yield per acre		2,398,089 34,813,019 14.52	103,935 1,310,171 12.61	2,045,890 24,375,835 11.91	619,710 7,594,264 12.25		7,365,786 92,664,537 12.58

* Final Figures.

SECTION XII.

MINES AND MINING.

§ 2. Gold.

2. Production of Gold at Various Periods, p. 495.—The Australian gold yield for 1910 is shewn in the subjoined table. The figures are open to final revision, but only to a slight extent :—

GOLD RAISED IN AUSTRALIA

Particulars.	n.s.w.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.*	W. Aust.	Tas.*	C'wealth.
Quantity Fine ozs. Value £	189,214 803,730	578,860 2.458,841	440,784 1,872,331	12,000 50,973	1.470,627 6,246,826	45.000 191,148	2,736,485 11,623,849
<u></u> , <u>_</u>		* A	pproximat	e.			<u> </u>

The quantity raised in New Zealand during the year 1910 was 446,192 fine ounces, valued at \pounds 1,895,303, making the total yield for Australasia 3,182,677 fine ounces, valued at \pounds 18,519,152.

SECTION XVII.

ROADS AND RAILWAYS.

§ 2. Railways. (b) Government Railways.

3. Interstate Communication (page 701).—The report of the Railway War Conference has been issued. Information in regard thereto may be found in *Section XXVIII.*, *Defence*, page 100.

SECTION XIX.

COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

§ 2. Consolidated Revenue Fund.

1. Cost of Departments, etc., p. 814.-

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COST OF COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENTS, ETC., 1909-10.-p. 815.

	Departn	ients, etc.				1909-13.
						£
Governor-General	•••	· • • •	•••	•••		21,908
Parliament		•••				220,233
External Affairs						80,469
Attorney-General	•••	•••		•••	·	32,349
Home Affairs	•••			•••		88,112
Treasury	•••	•••		•••	ŀ	74,108
Frade and Custom	s	•••	•••	•••		777,788
Defence	•••	•••	·			1,534,881
Postmaster-Genera	al			•••	·	3,786,755
All other expendit	are	•••	•••	•••		882,913
Total					-	7,499,516

13. Home Affairs Department, p. 817.

EXPENDITURE HOME AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT, 1909-10,-p. 818.

	1909-10.				
				!	£
Chief Office .	•• •••				11,454
Public Service Comn	15,952				
Public Works .		•••	•••		17,738
Census and Statistic		•••	•••	!	15,137
Meteorological Burea		16,414			
Rent, repairs, etc		•••	•••		5,882
Reception of United		•••			
Miscellaneous .	·· ·:·	•••	••• `		5,535
Total .		••••			88,112

14. Treasurer's Department, p. 818.

		1909-10.						
Treasury	•••					11,862		
Old-age Pensions	, salaries	s, etc.			'	36,423		
Audit	••••			•••		8,593		
Rents, repairs, et	5c	•••				3,410		
Donation to Sicily earthquake relief fund						•••		
Coinage	••••	•••		•••		10,043		
Miscellaneous	•••					3,777		
Total					1	74,108		

EXPENDITURE TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT, 1909-10.---p. 818.

15. Trade and Customs, p. 818.

EXPENDITURE TRADE AND CUSTOMS, 1909-10.---p. 819.

Details.						1909-10.	
					[£	
Chief Office						11,954	
Customs (ordinary)				••••		255,779	
Patents	•••	•••			11	19,284	
Trade Marks and C	opyrigh	ts] §	13,204	
Fisheries			• •••	•••]	5,605	
Analyst				•••		1,995	
Audit (proportion)						7,426	
Quarantine	•••			•••		23,355	
Pensions and retiri	ng allov	vances		•••		8,058	
Rents, repairs, etc.						9,994	
Sugar bounties and	l expens	es				407,777	
Bounties				. 		5,885	
New works, etc.						-5,124	
Miscellaneous		•••				15,552	
					I		
r	l'otal					777,788	

17. Defence, p. 819.

EXPENDITURE, DEFENCE, 1909-10.---p. 820.

	1909-10.					
<u> </u>						£
Chief Office		••••		• •••	• •••	26,366
Military		••••••				853,420
Naval	·	·				263,143
Audit (proportion	n)			• •••		954
Pensions and retiring allowances						781
Rents, repairs, e	te			••••	••••••	29,621
New works, etc.		•••	• •••			337,961
Miscellaneous			• •••	• ···	• •••	22,635
	Total	·				1,534,881

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18. Postal, p. 820.

EXPENDITURE, POSTAL DEPARTMENT, 1909-10.

	1909-10.				
~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~		······			£
	•• ´ •••	•••	•••		12,324
Postal department (o	ordinary)				3,123,357
Audit (proportion) .					2,398
Pensions and retiring					32,083
Rents, repairs, etc					54,484
New works, etc.					555,557
Miscellaneous .			•••		6,552
Total	l	•••			3,786,755

19. Miscellaneous, p. 820.

For £906,268 substitute £882,913.

SECTION XXV.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 1. Scheme of Parliamentary Government.

7. Powers and Functions of the Governor-General and Governors (page 959).—The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Dudley, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., etc., will retire in July, 1911, from the Governor-Generalship of the Commonwealth; he will be succeeded by the Rt. Hon. Lord Denman, K.C.V.O., etc.

The Governorship of the State of Victoria will be vacated by Sir Thomas Gibson-Carmichael, Bart., LL.D., K.C.M.G., on 19th May 1911; his successor will be Sir John Fleetwood Fuller, Bart., who will be sworn in on the 24th May, 1911.

3. Administrative Government.

Tasmania page 978).—Other Acts now administered by the Chief Secretary's Department are as follow:—Explosives, Factories, Wages Boards, Machinery, Medica Practitioners, and Midwifery Acts. The word Coroners should be deleted from this list of Acts administered.