

CHAPTER XXVIII.

STATISTICAL ORGANIZATION AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

§ 1. General.

Development of Australian Statistics.—(i) *General.* An outline of the history and development of statistics in Australia is published in Official Year Book No. 19 (see p. 988) and previous issues, particular reference being made to the Crown Colony Blue Books, Statistical Registers, Prominent State Statisticians, Statistical Conferences, the Foundation of the Federal Bureau, and Uniformity of Statistical Control. It is not proposed to repeat this information in this issue.

(ii) *Present Organization.*—The organization in respect of the collection, tabulation, etc., of statistical data as between the State and Commonwealth Statistical Bureaux, and State and Commonwealth Government Departments, is described in Official Year Book No. 19, p. 990. Limits of space preclude its repetition in this issue.

§ 2. Statistical Publications of Australia.

1. *General.*—The official statistical publications of Australia may be divided bibliographically into two main divisions, namely :—(1) Commonwealth publications dealing both individually and collectively with the several States of the Commonwealth ; and (2) State publications dealing with individual States only. Besides these there are many other reports, press notices, etc., issued regularly which, though not wholly statistical, necessarily contain a considerable amount of statistical information.

2. *Commonwealth Publications.*—Commonwealth publications may be grouped under two heads, namely :—(i) Publications issued by the Commonwealth Statistician ; and (ii) Parliamentary and Departmental Reports and Papers.

(i) *Publications issued by the Commonwealth Statistician.* The following is a list of the principal statistical publications issued from the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics since its inauguration to January, 1942 :—

Australian Life Tables, 1901-1910.—*Australian Joint Life Tables, 1901-1910.*
Australian Life Tables, 1920-1922.

Australian Life Tables, 1932-1934. *Australian Joint Life Tables, 1932-1934.*

Australian Primary Industries.—Report prepared for the Empire Producers Conference, Sydney, March, 1938.

Census (1911) Results.—*Bulletins.* Vols. I., II., and III., with Appendix "Mathematical Theory of Population."

Census (1921) Results.—*Bulletins,* Nos. 1 to 26. Parts I. to XVI., forming Vol. I., and Parts XVII. to XXIX., forming, with the Statistician's Report, Vol. II.

NOTE.—PART XXVII., *Life Tables.*

Census (1933) Results.—*Bulletins,* Nos. 1 to 25. Parts I. to XIV., forming Vol. I., Parts XV. to XXVIII. forming Vol. II., and Parts XXIX. to XXXVII. forming with Statistician's Report, and Australian Life Tables 1932-34, Vol. III.

Dairying Summary, Monthly.—First issue, September, 1937.

Finance—Bulletins, 1907 to 1916–17 annually; 1917–18 and 1918–19 (one vol.); 1919–20 and 1920–21 (one vol.); 1922–23 to 1940–41 annually.

Labour and Industrial Statistics.—Memoranda and Reports, various, to 1913.

Labour Report, annually, 1913 to 1940.

Local Government in Australia.—July, 1919.

Monthly Review of Business Statistics.—First issue, October, 1937.

Official Year Book of the Commonwealth of Australia—Annually, 1907 to present issue (1941).

Oversea Trade, annually, 1906 to 1938–39.

Pocket Compendium of Australian Statistics (formerly Statistical Digest), 1913, 1914, 1916, and 1918 to 1941 annually.

Population and Vital Statistics.—Bulletins and Reports, various, 1906–1910. Commonwealth Demography, 1911 to 1940 annually.

Production.—Bulletin, annually, 1906 to 1939–40. From 1936–37 issued in two parts: Part I. Secondary Industries; Part II. Primary Industries and Total Recorded Production.

Professional Papers.—Various. A full list appears in Official Year Book No. 13, p. 3.

Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.—First issue, No. 70, December, 1917, replacing *Monthly Summary of Australian Statistics* (Bulletins Nos. 1 to 69).

Social Insurance.—Report to the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Customs, 1910.

Social Statistics.—Bulletins, 1907 to 1915 annually, and 1918.

Superannuation for the Commonwealth Public Service.—Report to the Hon. the Minister for Home Affairs, 1910.

Transport and Communication.—Bulletins, 1906, 1908 to 1916 annually; 1919 to 1930 annually, and 1932 to 1940 annually.

Wages and Prices.—January, 1932.

Wealth.—The Private Wealth of Australia and its Growth as ascertained by various methods, together with a Report on the War Census in 1915.

Wheat Summary, Monthly.—First issue, July, 1936.

(ii) *Commonwealth Parliamentary and Departmental Reports and Papers*. Lists of the principal official reports and other documents containing statistical information issued from the inauguration of the Commonwealth appear in the Official Year Books up to No. 15, but limits of space preclude the incorporation of this information in the present volume.

3. *State Publications*.—The chief statistical publications of each State are set out hereunder. Limits of space preclude a further enumeration of the various Departmental Reports, statements of accounts, etc., issued by officials, boards, local government bodies, etc., in each State.

(a) New South Wales—Statistical Register (annual); Official Year Book of New South Wales (annual); Stateman's (Pocket) Year Book (annual); Statistical Bulletin (monthly to December, 1919, thereafter quarterly); Monthly Summary of Business Statistics.

(b) Victoria—Statistical Register (annual to 1916, then discontinued); Victorian Year Book (annual); Statistical Abstracts (quarterly to 1917).

(c) Queensland—Statistical Register (annual); Official Year Book, 1901; A.B.C. of Queensland Statistics (annual to 1936, then discontinued); the Queensland Year Book (annual, first issue 1937).

(d) South Australia—Statistical Register (annual); Official Year Book, 1912 and 1913; Statesman's Pocket Year Book (annual); Quarterly Summary of Statistics.

(e) Western Australia—Statistical Register (annual); Statistical Abstracts (quarterly, previously issued monthly to July, 1917); Pocket Year Book of Western Australia (annual).

(f) Tasmania—Statistical Register (annual); Pocket Year Book (annual).

§ 3. Select List of Representative Works Dealing with Australia.

(Compiled by the Librarian of the Commonwealth National Library.)

Under each heading a list is first given of the principal standard books which are still in print. This is followed by lists of selected books published during the current year and of official publications, excluding annual reports, of the same period. In the present list the period covered is 1st October, 1940, to 31st December, 1941. A few books which, though published earlier, were received after the compilation of the last issue are also included.

Technical works on Law, Medicine and the pure sciences are excluded.

Where known the retail price in the country of publication is given, but this is subject to fluctuation owing to war conditions.

A copy of each of the works mentioned is preserved in the Library and access thereto may be had by any Commonwealth official or other authorized person.

The Library also publishes an annual catalogue of Australian publications, official papers and books on Australia published overseas. Copies of this are obtainable from the Government Printer at a price of 2s.

General and Descriptive.

- AUSTRALIAN ENCYCLOPAEDIA, THE: *editors*, A. W. Jose, H. J. Carter and T. G. Tucker. 2 vols. (Angus & Robertson, 55s.) 3rd edition, Sydney, 1926-27.
 ELDERSHAW, M. Barnard (*i.e.*, M. F. Barnard and F. S. P. Eldershaw). *My Australia*. (Jarrolds, 8s. 6d.) London, 1939.
 HASKELL, A. L. *Walzing Matilda: a background to Australia*. (Black, 12s. 6d.) London, 1940.
 MADIGAN, C. T. *Central Australia*. (Oxford University Press, 7s. 6d.) London, 1936.
 OFFICIAL YEAR BOOK OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, Nos. 1 to date. (Government Printer, 5s. per issue.) Canberra, 1908 to date.
 WALKABOUT: *Australia and the South Seas*. (Australian National Publicity Association, 12s. per annum.) Melbourne, 1934 to date.
 WOOD, T. Cobbers: *A Personal Record of a Journey from Essex, in England, to Australia*. (Oxford, University Press, 3s. 6d.) London, 1934.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PUBLICITY ASSOCIATION. *Australia: official handbook*. (The Association, 2s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1941.
 BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES. *Australia for the tourist*. (Bank of New South Wales, 5s.) Sydney, 1940.
 BARRETT, C. L. *Coast of adventure*. (Robertson & Mullens, 9s.) Melbourne, 1941.
 HASKELL, A. L. *Australia*. (Collins, 3s. 6d.) London, 1941.
 IDRIESS, I. L. *The great boomerang*. (Angus & Robertson, 8s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941.
 TAYLOR, T. G. *Australia: a study of warm environments and their effect on British settlement*. (Methuen, 21s.) London, 1940.

Territories Outside Australia.

- AUSTRALIA: Committee . . . [on] the possibility of establishing a combined administration of the territories of Papua and New Guinea, etc. Report. (Government Printer, 3s.) Canberra, 1939.
 AUSTRALIA:—*External Affairs, Department of*. Handbook and index to accompany a map of Antarctica produced by the Department of the Interior, 1939: by E. P. Bayliss and J. S. Cumpston. (Government Printer, 5s.) Canberra, 1940.
 EGGELESTON, F. W., *editor*. *The Australian Mandate for New Guinea*. (Melbourne University Press, 5s.) Melbourne, 1928.
 OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF NEW GUINEA. (Government Printer, 2s.) Canberra, 1937.
 OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF PAPUA: 5th ed. (Government Printer, 2s.) Port Moresby, 1938.
See also the annual reports of the Administrators of the various Territories.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- ARCHBOLD, R. and RAND, A. L. *New Guinea expedition: Fly River area, 1936-1937*. (McBride, \$3.50.) New York, 1940.
 CLUNE, F. P. *D'air devil: the story of "Pard" Mustar, Australian air ace*. (Angus & Robertson, 6s.) Sydney, 1941.

History.

- CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, vol. 7, pt. 1: Australia. (Cambridge University Press, 31s. 6d.) Cambridge, 1933.
- FITZPATRICK, B. C. British imperialism and Australia, 1783-1833: an economic history of Australasia. (Allen & Unwin, 18s.) London, 1939.
- HARRIS, H. L. Australia in the making. (Angus & Robertson, 4s.) Sydney, 1936.
- HISTORICAL RECORDS OF AUSTRALIA: *editor*, J. F. Watson (in progress). (Commonwealth Parliament Library Committee, Canberra, 12s. 6d. *per vol.*) Sydney, 1914 to date.
(34 vols. have so far appeared. Publication has been suspended since 1925.)
- HISTORICAL STUDIES: Australia and New Zealand. (Melbourne University Press, 10s. *per annum.*) Melbourne, 1940 to date.
- MADGWICK, R. B. Immigration into Eastern Australia, 1788-1851. (Longmans, 12s. 6d.) London, 1937.
- O'BRIEN, Rev. E. M. The foundation of Australia (1786-1800): a study in English criminal practice and penal colonization in the eighteenth century. (Sheed & Ward, 15s.) London, 1937.
- SHANN, E. O. G. An economic history of Australia. (Cambridge University Press, 18s.) Cambridge, 1930. 2nd impression, 1938.
- WOOD, G. A. The Discovery of Australia. (Macmillan, 25s.) London, 1922.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- FERGUSON, J. A. Bibliography of Australia: vol. 1, 1784-1830. (Angus & Robertson, 63s.) Sydney, 1941.
- FITZPATRICK, B. C. The British Empire in Australia: an economic history, 1834-1939. (Melbourne University Press, 21s.) Melbourne, 1941.
- MAXWELL, Mrs. C. B. Wooden hookers. (Angus & Robertson, 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1940.
- UREN, M. J. L. Sailormen's ghosts: the Abrolhos Islands in three hundred years of romance, history and adventure. (Robertson & Mullens, 9s.) Melbourne, 1940.

Military and Naval History.

- OFFICIAL HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA IN THE WAR OF 1914-18: C. E. W. Bean, *editor* (in progress). (Angus & Robertson, 21s. *per vol.* Vols. 8, 10, 11; 18s.) Sydney, 1921 to date.
(Vols. 1-5, 7-12 have so far appeared.)
- OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE WAR OF 1914-18: *editor* Col. A. G. Butler (in progress). (Australian War Memorial, 21s. *per vol.*) Canberra, 1930 to date.
(Vols. 1 and 2 have so far appeared.)

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- BELFORD, W. C. "Legs-eleven": being the story of the 11th battalion (A.I.F.). (Imperial Printing Co., 10s.) Perth, 1940.
- HARVEY, N. K. From Anzac to the Hindenburg line: the history of the 9th battalion, A.I.F. (9th Battalion A.I.F. Association, 10s.) Brisbane, 1941.
- JOHNSTON, G. H. Grey gladiator: H.M.A.S. *Sydney* with the British Mediterranean fleet. (Angus & Robertson, 8s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941.

Biography.

- BIOGRAPHICAL HANDBOOK AND RECORD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH. (Commonwealth Parliament Library Committee, 10s. 6d.) Canberra, 1938.
(A new issue is produced for each Federal Parliament.)
- JOHNS, F. An Australian Biographical Dictionary. (Macmillan, 21s.) Melbourne, 1934.
- WHO'S WHO IN AUSTRALIA: 11th edition: *edited by* J. A. Alexander. (Herald Press, 21s.) Melbourne, 1941.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- BASSETT, M. The Governor's Lady: [Mrs. P. G. King]. (Oxford University Press, 13s. 6d.) London, 1940.
- BAVIN, Sir T. R. Sir Henry Parkes: his life and work. (Angus & Robertson, 3s. 6d.) Sydney, 1940.
- CLUNE, F. P. Chinese Morrison. (Bread & Cheese Club, 10s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1941.
- FAIRFAX, J. F. The story of John Fairfax. (John Fairfax & Sons, 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941.
- PALMER, V. National portraits. (Angus & Robertson, 8s. 6d.) Sydney, 1940.
- ULLATHORNE, W. B. *archbishop of Cabasa*. From cabin boy to archbishop: the autobiography of Archbishop Ullathorne: *ed. by* Shane Leslie. (Burns Oates, 15s.) London, 1941.

Constitution and Administration.*

- AUSTRALIA: *Law: Statutes*. The acts of the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia passed from 1901 to 1935 and in force on 1st January, 1936: to which is prefixed the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act. 4 vols. and supplements. (Government Printer, £6 6s.) Canberra, 1936.
- AUSTRALIA:—*Royal Commission on the Constitution of the Commonwealth*. Report. (Government Printer, 16s. 9d.) Canberra, 1929.
- AUSTRALIAN DIGEST, THE, 1825-1933 AND SUPPLEMENT 1934-39: being a digest of the reported decisions of the Australian courts and of Australian appeals to the Privy Council; with table of cases: *editors*, B. Sugerman and others: 25 vols. (Law Book Co., 60s. *per vol.*) Sydney, 1934 to 1940. Annual supplements, 21s.
- KERR, D. The law of the Australian Constitution. (Law Book Co., £2.) Sydney, 1925.

* It should be noted that several important books on this subject are out of print, and have therefore not been included.

Constitution and Administration—continued.

- KNOWLES, Sir G. S. The Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act (as altered to 1st July, 1936), and the acts altering the constitution; with notes, tables, indexes and appendices. (Government Printer, 15s.) Canberra, 1937.
- LAW BOOK COMPANY'S WAR LEGISLATION SERVICE: containing the emergency war legislation of the Commonwealth of Australia with rules, proclamations, etc., thereunder, with articles and notes of a practical nature. *General editor: J. D. Holmes.* (Law Book Co., 42s. *per annum.*) Sydney, 1939 to date.
- WOOD, F. L. The Constitutional Development of Australia. (Harrap, 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1933.
- WYNES, W. A. Legislative and executive powers in Australia: being a treatise on the legislative and executive powers of the Commonwealth and States of Australia under the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act. (Law Book Co., 32s. 6d.) Sydney, 1936.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS—

- DENNING, W. E. *ed.* Australian national war council: a brief account of its formation together with relevant official documents. (W. E. Denning, 1s.) Canberra, 1940.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS.

- LAWS, STATUTES, ETC. Manual of national security legislation: being the National security act 1939-1940 and regulations and certain orders, etc., made thereunder and in force on the 1st April, 1941. (Government Printer, 8s.) Canberra, 1941.

Political History and International Relations.

- AUSTRAL-ASIATIC BULLETIN: a two-monthly review. (Australian Institute of International Affairs Victorian division, 6s. *per annum.*) Melbourne, 1937 to date.
- AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Australian supplementary papers: [British Commonwealth Relations Conference, Lapstone, 1938.] *Series A.* Australian population. *Series B.* Australian economic policies. *Series C.* Australia in the British Commonwealth. *Series D.* Australian policies, political and strategic. *Series E.* Australia and the Pacific. (The Institute, 2s. *per series.*) Sydney, 1938.
- AUSTRALIAN QUARTERLY, THE: A Quarterly Review of Australian Affairs. (2s. *per issue.*) Sydney, 1929 to date.
- CURRENT NOTES ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS: [fortnightly]. (Department of External Affairs.) Canberra, 1936 to date.
- DENNING, W. E. Caucus crisis: the rise and fall of the Scullin government. (Cumberland Argus, 1s. 6d.) Parramatta, 1937.
- DUNCAN, W. G. K., and JAMES, C. V., *editors.* The future of immigration into Australia and New Zealand. (Angus & Robertson, 6s.) Sydney, 1937.
- EVATT, H. V. Australian labour leader: the story of W. A. Holman and the labour movement. (Angus & Robertson, 21s.) Sydney, 1940.
- SHEPHERD, J. Australia's interests and policies in the far east. (Institute of Pacific Relations, \$2.) New York, 1940.
- SMITH, A. N. Thirty Years: The Commonwealth of Australia, 1901-1931. (Brown, Prior, 12s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1933.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- ALEXANDER, F. Australia and the United States. (World Peace Foundation, 25c.) Boston, 1941.
- AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS:—*Research Section.* Australian home front: a war-time record, 1939-41. (The Institute, 1s.) Melbourne, [1941].
- DAILY TELEGRAPH, newspaper. You, me—and this war . . . a critical account of some problems in Australia's organization for defence. (Consolidated Press, 2s.) Sydney [1941].
- FITZPATRICK, B. C. A short history of the Australian labor movement. (Rawson, 2s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1940.
- NATION BUILDING IN AUSTRALIA: the life and work of Sir Littleton Ernest Groom: [by L. F. Fitzhardinge and others]. (Angus & Robertson, 12s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941.
- TSAO, W. Y. Two Pacific democracies: China and Australia. (Cheshire, 8s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1941.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS.

- INFORMATION, DEPARTMENT OF. Australia's war effort: some facts and figures: July, 1941. (Department of Information.) Melbourne, 1941.

Economic and Social Conditions.

- AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS OF LIVING: studies by F. W. Eggleston and others. (Melbourne University Press, 10s.) Melbourne, 1939.
- BRIGDEN J. B. and others. The Australian Tariff: An Economic Enquiry. (Melbourne University Press, 3s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1929.
- ECONOMIC RECORD, THE: The Journal of the Economic Society of Australia and New Zealand. (Melbourne University Press, 10s. *per annum.*) Melbourne, 1925 to date.
- HARRIS, H. I. Australia's national interests and national policy (Melbourne University Press, 5s.) Melbourne, 1938.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- COPLAND, D. B. The Australian economy: simple economic studies: 4th ed. (Angus & Robertson, 6s.) Sydney, 1941.
- COPLAND, D. B. and CLARK, Sir R. M. Profits and price control. (Angus & Robertson, 1s.) Sydney, 1941.
- DAVIDSON, Sir A. C. The economics of peace. (Angus & Robertson, 3s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941.
- ISLES, K. S., and WILLIAMS, B. R. The truth about compulsory savings. (Robertson & Mullens, 1s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1941.

Economic and Social Conditions—continued.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS.

- AUSTRALIA:—*Commonwealth grants commission*. Ninth report (1942) . . . on the applications made by the States of South Australia, Western Australia and Tasmania for financial assistance in 1941-42 from the Commonwealth under section 96 of the constitution. (Government Printer, 5s. 3d.) Canberra, 1942.
- VICTORIA:—*Parliament: Legislative assembly: Select committee on child endowment*. Report . . . and minutes of evidence. (Government Printer.) Melbourne, 1940.

Industrial Organization.

- SUTCLIFFE, J. T. *History of Trade Unionism in Australia*. (Macmillan, 6s.) Melbourne, 1921.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- FOENANDER, O. de K. *Solving labour problems in Australia*. (Melbourne University Press, 15s.) Melbourne, 1941.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS.

- NEW SOUTH WALES:—*Parliament: Select Committee . . . upon the employment of youth 'in industry*. Report . . . and minutes of the proceedings of the committee together with progress report from the select committee of session 1938-39-40 and minutes of the proceedings of, and evidence and appendices presented to, that committee. (Government Printer, 13s. 6d.) Sydney, 1940. (P.P. 30 of 1940.)
- NEW SOUTH WALES:—*Royal commission inquiring into . . . the compulsory retirement of employees in coal and oil shale mines in New South Wales at the age of sixty years*. Report . . . together with appxs. (Government Printer, 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941. (P.P. 66 of 1940-41.)

Industries, Resources and Trade.

- AUSTRALIA TO-DAY: Special Number of the Australian Traveller. (United Commercial Travellers Association of Australia, 2s. per issue.) Melbourne, 1905 to date.
- AUSTRALIA:—*Royal Commission on the wheat, flour and bread industries*. Second to fifth reports. (Government Printer, 28s. 4d.) Canberra, 1935-6.
- WOOL REVIEW: [annual]. (National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.) Melbourne, 1938 to date.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS.

- AUSTRALIA:—*Power Alcohol Committee of Inquiry*. Report: [appxs.]. (Government Printer, 3s. 6d.) Canberra, 1941. (P.P. 43 of 1940-41.)
- AUSTRALIA:—*Tariff Board*. Report on fishing industry, 23rd June, 1941: [appxs.]. (Government Printer, 1s. 6d.) Canberra, 1941. (P.P. 37 of 1940-41.)
- DODD, ALAN PARKHURST. *The biological campaign against prickly-pear*. (Government Printer.) Brisbane, 1940.
- TASMANIA:—*Board of inquiry on the hydro-electric commission*. Report. (Government Printer.) Hobart, 1941. (P.P. 1 of 1941.)
- TASMANIA:—*Parliament: Joint committee on the development of the fish canning industry in Tasmania*. Report . . . with minutes of proceedings and appx. (Government Printer.) Hobart, 1941. (P.P. 12 of 1941.)
- VICTORIA:—*Rivers and water supply commission*. *State*. River control in New Zealand and Victoria: by H. G. Strom. (Government Printer.) Melbourne, 1941.

Natural History.

- AUDAS, J. W. *Native trees of Australia*. (Whitcombe & Tombs, 21s.) Melbourne, 1934.
- CAYLEY, N. W. *What Bird is That? A Guide to the Birds of Australia*. (Angus & Robertson, 12s. 6d.) Sydney, 1931.
- CHAPMAN, F. *The book of fossils*. (Robertson & Mullens, 3s. 6d.) [Melbourne] (Sydney), 1934.
- DAVID, Sir T. W. E. *Explanatory Notes to accompany a New Geological Map of the Commonwealth of Australia*. (Angus & Robertson, 6s.) Sydney, 1932.
- EWART, A. J. *Flora of Victoria*. (Melbourne University Press, 30s.) Melbourne, 1930.
- HARRIS, T. Y. *Wild flowers of Australia*. (Angus & Robertson, 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1938.
- LEACH, J. A. *An Australian bird book: a complete guide to identification of the Australian species: revised and edited by C. Barrett*: 8th ed. (Whitcombe & Tombs, 8s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1939.
- WHITLEY, G. P. *The fishes of Australia*, pt. 1: the sharks, rays, devil-fish and other primitive fishes of Australia and New Zealand. (Royal Zoological Society of N.S.W., 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1940.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- JACKSON, A. A. *Sea shore, swamp and bush*. (Robertson & Mullens, 7s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1941.
- TROUGHTON, E. LE G. *Furred animals of Australia*. (Angus & Robertson, 14s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS.

- AUSTRALIA:—*Meteorology, Bureau of*. Climatological atlas of Australia. (Government Printer.) Melbourne, 1940.
- BRITISH SCIENCE GUILD:—*South Australian Branch*. The molluscs of South Australia: by Bernard C. Cotton and Frank K. Godfrey: pt. 2: Scaphopoda, Cephalopoda, Aplousophora and Crepidopoda. (Government Printer, 7s. 6d.) Adelaide, 1940.

Aborigines.

- BATES, Daisy, *Mrs.* The passing of the aborigines. (John Murray, 7s. 6d.) London, 1938.
 ELKIN, *Rev.* A. P. The Australian aborigines. (Angus & Robertson, 8s. 6d.) Sydney, 1938.
 KABERRY, P. M. Aboriginal women. (Routledge, 15s.) London, 1939.
 MCCARTHY, F. D. Australian aboriginal decorative art. (Australian Museum, 2s. 6d.) Sydney, 1938.
 NEEDHAM, *Rev.* J. S. White and Black in Australia. (S.P.C.K., 3s. 6d. and 2s. 6d.) London, 1935.
 OCEANIA: a journal devoted to the study of the native peoples of Australia, New Guinea and the islands of the Pacific Ocean. [Quarterly.] (Australian National Research Council, 20s. *per annum*.) Sydney, 1930 to date.
 SPENCER, *Sir* W. B., and GILLEN, F. J. The Arunta. 2 vols. (Macmillan, 36s.) London, 1927.
 WARNER, W. L. A black civilization: a social study of an Australian tribe. (Harper, \$5.) New York, 1937.
 See also the Annual Reports of the Administrator of the Northern Territory and of the Aboriginal Departments in Queensland, South Australia and Western Australia.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- FOXROFT, E. J. B. Australian native policy: its history especially in Victoria. (Melbourne University Press, 10s.) Melbourne, 1941.

Education.

- COLE, P. R., *editor*. The Education of the Adolescent in Australia. (Melbourne University Press, 10s.) Melbourne, 1935.
 The Primary School Curriculum in Australia. (Melbourne University Press, 10s.) Melbourne, 1932.
 The Rural School in Australia. (Melbourne University Press, 10s.) Melbourne, 1937.
 MUNN, R., and PITT, E. R. Australian Libraries: A Survey of Conditions and Suggestions for their Improvement. (Australian Council for Educational Research, 3s.) Melbourne, 1935.
 REVIEW OF EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA [annual]: by K. S. Cunningham and others. (Melbourne University Press, 8s. 6d. *per annum*.) Melbourne, 1939 to date.
 SPENCER, F. H. A report on technical education in Australia and New Zealand. (Carnegie Corporation.) New York, 1939.
 For records of specialized research, see the various publications of the Australian Council for Educational Research, Melbourne.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS.

- QUEENSLAND:—*Public instruction, Department of.* State education in Queensland. (Government Printer.) Brisbane, 1941.

Literature.***CRITICAL AND ANTHOLOGIES.**

- ANNUAL CATALOGUE OF AUSTRALIAN PUBLICATIONS. (Commonwealth National Library, 2s. *per issue*.) Canberra, 1936 to date.
 COWLING, G. H., and MACRICE, F. (i.e., F. L. T. Wilmot), *compilers*. Australian essays. (Melbourne University Press, 4s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1935.
 ELDERSHAW, M. Barnard. Essays in Australian fiction. (Melbourne University Press, 6s.) Melbourne, 1938.
 MACKANESS, G., *compiler*. Australian Short Stories. (Dent, 4s.) 2nd edition. London, 1932.
 MACKANESS, J. S., and MACKANESS, G., *compilers*. The Wide Brown Land: A New Anthology of Australian Verse. (Angus & Robertson, 4s. 6d. and 3s.) Sydney, 1934.
 SERLE, P., WILMOT, F. L. T. and CROLL, R. H. An Australasian anthology. (Collins, 3s. 6d.) London, 1929.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- MILLER, E. M. Australian literature from its beginnings to 1935. (Melbourne University Press, 42s.) Melbourne, 1940.
 STEPHENS, A. G. A. G. Stephens, his life and work: ed. by Vance Palmer. (Robertson & Mullens, 5s.) Melbourne, 1941.

Poetry.**RECENT PUBLICATIONS.**

- AUSTRALIAN POETRY, 1941. Selected by Douglas Stewart. (Angus & Robertson, 4s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941.
 HARFORD, L. The poems . . . (Melbourne University Press, 3s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1941.
 MUDIE, I. Corroboree to the sun. (Hawthorn Press, 5s.) Melbourne, 1940.
 O'DOWD, B. P. Poems: collected ed. (Lothian, 7s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1941.
 STEWART, D. Sonnets to the unknown soldier. (Angus & Robertson, 3s. 6d.) Sydney, 1941.

Drama.**RECENT PUBLICATIONS.**

- PRICHARD, K. S. Brumby Innes. (Patersons Printing Press.) Perth, 1940.

* The works of individual authors have not been included in the first section of this list. References to them will be found in Green and Serle.

Essays.**RECENT PUBLICATIONS.**

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DIARY OF PRINCIPAL ECONOMIC EVENTS.

The principal economic events for the years 1931 to 1938 were given on pp. 968 to 977 of the Official Year Book No. 33. The diary given in the following pages relate to happenings leading to the present war and subsequent events.

1939.

2nd January.—Owing to the refusal of waterside workers to load pig-iron for Japan 4,000 steel workers at Port Kembla were thrown out of employment.

29th January.—Arrival of technical members of British Air Mission to investigate possibilities of further development of aircraft manufacture in Australia. Subsequently one of the members stated that he was surprised at the potential capacity of Australian factories for the manufacture of aircraft.

7th February.—Internal loan of £8,525,710, 3½ per cent., issued at par, maturing in 1953–55, for public works and other purposes.

17th March.—Council for Scientific and Industrial Research directed to make comprehensive survey of the raw materials of industry; to ascertain what imports were vital to continuance of national effort; and to devise means of coping with the non-arrival of vital raw materials from overseas.

24th March.—Prime Minister announced that British and Commonwealth Governments had adopted the general recommendations of the British Air Mission regarding the manufacture of military aircraft in Australia; plant and equipment to start the industry estimated to cost £1,000,000.

27th March.—Test flight of Wirraway No. 1, the first modern service aircraft built in Australia.

29th March.—Revising its earlier decision, the Government decided to introduce immediately a compulsory register of man-power.

4th May.—The proposed new industry for the manufacture of tinplate in Australia would probably be established by Broken Hill Pty. Co. Ltd. at Whyalla (South Australia) at a cost of £2,500,000 and would give employment to 1,000 men.

9th May.—First cargo of steel—8,200 tons—sent from Australia to England left Newcastle.

24th May.—The Minister for Supply announced decision to proceed immediately with a compulsory register of productive capacity and resources of industries of defence significance.

30th May.—Internal loan of £4,751,470, 3½ per cent., issued at £99, maturing in 1953–55, for public works and other purposes.

7th June.—Commonwealth loan in London of £6,000,000, 4 per cent., issued at £98 10s., maturing in 1961–64, for defence purposes.

8th June.—Government accepted amendment to National Register Bill to provide for register of private wealth; all persons possessing assets of £500 or more to be required to furnish returns.

10th June.—Parramatta, the new 1,400-ton sloop for the Royal Australian Navy, launched at Cockatoo Dock.

22nd June.—Loan Council agreed to loans of £41,000,000 for Commonwealth and States.

27th June.—Internal loan by Commonwealth Bank of £3,000,000, 3½ per cent., issued at par, maturing 15th August, 1943, for public works and other purposes.

1st July.—Public debt at 30th June, 1939, was £1,295,022,972 or £186 os. 10d. per head of population.

2nd July.—It was reported that more than twenty ships had been chartered to carry to Britain cargoes of Australian steel totalling between 150,000 and 170,000 tons.

7th July.—Commonwealth Government surplus for 1938–39 was £627,309; the aggregate State deficit was £3,870,275.

1st August.—Savings Bank deposits reached record total of £245,548,615 at 30th June, 1939, equal to £35 5s. 7d. per head of population.

15th August.—Commonwealth Arbitration Court decided that in general the standard working week for Australian industry should be 44 hours.

26th August.—Commonwealth Government assumed wide powers to safeguard national interests.

28th August.—Commonwealth control of oversea exchange transactions and export of money.

29th August.—Commonwealth took over a number of Australian ships.

3rd September.—Australia declared war on Germany.

4th September.—Board set up for the control of shipping. Captain G. D. Williams appointed Controller of Shipping.

5th September.—Britain bought Australia's wool clip and surplus food products.

7th to 8th September.—Action taken for the control of prices to prevent profiteering. Professor D. B. Copland appointed Controller of Prices with the assistance of two assessors. Proclamation issued enumerating eighteen groups of commodities immediately subject to price control at rates obtaining on 31st August; list to be extended later as required.

Temporary budget presented providing for increases in income tax, sales tax, customs and excise duties, including spirits, beer and petrol, to raise £5,910,000. Expenditure for 1939-40 estimated at £101,916,000 and revenue £101,940,000.

9th September.—National Security and Trading with Enemy Acts passed.

13th September.—Status of official representative in Canada raised to that of High Commissioner. The Canadian Government announced intention of appointing a High Commissioner in Australia.

Australian wheat crop during war period acquired by Commonwealth Government and marketed through a compulsory Federal Wheat Pool.

21st September.—Australia offered the British Government six Australian Air Squadrons for service overseas.

23rd September.—Commonwealth control of exports.

29th September.—Regulations issued to create War-time Price-Fixing Organization, conferring virtually unlimited powers on Commissioner of Prices, who is enabled to compel sale of any goods in trade in Australia in the reasonable and ordinary course of trade.

3rd October.—Under the agreement with the British Government, Australian growers will receive 13.4375d. per lb. for current wool clip and also one-half of profit on resales by Britain.

5th October.—Commonwealth Emergency Planning and Organization Regulations gazetted, under which sixteen separate classes of industries engaged in manufacture of wide range of commodities are to furnish returns of their manufacturing operations.

Commonwealth Government assumed wide powers for marshalling of oversea credit of Australia for national purposes.

21st October.—Compulsory military training for home defence to be introduced from January, 1940.

31st October.—Plans for the Australian Air Expeditionary Force recast in view of unprecedented Empire Air Scheme.

1st November.—National Security Regulations issued empowering Commonwealth Government virtually to commandeer services of Australian factories.

17th November.—It was announced that between 8,000 and 10,000 men will probably be engaged in the manufacture of military aircraft in Australia during 1941.

29th November.—Prime Minister announced that Australian troops would embark for abroad early in New Year.

30th November.—Revised Commonwealth Budget for 1939-40 increased defence expenditure from £33,137,000 to £62,014,000. No increase in taxation.

1st December.—Internal loan of £12,000,000, arranged by the Commonwealth Bank in conjunction with the trading banks, interest 3½ per cent., issued at par; £4,000,000 repayable in each of the years 1942-44, for purposes of defence and public works.

Introduction of Import Licencing Regulation to control exports from non-sterling countries.

6th December.—Commonwealth Government decided to provide subsidy up to £1,500,000 to encourage the production of complete motor cars in Australia.

8th December.—Conversion loan in London of £4,604,800, 3½ per cent., issued at £99, maturing in 1942-44.

15th December.—Prime Minister stated that first objective of Australia's contribution to the Empire Air Scheme would be the training of 26,000 men, including 10,400 pilots, at an estimated cost of £A50,000,000.

19th December.—The Commonwealth Arbitration Court reduced by one month the "lag" of its automatic adjustments of wages—to operate from first pay-period in a February, May, August or November.

22nd December.—Company with nominal capital of £1,000,000 to be formed by Australian Consolidated Industries Ltd. to manufacture motor engines and chassis in Australia.

30th December.—Plans announced for a new £1,000,000 factory in Sydney for the manufacture of aeroplane engines.

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4th January.—Production of crude oil at Glen Davis, New South Wales.

8th January.—Right Hon. R. G. Casey, Minister for Supply and Development, appointed His Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States of America.

9th January.—Mr. C. E. Gauss, American Consul-General at Shanghai, appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Australia.

11th January.—Britain agreed to purchase large quantity of Australian wheat.

15th January.—Special committee appointed to direct all shipping between Australia and Great Britain.

24th January.—Commonwealth Bank and private trading banks reduced rates on fixed deposits by 5s. per cent.

31st January.—Agreement with Australian Consolidated Industries Ltd. for manufacture of motor cars in Australia suspended by Commonwealth Government.

7th February.—Recruiting for reinforcements for Second Australian Imperial Force to begin on 1st March, at rate of about 2,400 per month.

29th February.—Appointment of Aircraft Production Commission to supervise local production and maintenance of aircraft required in Australia for Empire Air Scheme.

1st March.—Internal loan of £18,164,740, 3½ per cent. for five years, or 3½ per cent. for ten to sixteen years, issued at par, for defence and public works.

6th March.—Additional troops to be recruited in Australia for service abroad; Second Australian Imperial Force to consist of existing Sixth Division, a Seventh Division and Corps troops totalling in all 48,000 men; further 42,000 reinforcements to be recruited before June, 1941; Army Co-operation Squadron of Royal Australian Air Force also to go abroad.

11th March.—General coal strike began after failure of proposal that colliery owners or mining unions should apply to Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for compulsory conference.

14th March.—New Commonwealth Ministry sworn in; Country Party represented by three Ministers and two Assistant Ministers.

18th March.—Sale of war savings certificates began.

29th March.—New regulations governing private investment of money and interest rates.

30th March.—Further restrictions on imports from non-sterling countries; import of more than £2,000,000 worth of goods a year prohibited.

11th April.—Commonwealth Government ordered immediate compulsory census of coal stocks throughout Australia.

1st May.—Commonwealth Bank reduced interest rate on Treasury Bills from 1½ to 1¼ per cent.

2nd May.—Commonwealth Treasurer announced proposals to increase taxation revenue by £20,000,000 in next financial year.

3rd May.—Regulations issued empowering Commonwealth Government to re-open coal-mines and protect all free labour engaged.

9th May.—Commonwealth Government decided to re-open coal-mines; volunteer labour to be sought.

10th May.—Gas restrictions imposed in Sydney owing to coal strike.

13th May.—New South Wales Premier signed proclamation calling for volunteer labour for coal-mines. Age-limit for Australian Imperial Force volunteers increased from 35 to 40 years.

20th May.—Coal strike ended; dispute to be referred immediately to Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

22nd May.—Plans for acceleration of war effort announced by Prime Minister; a third Australian Imperial Force division for service abroad to be raised; Brigadier-General H. W. Lloyd appointed Director-General of Recruiting; Mr. Essington Lewis appointed Director-General of Munition Supplies; naval graving dock for capital ships to be constructed at Sydney at cost of nearly £3,000,000.

28th May.—Commonwealth Bank and private trading banks reduced interest rates on fixed deposits by $\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. Newsprint rationing plan announced. Loan Council appointed a Co-ordinator-General of Works to make recommendations to the Loan Council on the relative merits of civil loan works.

20th May.—Internal war loan of £20,582,490, $2\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. for five years, or $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. for ten to sixteen years.

31st May.—Commonwealth Parliament passed Bill concluding agreement between Government and Australian Consolidated Industries Ltd. for manufacture of motor cars in Australia, but clause granting monopoly to company deleted.

6th June.—Commonwealth Government to spend £2,032,000 on training aircraft and bomber 'planes; order for 500 trainers placed in Australia.

10th June.—Italy declared war on Allies.

11th June.—Announcement of petrol rationing scheme to effect reduction of one-third of petrol consumption.

21st June.—National Security Act amended giving Commonwealth Ministry widest powers ever held by an Australian Government.

23rd June.—Mass production of anti-tank guns planned by Commonwealth Government. Importance to the war effort of salvage of all waste metals and paper stressed by Minister for Supply.

25th June.—Arrival of New Zealand Minister for Supply to discuss industrial co-operation between Australia and New Zealand.

26th June.—Plans prepared by Ministry of Munitions for expenditure of £50,000,000 to expand munitions production.

28th June.—Further non-sterling import restrictions on goods valued at £2,650,000.

6th July.—Prime Minister stated 150,000 persons will be employed directly and indirectly in making munitions within twelve months.

8th July.—Commonwealth Treasurer announced surplus of £2,928,000 for year ended 30th June, 1940.

12th July.—San Francisco—Auckland air service inaugurated.

19th July.—Australian Imperial Force strength in Australia fixed at 80,000; recruiting temporarily interrupted. Imports from Netherlands East Indies to be given similar treatment to that given to countries within sterling area.

26th July.—Prime Minister announced establishment of Trade Unions Advisory Panel; invited A.C.T.U. to be represented; six other unions joined panel.

31st July.—Proclamation issued for the calling up of four new age-groups (20, 22, 23 and 24) of men in Australia for military training under plan to maintain home defence force of 250,000.

1st August.—Introduction of compulsory system of tax collection by instalments announced by Commonwealth Treasurer.

2nd August.—War Cabinet plans to expand production of power alcohol; committee to be appointed to explore possibilities of producing fuel from molasses and wheat.

9th August.—Australian motor-car importers agreed to cease importing motor chassis for nine months.

13th August.—Air crash at Canberra ; three Commonwealth Ministers killed.

14th August.—Loan Council approved of gross loan works expenditure in 1940-41 of £19,729,000, compared with £23,267,000 in 1939-40.

16th August.—Amended petrol rationing proposals announced.

18th August.—Sir John Latham appointed first Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Japan.

20th August.—Commonwealth Treasurer estimated cost of war to be £177,000,000 for 1940-41. Unemployed number lowest on record.

26th August.—First Australian petrol produced on commercial scale distilled.

29th August.—Record Australian butter production for 1939-40.

1st September.—Record Australian wool production for 1939-40.

3rd September.—Extension of Empire Air Training Scheme announced by Minister for Air ; another 1,200 aeroplanes to be acquired.

18th September.—Australian price of gold reached record peak at £10 14s. a fine ounce.

21st September.—Commonwealth elections held.

1st October.—Petrol rationing began.

9th October.—Amendment to Commonwealth Investment Control Regulations.

10th October.—Arrangements made for storage in United States of America of 250,000,000 lb. of Australian wool as strategic reserve to be held by British Government.

11th October.—Commonwealth Government loan of £1,000,000 to States for drought relief.

22nd October.—Australian political leaders agreed on establishment of National Advisory War Council.

6th November.—Departure of Sir John Latham, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary for Japan.

8th November.—Sinking of British oversea vessel in Bass Strait, attributed to enemy mine ; Bass Strait temporarily closed to shipping.

Wheat stabilization scheme announced ; guaranteed price of 3s. 6d. per bushel f.o.r., ports, bagged wheat, and licensing of growers to ensure rigid control over production. Commonwealth Government approved loan of £2,770,000 for drought relief.

Action taken by Commonwealth Government to control by licence release of dutiable goods in order to prevent abnormal clearances in anticipation of higher duties.

12th November.—Australian war expenditure rose to £153,000,000 a year ; £98,000,000 more than previous year.

18th November.—Revised wheat stabilization plan providing for payment of 3s. 10d. per bushel f.o.b., ports, bagged wheat.

21st November.—Commonwealth Treasurer introduced record war-time Budget, providing for increases in direct and indirect taxation. For 1940-41 revenue estimated at £150,100,000, expenditure, omitting War Services, at £84,853,000, and War Services expenditure charged to the Budget at £65,220,000, making total expenditure of £150,073,000. In addition loan expenditure estimated at £119,731,000, comprising £117,231,000 for defence and war purposes.

28th November.—Internal war and works loan of £28,499,420, 2½ per cent. for five years and 3½ per cent. for ten to sixteen years.

5th December.—Commonwealth Government effected compromise with Labour Party on Budget proposals.

Building control regulations—approval of Commonwealth Treasurer necessary for erection of new buildings and alterations costing over £5,000.

8th December.—Payment of third advance of 3d. per bushel on wheat of 1939-40 crop.

11th December.—Revised scheme for applying War-time Company Tax accepted by Commonwealth Government.

13th December.—Ten more age-groups liable for military service in Australia ; all single men and widowers without children, aged 19 years and in the 25 to 33 age-groups (inclusive) affected.

16th December.—Prime Minister announced establishment of Central Reference Board for conciliation in coal industry.

31st December.—Broken Hill Pty. Co. Ltd. applied to Commonwealth Treasurer for permission to raise £2,500,000 by issue of 2,500,000 shares at par; extra capital to be used for shipbuilding.

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8th January.—Decision to form Australian Armoured Corps of 10,000 men.

10th January.—Another Army Co-operation Air Squadron to be offered Great Britain for service in Middle East.

22nd January.—Royal Commission in, New South Wales, recommended compulsory retirement of coal and shale miners at 60 years on pension to be provided—one-half by mine owners, one-quarter by mine workers and one-quarter by the State.

30th January.—Commonwealth Shipping Control Board appointed.

1st February.—At Premier's Conference, Acting Prime Minister submitted proposals for uniform income taxation.

7th February.—Applications for increase in Basic Wage refused by Commonwealth Arbitration Court. Quota for motor-car imports reduced.

8th February.—United States Congress passed "Lend-lease" Bill.

13th February.—Further restriction of petrol from 1st April. Appointment of Commonwealth Coal Board.

14th February.—Fall in prices in Australian Stock Exchange.

20th February.—Announcement that militia troops would spend alternative periods of 90 days in and 90 days out of camp to ensure that 125,000 troops would be under arms for home defence. Commonwealth Government to provide £6,000,000 for Merchant Shipbuilding.

22nd February.—Newsprint production began at Boyer, Tasmania.

28th February.—Government war risk insurance of ships on Australia register begun.

14th March.—Japanese Envoy, Mr. Tashouo Kawai, presented credentials to the Governor-General, Canberra.

19th March.—Further revision of petrol ration.

20th March.—Commonwealth Government to plan three months emergency storage of household goods costing approximately £6,000,000.

21st March.—War service Moratorium Regulations revised.

25th March.—Commonwealth Government fixed rents at rates ruling on 31st December, 1940, in States where Fair Rents Boards were operating (Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania).

4th April.—Government plan announced for the stabilization of mutton and lamb industry by acquisition and encouragement of home consumption. British Government agreed to purchase exportable surplus of season's canned fruits.

22nd April.—United Kingdom Government contract meat purchases from Australia for year ended 30th September, 1941, restored to 198,000 tons after reduction to 144,000 tons in January.

29th April.—Commonwealth Loan of £35,000,000 opened. Terms $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., maturing 1946 or $3\frac{1}{4}$ per cent., maturing 1950–56 issued at par. Closed 19th May, oversubscribed by £860,000.

2nd May.—New petrol rations announced to operate from 1st June.

10th May.—New South Wales Labour Party successful at State elections.

16th May.—Closing of Commonwealth £13,500,000 Conversion Loan in London; £8,200,000 converted balance to be redeemed on 1st October.

27th May.—New regulation restricting the transfer of skilled workers from one job to another.

9th June.—Five-year merchant shipbuilding plan announced. Sixty ships to be built of 5,000 tons gross in four States: South Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria.

13th June.—Extension of Moratorium Regulations protecting members of the forces and their dependants.

18th June.—Second advance of 4d. a bushel on 1940–41 season's wheat, making total advance 3s. 4d. for bagged and 3s. 7½d. for bulk both less freight, also a final advance of 1½d. bushel on 1939–40 pool, making the total advanced 3s. 6½d. for bagged and 3s. 4½d. for bulk wheat.

19th June.—Newsprint rationed to 55 per cent. of pre-war level.

26th June.—Prime Minister announced plans for more effective war effort with re-organization of Commonwealth Cabinet and administration; Cabinet divided into a War Cabinet and Economic and Industrial Committee; five new Departments formed—Aircraft Production, Transport, War Organization of Industry, Home Security, and External Territories; seven Parliamentary Committees appointed—War Expenditure, Social Security, Profits, Man-power and Resources, Broadcasting, Taxation and Rural Industries.

27th June.—Commonwealth Government's proposal for uniform taxation rejected by State Governments.

30th June.—Further restrictions on imports from non-sterling countries.

1st July.—Commonwealth Child Endowment commenced. Restrictions on imports from sterling countries.

4th July.—Capital Issues Regulations restricting the sale of land.

9th July.—Commonwealth Revenue in 1940-41 amounted to £150,482,000.

15th July.—Petrol—Government control of imports, storage and distribution.

21st July.—Visit of Australian delegation to the United States to discuss trade proposals.

22nd July.—Commonwealth £3,000,000 Conversion Loan closed in London.

25th July.—Returned members of A.I.F. awaiting employment to receive for maximum period of three months, £2 2s. per week for single and £3 per week for married men plus 7s. 6d. per week for each child with maximum of £4 2s. 6d. per week.

26th July.—Application of sanctions against Japan; Japanese balances in Australia "frozen" under exchange control regulations.

29th July.—First payment of Commonwealth Child Endowment.

7th August.—Division of import procurement established in Sydney in connexion with lend-lease goods from the United States of America.

9th August.—Loan Council decision to reduce State's loan quotas from £24,000,000 to £20,000,000.

12th August.—Atlantic Charter signed by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill.

26th August.—War-workers Housing Trust established.

28th August.—Honorable A. Fadden succeeded Right Honorable R. G. Menzies as Prime Minister. Sir Frederic Eggleston left Australia as first Australian Minister to China.

17th September.—Commonwealth Grants Commission recommended grants for 1941-42; South Australia £1,150,000, Western Australia £630,000 and Tasmania £520,000.

22nd September.—Commonwealth Bank and trading banks reduced by 5s. per cent. all fixed deposit rates excepting for three monthly period.

25th September.—Commonwealth Budget for 1941-42 introduced by Mr. Fadden provided for total expenditure of £322,000,000 including £217,000,000 for war purposes. Revenue estimated at £170,000,000 including £7,000,000 from increased taxation and postal charges; Expenditure on non-war services estimated at £102,000,000. Loan expenditure estimated at £152,000,000 of which £25,000,000 was compulsory loan, designed to make the total levy on incomes uniform in the States.

3rd October.—Fadden Government defeated on Budget.

7th October.—Mr. Curtin formed Labour Ministry. Opening of Commonwealth £100,000,000, cash and conversion loan, terms 2½ per cent., maturing 1945-46 and 3½ per cent., maturing 1950-57.

29th October.—Revised Budget introduced by Mr. Chifley provided for total expenditure of £325,000,000 including £221,000,000 for war purposes. Revenue estimated at £186,000,000 including £22,000,000 from increased taxation and postal charges. Expenditure on non-war services estimated at £103,480,000, Loan expenditure estimated at £139,000,000, Service pay and invalid and old-age pensions increased, Income Tax increased (on incomes over £1,500), increases in war-time company tax, sales tax, customs and excise duties and a gift duty introduced.

Regulations announced for war-time banking control—All trading banks to be licensed and all surplus investible funds to be lodged with Commonwealth Bank, profits to be limited and full statements of accounts to be furnished to Commonwealth Bank.

12th November.—Report of Board of inquiry into Hire purchase and Cash order transactions.

17th November.—£100,000,000 loan filled : £66,000,000 converted out of £73,000,000 ; Cash amounted to £34,000,000.

26th November.—Trading Banks War-time control : £20,000,000 Surplus funds to be deposited with Commonwealth Bank.

27th November.—Loss of £1,500,000 on Apple and Pear acquisition scheme for 1941 season.

28th November.—Rent control regulations provided that no dwelling house let at less than £4 4s. per week be at rental greater than that paid on 31st August, 1939 ; evictions subject to approval of Fair Rents Court.

5th December.—First advance on 1941-42 season's wheat crop announced ; 3s. bushel for bagged and 2s. 10d. for bulk, both less freight.

7th December.—War in the Pacific launched by Japanese attack upon the American Naval Base at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, followed by declaration of war by Japan upon Great Britain and the United States of America.

8th December.—All Japanese Nationals in Australia handed over to Military authorities for internment. Total prohibition of imports of 643 items from all sterling areas excepting New Zealand and British and French Pacific Islands. Transport services placed on emergency basis.

9th December.—Proclamation issued declaring Australia at war with the Japanese Empire as from 5 p.m., 8th December.

11th December.—Late shopping nights abolished.

16th December.—War-tax estimated to yield £20,000,000 in full year imposed at flat rate of 1s. in £ on income of £300 per annum and over falling to 6d. in £ on income of £156 per annum. Company tax increased by 1s. in £.

19th December.—Postponement of State Public Works not essential to war effort pending report by Co-ordinator-General of Works.

20th December.—Compulsory scheme of property insurance against war damage announced.

22nd December.—Commonwealth authority to control all forms of transport.

27th December.—Industrial Relations Council established to advise on industrial matters to consist of eight employers and eight employees representatives with independent chairman.