

CHAPTER XXIX.

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 for 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 Australia ; and (2) State publications dealing with individual States only. Besides these, there are many other circulars, 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 May, 1949 :—

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. (Statistician's Report), 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.

Census (1947) Results.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 16. For details *see* back page.

Crop Summary.—Annually, 1943–44 to 1947–48.

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 1947–48 annually.

Food Production and the Consumption of Foodstuffs and Nutrients in Australia.—Half-yearly, 1946–47, 1947 and 1947–48.

Fruit Summary.—Annually, 1944–45 to 1947–48.

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

Labour Report.—Annually, 1913 to 1947.

- Live-stock Summary*.—Annually, 1943 to 1948.
- Local Government in Australia*.—July, 1919.
- Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.—First issue, October, 1937.
- Occupation Survey (1945) Results*.—Detailed tables.
- Official Year Book of the Commonwealth of Australia*.—Annually, 1907 to present issue (1946 and 1947).
- Oversea Trade*.—Bulletins, annually, 1906 to 1946-47.
- Pocket Compendium of Australian Statistics* (formerly *Statistical Digest*).—1913, 1914, 1916, and 1918 to 1948 annually.
- Population and Vital Statistics*.—Bulletins and Reports, various, 1906-1910. *Demography*, 1911 to 1946 annually.
- Production*.—Bulletin, annually, 1906 to 1945-46. 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 1946-47 annually.
- Vegetable Summary*.—Annually, 1942-43 to 1947-48.
- 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*.—Periodically; 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); *Pocket Year Book* (annual); *Statistical Bulletin* (monthly to December, 1919, quarterly to June, 1943, then discontinued to September, 1948); *Monthly Summary of Business Statistics*.
- (b) Victoria—Statistical Register (annual to 1916, then discontinued); *Victorian Year Book* (annual); *Statistical Abstracts* (quarterly to 1917, then discontinued to December, 1946).
- (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 1937 to 1941, then discontinued to 1945).
- (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); *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*.

§ 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 period and of official publications, excluding annual reports, of the same period. In the present list the period covered is 1st January, 1946 to 31st December, 1947. 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.

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: 3rd ed. 2 v (Angus & Robertson, 55s.) Sydney, 1926-27 (o.p., but new ed. in preparation).
- AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PUBLICITY ASSOCIATION. Australia: official handbook. (The Association, 3s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1947.
- MADIGAN, C. T. Central Australia. 2nd ed. (Oxford University Press, 15s.) Melbourne, 1944.
- OFFICIAL YEAR BOOK OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA: Nos. 1 to date. (Government Printer, 5s. per issue.) Canberra, 1908, to date.
- TAYLOR, T. G. Australia: a study of warm environments and their effect on British settlement. (Methuen, 21s.) London, 1940 (o.p., but new ed. printing).
- 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, 6s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1943.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE. Handbook of Western Australia prepared for the use of members of the Association. (The Association). Perth, 1947.
- AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL PUBLICITY ASSOCIATION. Australian cavalcade: [pictorial]. (The Association, 2s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1947. Consists mainly of photographs with descriptive notes.
- BARNARD, Marjorie F. The Sydney Book: drawings by Sydney Ure Smith. (Ure Smith, 5s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.
- BARRETT, C. L. The sunlit land: wanderings in Queensland. (Cassell, 16s.) Melbourne, 1947.
- BIRTLES, Dora E. Australia in colour: ed. by S. Ure Smith. (John Sands, 5s.) Sydney, 1946. Reproduction of landscapes by Australian artists with a descriptive article by Dora Birtles.
- CLUNE, F. P. Roaming around Australia. (Hawthorn Press, 12s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1947.
- DENNING, W. E. The road to Canberra: the story of a highway. (Australasian Publishing Co., 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.
- GRATTAN, C. H. Introducing Australia: revised ed. (Day, \$5.00.) New York, 1947.
- GRATTAN, C. H., ed. Australia: [chapters by K. H. Bailey and others.] (California University Press, \$5.00.) Berkeley, 1947.
- HARNEY, W. E. North of 23°: ramblings in Northern Australia. (Australasian Publishing Co., 9s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946.
- HURLEY, P. J. From Kosciusko to the sea: a journey along the River Murray. (Dymock's, 15s.) Sydney, 1946.
- IDRESS, I. L. In crocodile land: wandering in Northern Australia. (Angus & Robertson, 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946.
- MADIGAN, C. T. Crossing the dead heart. (Georgian House, 12s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1946.
- MORRISON, P. C., ed. Melbourne's garden: a descriptive and pictorial record of the Botanic Gardens, Melbourne. (Melbourne University Press, 21s.) Melbourne, 1947.
- TENNANT, G. J. and HAY, W. O., comp. Displaying Australia. (Australia Story Trust printed by Manz Corporation, Chicago, 36s.) Sydney, 1945. Photographs illustrating many phases of Australian life.
- ZIEGLER, O. L., ed. This is Australia. (Editor, 37s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.

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. (Department of External Affairs, 2s. 6d.) Canberra, 1940.
- FORTUNE, R. F. Manus religion. (Oxford University Press, 13s. 6d.) Oxford, 1936.
- MALINOWSKI, B. Coral gardens and their magic: a study of the methods of tilling the soil and of agricultural rites in the Trobriand Islands: 2 v. (Allen & Unwin, 42s.) London, 1935.

Territories Outside Australia—*continued.*

- MEAD, M. From the South Seas: studies of adolescence and sex in primitive societies. 3 v. in 1. (Morrow, \$4.) New York, 1939.
- OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF NEW GUINEA. (External Territories Department, 7s. 6d.) Canberra, 1937. (Re-issued 1943 with supplements.)
- REEB, S. W. The making of modern New Guinea: with special reference to culture contact in the Mandated Territory. (American Philosophical Society and Institute of Pacific relations, \$3.) Philadelphia, 1943.
- WHITING, J. W. M. Becoming a Kwoma: teaching and learning in a New Guinea tribe. (Yale University Press, \$2.75.) New Haven, 1941.
- WILLIAMS, F. E. Orokaiva magic. (Oxford University Press, 12s. 6d.) Oxford, 1928.
- Orokaiva society. (Oxford University Press, 25s.) Oxford, 1930.
- Papians of the Trans-Fly. (Oxford University Press, 30s.) Oxford, 1936.
- See also the annual reports of the Administrators of the various Territories, the anthropological reports of the Governments of Papua and New Guinea, and material appearing in *Oceania*.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- LASERON, C. F. South with Mawson: reminiscences of the Australasian Antarctic Expedition, 1911-1914. (Australasian Publishing Co., 12s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.

History.

- CAMBRIDGE HISTORY OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, v. 7, pt. 1: Australia. (Cambridge University Press, 35s.) Cambridge, 1933.
- FITZPATRICK, B. C. British imperialism and Australia, 1783-1833: an economic history of Australasia. (Allen & Unwin, 18s.) London, 1930. (New ed. printing.)
- HANCOCK, William Keith. Australia. (Australasian Publishing Co., 7s. 11d.) Sydney, 1945. (First published in Great Britain in 1930.)
- HISTORICAL RECORDS OF AUSTRALIA: ed. J. F. Watson (in progress). (Commonwealth Parliament Library Committee, Canberra, 12s. 6d. per v.) Sydney, 1914 to date. (34 v. 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.
- SHANN, E. O. G. An economic history of Australia. (Georgian House, 18s.) Melbourne, 1948.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

- FITZPATRICK, B. C. The Australian people, 1788-1945. (Melbourne University Press, 12s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1946.
- GOLDSMITH, F. H. Treasure lies buried here. (Pitman, 10s.) Perth, 1946.
- MURTAGH, J. G. Australia: the Catholic chapter. (Sheed & Ward, \$3.00.) New York, 1946.
- NORMAN, L. Sea wolves and bandits: sealing, whaling, smuggling and piracy, wild men of Van Diemen's Land . . . with a chronology of curious and interesting facts relating to old Van Diemen's Land, and (from 1856) to Tasmania. (J. Welch & Sons.) Hobart, 1946.
- PORTUS, Rev. G. V. Britain and Australia. (Longmans, Green, 1s. 3d.) London, 1946. (Longman's pamphlets on the British Commonwealth.)
- RAFFAELLO, C. The Bureka Stockade: the consequence of some pirates wanting on quarter deck a rebellion: introd. by Brian Fitzpatrick. (Dolphin Publications, 4s.) Melbourne, [1947]. (First published in Melbourne in 1855.)

Military and Naval History.

- AUSTRALIA—Army—Public relations directorate. The Australian army at war: an official record of service in two hemispheres, 1939-1945. (The Directorate.) Melbourne, 1947.
- OFFICIAL HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA IN THE WAR OF 1914-18: editor, C. E. W. Bean. 12 v. (Australian War Memorial, 21s. per v. V. 8, 10, 11: 18s.) Canberra, 1921-42.
- OFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE WAR OF 1914-18: editor, Col. A. G. Butler. 3 v. (Australian War Memorial, 21s. per v.) Canberra, 1930-43.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Official—

- BEAN, C. E. W. Anzac to Amiens: a shorter history of the Australian fighting services in the first world war. (Australian War Memorial, 25s.) Canberra, 1946.

Other—

- BULCOCK, R. Of death but once. (Cheshire, 10s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1947.
- FELDT, E. A., commander. The coast watchers. (Oxford University Press, 17s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1946.
- HUGHES, W. S. KENT. Slaves of the Samurai: an Australian odyssey, which gives an account of the life and thoughts of a slave of the Samurai, during his three years and seven months as a prisoner of war in the hands of the Japanese. (Oxford University Press, 15s.) Melbourne, 1946.
- JOHNSON, F., editor. R.A.A.F. over Europe: prepared by members of R.A.A.F. overseas headquarters, London. (Eyre & Spottiswoode, 12s. 6d.) London, 1946.
- RHYE, L. My ship is so small. (Georgian House, 9s.) Melbourne, 1946.
- RIVETT, R. D. Behind bamboo: an inside story of the Japanese prison camps. (Angus & Robertson, 12s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946 (o.p.).
- ROSS, W. H. "Stormy petrel": the life story of H.M.A.S. Sydney. (Paterson's Printing Press, 10s. 6d.) Perth, 1946.
- SUMMONS, W. J. Twice their prisoner. (Oxford University Press, 12s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1946.

Biography.

- BIOGRAPHICAL HANDBOOK AND RECORD OF ELECTIONS FOR THE PARLIAMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH (Commonwealth Parliament Library Committee, 10s. 6d.) Canberra, 1945.
(A new issue is produced for each Federal Parliament.)
- WHO'S WHO IN AUSTRALIA: 13th ed. by A. H. Chisholm. (Herald Press, 31s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1947.
- RECENT PUBLICATIONS.**
- CHISHOLM, A. H. The making of a sentimental bloke: a sketch of the remarkable career of C. J. Dennis. (Georgian House, 10s. 6s.) Melbourne, 1946.
- CHISHOLM, A. R. Christopher Brennan: the man and his poetry. (Angus & Robertson, 5s.) Sydney, 1946.
- ELLIS, M. H. Iachlan Macquarie: his life, adventures and times. (Dymock's, 42s.) Sydney, 1947.
- GRIMWADE, R. Flinders Lane: recollections of Alfred Felton. (Melbourne University Press, 10s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1947.
- HOLMAN, Ada. Memoirs of a Premier's wife. (Angus & Robertson, 12s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.
- HUGHES, Rt. Hon. W. M. Crusades and crusades: tales of bygone days. (Angus & Robertson, 8s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.
- McLAURIN, M. D. Sir Henry: a biographical sketch of Sir Henry Parkes, G.C.M.G. (Whitcombe & Tombs, 9s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.
- TURNBULL, C. Eureka: the story of Peter Lalor. (Hawthorn Press, 8s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1946.

Constitution and Administration.*

- AUSTRALIA—*Laws, Statutes, etc.* 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 v. and supplements. (Government Printer, £6 6s., supplements 10s. per annum.) Canberra, 1936.
- AUSTRALIA—*Prime Minister's Department.* The federal guide: a handbook of the organization and functions of Commonwealth government departments and special war-time authorities, April, 1947. (Government Printer.) Canberra, 1947.
- AUSTRALIA—*Royal Commission on the Constitution of the Commonwealth.* Report. (Government Printer, 10s. 6d.) Canberra, 1929.
- AUSTRALIAN DIGEST, THE, 1825-1933 AND SUPPLEMENTS 1934-46: 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: 33 v. (Law Book Co., 60s. per v.) Sydney, 1934 to 1946. Annual supplements, 21s.
- BLAND, F. A., ed. Government in Australia: selected readings. (Government Printer, 25s.) Sydney, 1944.
- COMMONWEALTH law reports. (Law Book Co., 52s. 6d. per v.) Sydney, 1903 to date.
- KERR, D. The law of the Australian constitution. (Law Book Co., 40s.) Sydney, 1925.
- KNOWLES, Sir GEORGE 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.
- PARKER, R. S. Public service recruitment in Australia. (Melbourne University Press, 10s.) Melbourne, 1942.
- WOOD, F. L. The constitutional development of Australia. (Harrap, 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1933.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.*Official—*

- AUSTRALIA—*Laws, Statutes, etc.* Manual of national security legislation (6th ed.) as in force on 2nd September, 1945, with annotations setting out amendments to 31st December, 1945. 2 v. (Government Printer, 13s. 6d.) Canberra, 1946.

Other—

- BLAND, F. A. Budget control: an introduction to the financial system of New South Wales: 4th ed. (Angus & Robertson, 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946.
- FOENANDER, O. de R. Industrial regulation in Australia: a study of awards, method of remuneration fixation and the status of trade unions under the Australian regulative system. (Melbourne University Press, 17s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1947.
- GREENWOOD, G. The future of Australian federalism: a commentary on the working of the constitution. (Melbourne University Press, 17s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1946.
- LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF N.S.W. Local government in the post-war period. (The Association, 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1945. (Proceedings of the 1st local government summer school.)
- SENIOR, E. D. Australian systems of voting: the ballot and the scrutiny. (Current Book Distributors, 1s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946.

Political History and International Relations.

- 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.
- CURRENT PROBLEMS: [monthly]. (C.P. Publishing Co., 12s. 6d. p.a.) Sydney, 1931 to date.
- DEAKIN A. The federal story: the inner history of the federal cause: foreword by the Rt. Hon. W. A. Watt: ed. by Herbert Brookes. (Robertson & Mullens, 12s. 6d.) Melbourne, 1944.
- EVATT, Rt. hon. H. V. Australian labour leader: the story of W. A. Holman and the labour movement: 2nd ed. (Angus & Robertson, 8s. 6d.) Sydney, 1942.
- Foreign policy of Australia: speeches. (Angus & Robertson, 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1945.
- 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.
- SHEPHERD, J. Australia's interests and policies in the far east. (Institute of Pacific Relations, \$1.50 paper bound.) New York, 1940.

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

Political History and International Relations—*continued.*

RECENT PUBLICATIONS—

Official—

- CLARK, C. I. *The Parliament of Tasmania: an historical sketch.* (Government Printer.) Hobart, 1947.
- EVATT, *Rt. hon.* H. V. *Foreign affairs: ministerial statement, together with related documents tabled by [the] Minister on the 26th February, 1947.* (Government Printer, 1s. 8d.) Canberra, 1947.

Other—

- AUSTRALIAN OUTLOOK, THE (incorporating the Austral-Asiatic bulletin): [quarterly]. (Australia Institute of International Affairs, 2s. 6d. *per issue.*) Sydney, 1947 to date.
- DENNING, W. E. *Inside parliament.* (Australasian Publishing Co., 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946.
- EVATT, *Rt. hon.* H. V. *Australia in world affairs.* (Angus & Robertson, 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946.
- LEVI, W. *American-Australian relations.* (University of Minnesota Press, \$2.75.) Minneapolis, 1947.
- STEVENS, Sir Bertram. *New horizons: a study of Australian-Indian relationships.* (Peter Huston, 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946.

Economic and Social Conditions.

- AUSTRALIA—*Commonwealth housing commission.* Final report, 25th August, 1944. (Department of Post-war Reconstruction, 7s. 6d.) Canberra, 1945.
- AUSTRALIA—*Parliament—Joint Committee on social security.* First to ninth interim reports. (Government Printer, 11s. 3d.) Canberra, 1941-46.
- AUSTRALIA'S post-war economy: by L. G. Melville [*and others*]: papers read at the eleventh summer school of the Australian institute of political science, held in Sydney . . . 1945. (Australasian Publishing Co. 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1945.
- COPLAND, D. B. *The Australian economy: simple economic studies: 5th ed.* (Angus & Robertson, 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1946.
- ECONOMIC RECORD, THE: the journal of the Economic society of Australia and New Zealand. (Melbourne University Press, 10s. *per annum.*) Melbourne, 1925 to date.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Official—

- AUSTRALIA—*National health survey committee.* Report and recommendations on health of coal-miners (Government Printer, 3s.) Canberra, 1946. (P.P. 50 of 1945-46.)
- AUSTRALIA—*Works and housing, Department of—Directorate of Housing.* About housing. (The Department, *gratis.*) Melbourne, 1946.
- COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA. Commonwealth Bank of Australia in the second world war: an outline of the Bank's principal war-time activities from the outbreak of war in September, 1939, to the termination of hostilities in September, 1945: [compiled by C. L. Mobbs]. (John Sands, 20s.) Sydney, 1947.
- TASMANIA—*Parliament—Joint Committee . . . on all aspects of home building [etc.] Home building: report of . . . committee . . . with minutes of proceedings.* (Government Printer.) Hobart, 1947.

Other—

- AMALGAMATED ENGINEERING UNION—*Australian section.* Souvenir 25th Anniversary. (The Union, *not for sale.*) Sydney, 1947.
- AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. Summer school, 1946. A white Australia: Australia's population problem: by W. D. Borrie [*and others*] (Australasian Publishing Co., 7s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.
- AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. Winter Forum, 1946. Repatriation and rehabilitation: by Cyril Smith [*and others*]. (Australasian Publishing Co., 3s. 9d.) Sydney, 1946.
- AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. Winter Forum, 1947. The housing problem in Australia: by W. Bunning [*and others*]: papers read at Winter Forum. (Angus & Robertson, 4s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.
- COUNCIL OF SOCIAL SERVICES OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Directory of social service agencies Sydney. (The Council, 10s.) Sydney, 1946.
- THE FABIAN SOCIETY OF N.S.W. The case for bank nationalization. (The Society, 6d.) Sydney, 1947. (Pamphlet No. 1.)
- GIFFORD, J. L. K., and WOOD, J. V. *Australian banking.* (University of Queensland, 21s.) Brisbane, 1947.
- HILL, Ernestine. *Flying doctor calling: the Flying Doctor Service of Australia.* (Angus & Robertson, 10s. 6d.) Sydney, 1947.
- HOLT, A. J. *Wheat farms of Victoria: a sociological survey.* (Melbourne University School of Agriculture, 10s.) Melbourne, 1946.
- SHAW, A. G. L. *Economic development of Australia: rev. ed.* (Longmans, 7s.) London, 1946.
- WALKER, E. R. *The Australian economy in war and reconstruction.* (Oxford University Press, \$6.00.) New York, 1947.
- WALLACE, V. H. *Women and children first: an outline of a population policy for Australia.* (Oxford University Press, 15s.) Melbourne, 1946.

Industries, Resources and Trade.

- AUSTIN, H. B. The merino : past, present and probable. (Grahame Book Co., 30s.) Sydney, 1943.
- AUSTRALIA—*Parliament—Joint Committee on rural industries.* First to fifth progress reports. (Government Printer, 9d., 1s., 9d., 3d., 1s.) Canberra, 1941-42. (P.P. 41, 60, 75, 78, 86 of 1940-43.)
- AUSTRALIA—*Rural reconstruction commission.* First to tenth reports. (Department of Post-war Reconstruction, gratis.) Canberra, 1944-47.
- AUSTRALIA TO-DAY : special number of the Australian traveller. (United Commercial Travellers Association of Australia, 2s. per issue.) Melbourne, 1905 to date.
- WOOL REVIEW : [annual] (National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia.) Melbourne, 1938 to date.
- See also Commonwealth arbitration reports and Reports of proceedings of the State arbitration courts.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Official—

- AUSTRALIA—*Civil Aviation, Department of.* Report on civil aviation in Australia and New Guinea : 1945-46. (The Department.) Melbourne, 1947.
- AUSTRALIA—*Commonwealth board of inquiry into the coal-mining industry.* Report of the commissioner. 2 v. (Government Printer, 25s.) Canberra, 1946. (P.P. 51 of 1945-46.)
- AUSTRALIA—*Commonwealth forestry and timber bureau.* Empire forests and the war : Australia : prepared by the . . . bureau. (The Bureau.) Melbourne, 1946.
- AUSTRALIA—*Council for scientific and industrial research—Committee on coal utilization research.* Report. (The Council, gratis.) Melbourne, 1946.
- CLAPP, Sir Harold W. Report to the Minister for transport on standardization of Australia's railway gauges. (Government Printer, 5s.) Canberra, 1946. (P.P. 17 of 1945.)
- QUEENSLAND—*Secondary industries development committee.* Report on the development of secondary industries in Queensland. (Government Printer, 2s.) Brisbane, 1946. (P.P. 21 of 1946.)
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1945.

Discharges from the services, mainly under the scheme (started in 1943) of special releases recommended by the Manpower Directorate, continued during the first half of the year at the rate of about 6,000 to 8,000 men and 800 to 1,000 women per month. Thereafter the figures rose rapidly, and in the last three months of the year, after the start of general demobilization, 160,000 men and 10,000 women were discharged. Excluding rural and household domestic employment, employment of males was 14,000 higher in December, 1945 than in December, 1944, while employment of females was 28,000 lower. The steel-coal-shipping strikes (*see* 8th November and 3rd December) caused some difficulties in employment conditions at the end of the year.

Economic developments during the year were affected by the very bad 1944-45 harvest as a result of which it was necessary to import substantial quantities of wheat, barley and oats from the United States of America and Canada mainly for stock feeding purposes. Steps taken by the Commonwealth Government to encourage sowing of wheat resulted in a very substantial increase in the acreage sown for the 1945-46 season. The number of sheep had been falling fairly rapidly, and the decline continued during 1945 with the result that the 1945 wool clip dropped about 8 per cent. below the previous year.

With the price stabilization scheme continuing in operation, internal prices (wholesale and retail) remained steady. Import prices also were practically unchanged but export prices rose about 15 per cent. during the year. There were no significant variations in rates of wages, and average earnings were unchanged.

19th January.—National Works Council projects involving an expenditure of £153,546,000 approved by Federal Cabinet.

31st January.—British Empire Communications Mission arrived in Australia to discuss with Commonwealth Government future of communications within the Empire.

15th February.—Conference opened at Lapstone, New South Wales, of Western Pacific section of UNRRA.

24th February.—Egg priority system and reduced meat ration scale introduced.

7th March.—Commonwealth Parliamentary Committee recommended gratuity scheme for soldiers, involving about £63,000,000 to June, 1945.

18th April.—Director-General of Land Transport (Sir Harold Clapp) submitted report on provision of standard railway gauge of 4 ft. 8½ in. in Australia, involving ultimate expenditure of about £200,000,000, including new locomotives and rolling-stock.

25th April.—First plenary session of the UNCIO met at San Francisco.

8th May.—British Prime Minister announced cease-fire in Europe. (Ratification of surrender of German forces signed in Berlin, 9th May.)

30th May.—Commonwealth Government's "White Paper" dealing with transition from war-time to peace-time economy tabled in the House of Representatives.

4th June.—Plans adopted by Federal Cabinet for housing programme involving the erection of 24,000 houses in year ended June, 1946.

13th June.—Commonwealth Rent Controller appointed, with power to determine rent of rooms and apartments.

20th June.—Re-establishment and Employment Bill, providing for re-establishment in civil life of members of Australian Forces, passed all stages in Senate.

27th June.—War Cabinet approved expenditure of £1,330,000 on buildings to provide technical college facilities for ex-service personnel.

1st July.—Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act came into operation.

15th August.—Official announcement of end of war with Japan.

16th August.—Act providing for establishment and operation of National Airline Services by Commonwealth assented to.

20th August.—Premiers' Conference at Canberra. Decided to proceed with standardization of Australian railway gauges.

21st August.—Banking Act, to regulate banking, and Commonwealth Bank Act, to re-organize the Commonwealth Bank, proclaimed and operative.

22nd August.—President Truman announced termination of Lend-Lease.

2nd September.—Formal surrender of Japanese Empire signed in Tokyo Bay.

7th September.—Commonwealth Budget for 1945-46 brought down, providing for expenditure of £492,000,000 and revenue of £340,000,000. Estimated expenditure on War (1939-45) Services was £360,000,000 and on Social Services, £65,000,000. A Social Services Contribution from 1st January, 1946, to meet part of the cost of Social Services, and a reduction in Income Tax were provided for—the combined charge for contribution and tax to be $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. lower than the existing charge and the annual yield to be about £20,000,000 less. Proposed concessions would reduce the yield from Sales Tax by £2,800,000 a year.

19th September.—Final Report of Commonwealth Housing Commission stated that 700,000 new dwelling units required within ten years to overcome housing shortage.

1st October.—General demobilization of about 500,000 men and women in armed forces commenced in all States.

11th October.—Wool Realization Act assented to, approving an agreement for the disposal of stocks of Empire wool and the setting-up of the Australian Wool Realization Commission.

2nd November.—Announced that export selling price of wool reduced by 6 per cent.

8th November.—Steelworkers', coalminers' and printers' industrial dispute, involving 23,000 workers in New South Wales.

3rd December.—Seamen's dispute began in Sydney, Newcastle, Melbourne and Brisbane. Miners in New South Wales ceased work.

Drastic rationing of gas and electricity, and curtailment of rail services in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.

14th December.—Full Court held invalid the provisions of the National Airlines Act, which would have prevented the issue of new licences for services in competition with those of the Australian National Airlines Commission.

17th December.—Miners resumed work in most coal-mines in New South Wales. Meeting of Seamen's Union decided to resume work, with certain exceptions; ironworkers remained on strike.

20th December.—Australian Shipping Board established under National Security Regulations to give unified control of shipping.

1946.

The year 1946 was one of reconversion from war to peace. Demobilization continued throughout the year, about 316,000 men and 27,000 women being discharged. Employment (excluding rural and household domestic) increased by 276,000 during the year (259,000 males and 17,000 females). Unemployment remained negligible throughout the year. At the end of the year there was some increase in Victoria following the commencement on 16th October of the metal trades industrial dispute which lasted till May, 1947.

Production of wool and meat during 1945-46 was below the previous year, but the wheat harvest was considerably greater. Unfavourable seasonal conditions during the year caused a substantial fall in the 1946-47 wheat harvest in New South Wales and Queensland, with a consequent fall in total Australian production, but 1946-47 production of meat and wool improved. Work on post-war housing programmes was increasing and during the year about 25,000 houses were completed.

Export prices were higher than in 1945 and rose rapidly towards the end of the year, and the total value of exports was considerably higher than in the previous year. Import prices increased about 13 per cent. Retail prices and the basic wage remained steady throughout the year until the 7s. increase in the basic wage granted in December. Average factory earnings increased slowly during the year and in the December quarter were about 4 per cent. above the 1945 December quarter.

2nd January.—Opening of new Industrial Finance and Housing Loan Departments of the Commonwealth Bank.

5th January.—Steelworkers at Newcastle mass meeting decided to resume work immediately (see 8th November, 1945). New South Wales Branch of Federal Ironworkers' Association re-registered by full bench of Industrial Commission.

8th January.—Commonwealth Government asked Governments of States to confer on five years' plan for stabilization of wheat price at 5s. 2d. a bushel, f.o.b. Australia. (see 16th April.)

10th January.—First meeting of General Assembly of United Nations Organization opened in London. Minister for Navy (Mr. N. J. O. Makin) led the Australian delegation.

26th January.—Arrangements made between United Kingdom and Australia, New Zealand, India and South Africa for operation of air trunk routes in various parts of the world. Each partner to be responsible for ground organization on portion of routes, and revenue to be pooled between operators.

30th January.—Notification by Commonwealth Government to Registrar of Arbitration Court that Government would intervene in claim by Printing Industry Employees' Union for 40-hour week.

7th February.—In response to a request from Council of UNRRA, Federal Cabinet decided to make a further contribution of £12,000,000 if necessary.

11th February.—Commonwealth Government decision to provide substantial funds for rehabilitation of Australian mining industry and for development of mining projects generally which offer promise of contributing materially to the national development, employment and economic welfare.

14th February.—Mr. L. G. Melville to attend as an observer the first meeting in America of the Board of Governors to establish International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

25th February.—Commonwealth Government plans increased annual immigration intake.

1st March.—Cessation of man-power controls over employment of male labour.

5th March.—Under agreement between British and Australian Governments, free passages will be granted to British service personnel and dependants, and assisted passages to British civilians and dependants, who wish to emigrate to Australia.

22nd March.—Tasmanian Legislative Council rejected a bill to grant price control to Commonwealth for three years.

26th March.—A.C.T.U. lodged with Arbitration Court applications on behalf of 47 unions for right to intervene in claim by Printing Industry Employees' Union for a 40-hour week.

28th March.—Bills introduced by Attorney-General to amend the Constitution regarding—(1) Social Services, (2) Marketing of Primary Products, (3) Industrial Employment. (Subsequently passed by both Houses and submitted to electors. See 28th September.)

29th March.—Approval by Federal Cabinet of draft for submission to the United States of America for a reciprocal air transport agreement. (Agreement signed 3rd December, 1946.)

1st April.—Meat workers' industrial dispute in Queensland, involving approximately 7,000 workers. (Lasted until 7th July.)

13th April.—States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act, 1946, continuing uniform taxation, assented to.

16th April.—Agricultural Council of Federal and State Ministers for Agriculture decided that uniform legislation should be introduced in the several Parliaments to give effect to Commonwealth Wheat Stabilization Scheme.

2nd May.—Inauguration of Commonwealth Employment Service (which functioned formerly as the Commonwealth man-power organization).

6th May.—Commonwealth Government's proposals for complete medical service for Australia, free of charge, brought before conference of State Ministers of Health.

7th May.—Victorian Government sub-committee report on brown coal development submitted to full State Cabinet plan for making Victoria independent of New South Wales black coal supplies.

16th May.—Announced by General Manager of Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation Pty. Ltd. (Mr. L. J. Wackett) that De Havilland Vampire jet-propelled fighters would be built in Australia.

20th May.—Hearing of 40-hour week case commenced in Commonwealth Arbitration Court. Wharf labourers throughout Australia resumed work after a wool-loading dispute lasting a fortnight.

23rd May.—Agreement reached between Australian and United Kingdom Governments for relief from double taxation. (See also 2nd August.)

24th May.—Failure of a conference of State Transport Ministers to reach agreement on Commonwealth uniform rail gauge proposals.

1st June.—Announced that unions and employers had jointly agreed to interim maximum number of 16,600 ex-servicemen to be trained in building trades under Commonwealth Reconstruction Training Scheme.

2nd June.—Substantial reductions announced in telegram charges between British Empire countries and United States of America.

4th June.—Cabinet decided to strengthen and expand Trade Commissioner Service.

6th June.—Extension announced of re-establishment benefits to members of forces of all Empire Countries, in addition to the United Kingdom, the United States of America, and other Allied countries specifically approved.

10th June.—Final settlement of Lend-Lease and reciprocal aid between Australia and United States of America.

13th June.—Appointment of Commonwealth Insurance Commissioner under Life Insurance Act 1945 (assented to 16th August, 1945), to supervise activities of life insurance companies.

21st June.—Wheat Industry Stabilization Bill introduced in House of Representatives. (Act assented to 9th August.)

Announced by Minister for Trade and Customs that when auction sales recommenced after 30th June, a subsidy would be paid Australian manufacturers using wool in goods for domestic consumption.

Overseas Telecommunications Bill to provide for establishment and operation of overseas telegraphic, telephone and similar services by the Commonwealth introduced. (Act assented to 7th August.)

1st July.—Joint organization, known as United Kingdom and Dominion Wool Disposals Ltd., commenced operations.

13th July.—United States House of Representatives passed bill to grant Britain total credit of 4,400 million dollars.

24th July.—Coal Industry Bill introduced in House of Representatives providing *inter alia* for the setting up of a joint Commonwealth-State authority. (Act assented to 15th August. Complementary State Act assented to 25th September.)

2nd August.—Details of double taxation relief agreement between Britain and Australia announced. (Agreement signed 29th October; amending Act to Income Tax Assessment Act incorporating agreement assented to 3rd June, 1947.)

Railway Standardization Agreement Bill authorized the Commonwealth to act in an agreement with New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. (Commonwealth Act assented to 15th August; State complementary Acts—South Australia, 10th December; Victoria, 21st December, 1948. New South Wales has not yet (December, 1948) ratified agreement.)

15th August.—An Australian conversion of \$20,000,000 for a ten year period at 3½ per cent. floated in New York. (First of a series of operations undertaken by the Commonwealth in New York.)

20th August.—Premiers' Conference decided that price control and control of land sales should be continued after end of National Security Regulations on 31st December.

22nd August.—Commonwealth and State Governments agreed to carry out programme of housing to provide employment in building construction industry for a minimum of 130,000 men over next ten years.

31st August.—South Australian electricity undertakings passed from private to State control.

2nd September.—Wool sales by auction resumed in Sydney following termination of war-time appraisalment system.

15th September.—Australian National Airways Pacific fortnightly service Sydney-Vancouver commenced.

28th September.—Constitution Alteration Referendum held to decide whether Commonwealth should be granted powers in regard to Social Services, Organized Marketing of Primary Products and Industrial Employment. Although a majority of electors were in favour of each of the proposals, only for Social Services was a majority of voters in a majority of States obtained. (Act assented to on 19th December.)

9th October.—New South Wales Government approved expenditure of £33,000,000 on 15-year project to store water.

16th October.—Ironworkers' and moulders' industrial dispute commenced in two iron foundries in Victoria. (By 24th October it extended to all iron foundries, and employees in engineering and allied trades were later involved. Dispute lasted until 7th May, 1947.)

21st October.—Victorian train and Melbourne tram industrial dispute commenced (Lasted until 29th October.)

23rd October.—Industrial dispute involving 227 chemical workers in Sydney. (Lasted until 29th August, 1947.)

30th October.—Commonwealth Government moved in Arbitration Court for investigation of basic wage. Announced that Court had "accepted broadly" that 40-hour week should be basis of working hours in Australia.

31st October.—Basic wage inquiry, adjourned in 1940, to be re-opened.

8th November.—Locomotive Engine-drivers', Firemen's and Cleaners' Union dispute in Western Australia. Nearly 90,000 workers immediately thrown out of work. (Lasted until 22nd November.)

14th November.—Commonwealth Budget for 1946-47 introduced, providing for expenditure of £444,000,000 and revenue of £385,000,000. Estimated expenditure on Defence and Post-war Charges was £221,000,000 (including £35,000,000 for re-establishment and repatriation), on social services £68,000,000 and on new works £26,000,000. Clothing and household drapery would be exempted from Sales Tax, the general rate of Sales Tax to be reduced to 10 per cent. and Customs and Excise duties to be lowered. With income tax reductions made earlier in the year, these concessions would reduce the annual yield from taxation by about £37,000,000.

18th November.—Interstate executive of A.C.T.U. decided to apply to Arbitration Court for increase of £1 in basic wage.

20th November.—Experimental rocket range and supporting establishments for guided projectiles to be set up at Mount Eba (South Australia). Estimated cost £6,000,000. (Site subsequently changed to Woomera, 90 miles south-east of Mount Eba.)

21st November.—Defence (Transitional Provisions) Bill introduced in House of Representatives. (Act assented to 14th December.)

7th December.—Construction commenced on new Burrendong dam on Macquarie River, 20 miles from Wellington, New South Wales, to provide a catchment area of 5,360 square miles, at a cost of £2,000,000.

11th December.—Members of Gas Employees' Union in Melbourne decided to strike until claims for wage increases met. (Recommendation of A.C.T.U. to return to work on 16th January, 1947 accepted by gas workers, including those involved in Sydney and Adelaide.)

13th December.—Interim basic wage rise of 7s. in all capital cities (except Hobart, 6s.) announced. To operate from first pay period in December.

Prime Minister announced partial relaxation of War-time Wage Pegging Regulations.

14th December.—Qantas Empire Airways Agreement Act, authorizing Government to acquire United Kingdom's interest in Qantas Empire Airways Ltd., assented to.

31st December.—With expiry of National Security Act, at midnight, 183 sets of regulations which restricted activities of citizens during war ceased to operate; 61 sets of regulations continued to operate for a further year under Defence (Transitional) Provisions Act. Ceiling price control on shares, and conditions regarding minimum holding period of shares before resale now removed.

1947.

During 1947 approximately 30,000 men and 3,000 women were discharged from the Services, rather more than two-thirds of them in the first half of the year. Employment (excluding rural and household domestic) increased by about 141,000 (114,000 males and 27,000 females). Unemployment remained negligible during the year; shortage of labour was a common complaint by employers. The free and assisted migration scheme came into operation during the year and an excess of 12,000 permanent departures over permanent arrivals in 1946 was converted into an excess of 12,000 arrivals over departures.

Seasonal conditions generally were very favourable and despite some losses due to rust and wet weather during the harvesting period, the 1947-48 wheat harvest was an all-time record of about 220,000,000 bushels. Wool, meat and butter production was higher than in the previous season. During 1947 nearly 39,000 houses were completed.

Export prices continued to rise rapidly, and at the close of the year were about 35 per cent. above the level at the beginning of the year. Total value of exports was over £300,000,000 and about 20 per cent. higher than in 1946. Import prices increased 17 per cent. above the level at the end of 1946; imports nearly 60 per cent. as compared with 1946, notwithstanding the imposition during the second half of the year of increasingly severe restrictions on imports from dollar areas. Retail prices increased by less than 6 per cent. in the year and wholesale prices by about 13 per cent. After the removal of control at the end of 1946 share prices advanced substantially. Following the settlement of the metal trades dispute in Victoria margins prescribed in the metal trades award were substantially increased, and similar increases were subsequently granted in other industries. Average factory earnings in the last quarter of the year were 13 per cent. above the previous year.

After a period of relative stability over the previous five years, national income started to rise, and gross private investment, which had been 12 per cent. of gross national product in 1945-46, rose to about 20 per cent. in 1947.

6th January.—Stock exchanges conducted business on free market, following lifting after five years of Government restrictions on share dealings.

Abandonment of war-time price stabilization subsidies by Commonwealth Government commenced with withdrawal of subsidy on tobacco, resulting in immediate price increase.

4th February.—Wharf labourers' dispute over holiday pay held up many ships at Australian ports. (Settlement announced 12th February.)

14th February.—Termination of fourth and final stage of demobilization of Australian fighting forces reached. Forces reduced to 60,000.

25th February.—Federal Cabinet approved reductions in income tax, to operate from 1st July, some pensions to be increased. (Act assented to 3rd June.)

4th March.—Announced that Australia would make gift of £A.25,000,000 to Britain, in form of reduction of Britain's sterling debts in Australia. (Act appropriating grant assented to 11th June.)

5th March.—Industrial Arbitration (Forty-hour Week) Amendment Bill introduced in New South Wales Legislative Assembly. (Act assented to 28th March.)

6th March.—Federal Government decided to appoint committee to investigate suggested establishment of National Superannuation Fund, to take over payment of all Government pensions and provide retiring allowance for every Australian. (Plans for establishment abandoned 18th February, 1949, following presentation of report, because of excessive cost.)

10th March.—Seventy ships held up as result of Sydney wharf labourers' industrial dispute because of Stevedoring Industry Commission's order to work overtime. (Dispute ended 25th March; compromise terms accepted.)

13th March.—International Monetary Agreements Bill approving Australia becoming a member of International Monetary Fund and International Bank for Reconstruction and Development introduced. (Act assented to 2nd April. Australia's application for membership approved 25th May.)

17th March.—Victorian State Cabinet approved £9,600,000 Eildon Weir enlargement project (capacity to be 2,350,000 acre feet.)

19th March.—Majority of Full Arbitration Court decided that Basic Wage and 40-hour Week cases would be heard separately.

23rd March.—Extension of dispute in Victoria involving members of Amalgamated Engineering Union caused stoppage of all tramway buses, and cuts in suburban and country rail services. (See 16th October, 1946.)

3rd April.—Wage pegging regulations to be relaxed to give all industrial authorities (Commonwealth and State) power to alter rates of pay in any type of case, provided the Chief Judge of the Commonwealth Arbitration Court is satisfied that an alteration is not opposed to national interests.

23rd April.—Full Arbitration Court ordered deregistration of Amalgamated Engineering Union, to take effect after fourteen days unless the union instructed its members to return to work in meantime. (Further move in dispute originating with ironworkers and moulders in Victoria on 16th October, 1946. See above.)

30th April.—Amending Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Bill providing for appointment of additional conciliation commissioners with extended powers passed in House of Representatives. (Act assented to 20th May.)

5th May.—After compulsory conference of parties to the industrial dispute in Victoria, representatives of Unions and employers agreed on terms of settlement of Metal Trades dispute which had existed in Victoria since October, 1946. (See 16th October, 1946, and subsequent dates.)

8th May.—Two hundred Local Government bodies in Australia directed to bank with the Commonwealth Bank from 1st August.

28th May.—Writ lodged in High Court by Melbourne City Council challenging validity of Banking Act.

3rd June.—Work commenced on Commonwealth Government's new £11,000,000 scheme to convert Kingsford Smith aerodrome at Sydney into greatest airport in Australia.

Federal Cabinet approved expenditure of £250,000,000 on defence in next five years.

19th June.—Announced that immigration offices would be opened at Oslo, The Hague, Paris, Berlin, San Francisco, New York, Shanghai, Now Delhi and Cairo.

26th June.—Following settlement of metal trades dispute in Victoria (see above), Federal Arbitration Court granted substantial marginal increases to metal trades' employees in higher classifications but not to those in lower paid positions.

30th June.—Census of Australia. First since 1933.

1st July.—New scale of income tax deductions, involving reductions ranging from 100 per cent. in low-income group to 7.9 per cent. on highest levels, introduced as from first pay period in July.

Forty-hour week comes into operation in New South Wales for all employees working under State awards. (See 5th March.)

3rd July.—Purchase by Commonwealth Government of shares in Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. held by Queensland and Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd. (approving Act assented to 24th June, 1948). Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. now completely owned by Commonwealth Government. (See 14th December, 1946.)

15th July.—Sterling acquired in current trade transactions became convertible under terms of loan agreement between United Kingdom and United States of America. (Arrangements temporarily suspended 20th August.)

23rd July.—Australia agreed to take 4,000 displaced persons as migrants this year through International Refugees Organization, and 12,000 each following year if Organization can supply shipping.

1st August.—Charges imposed by Commonwealth Government on airline operators in Australia for use of civil airways facilities provided by Commonwealth.

4th August.—Approval announced of £4,000,000 water scheme in Western Australia for supply of water to Great Southern and North-eastern wheat belts.

6th August.—Announced that British Government in October would establish Overseas Food Corporation with working capital of £50,000,000 to develop food production in Australia and other Dominions and Colonies. (See 17th October.)

13th August.—Full High Court declared invalid Section 48 of Banking Act 1945 requiring municipal councils to transfer their accounts from private banks to Commonwealth Bank. (See 8th and 28th May.)

22nd August.—Government authorized resumption of private trading with Japan.

Prime Minister announced heavy reduction of all imports from dollar areas and severe restrictions on dollar advances for travellers.

8th September.—Federal Arbitration Court gave judgment reducing standard weekly hours of work in industry from 44 to 40 as from 1st January, 1948.

19th September.—Commonwealth Budget for 1947-48 presented, providing for expenditure of £427,000,000 and revenue of £397,000,000. Estimated expenditure on Defence and Post-war Charges was £168,000,000 (including £39,000,000 for re-establishment and repatriation), on social services £77,000,000 and on new works £33,000,000. The abolition of War-time Company Tax, the suspension of the Gold Tax and concessions in Sales Tax, with the income taxation reductions made earlier in the year, were estimated to reduce the taxation yield by about £42,000,000 a year.

14th October.—Industrial dispute of builders' labourers in Sydney and Newcastle affecting about 38,000 employees. (Settled 20th October.)

15th October.—Banking Bill to nationalize Australian trading banks introduced into House of Representatives. (Act assented to 27th November.)

17th October.—British Food Minister announced that Australia will be asked to launch a great food-growing scheme to help Britain. It provides for long-term contracts for the supply of meat, wheat, dairy products, nuts and other food for which Britain will pay by increased exports. (See 6th August.)

5th November.—Defence (Transitional Provisions) Bill introduced in House of Representatives to continue for another year controls on food, prices, rent, capital issues and land sales. Other regulations were amended or discontinued. (Act assented to 11th December.)

18th November.—Text of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade reached at Geneva tabled in House of Representatives. (Act approving acceptance by Australia of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization—see below—assented to 17th December, 1948.)

21st November.—Draft charter for proposed International Trade Organization prepared at Geneva submitted to World Trade Conference at Havana. (See above.)

27th November.—Constitution Alteration (Rents and Prices) Bill introduced into House of Representatives. (Bill subsequently passed both Houses. See 29th May, 1948, for referendum results.)

28th November.—Trading banks and States of Victoria and South Australia (Western Australia later) applied to High Court for writs to prevent Federal Government acquiring monopoly of banking business. (See 15th October.)

11th December.—Agreement signed for development of Blair Athol coal-fields in Queensland through expenditure of about £18,000,000 of British capital.

18th December.—Announcement of big wheat deal, under which Australia contracted to sell to Britain 80,000,000 bushels from 1947-48 harvest at 17s. per bushel (Australian currency) and 25,000,000 bushels to India at 18s. 6d.

1948.

Employment continued to increase during 1948, the total increase (excluding rural and household domestic) being about 88,000 (63,000 males and 25,000 females). The number on unemployment benefit remained negligible during the whole year and labour shortages continued fairly generally. The migration programme was carried on during the year with increasing vigour and permanent arrivals exceeded permanent departures by 48,000.

Although black coal production for the whole of Australia reached 14,800,000 tons, there were at times serious shortages resulting in restrictions in electricity and gas supplies and in transport services. Seasonal conditions continued favourable, the 1948-49 wool clip being slightly larger than in the previous year, and the wheat crop considerably above average although well below the previous year. There were about 48,000 new houses completed during 1948.

Exports rose to over £500,000,000, an increase of 60 per cent. over 1947, and imports to about £380,000,000, an increase of 40 per cent. over 1947. Export prices increased more than 25 per cent. over the year and import prices by 6 per cent. Retail prices increased about 10 per cent. over the year, wholesale prices about 14 per cent. Average factory earnings in the last quarter were 13 per cent. above the last quarter of 1947.

Partly as a result of increasing prices, national income continued to rise, and gross private investment continued at about 20 per cent. of gross national product.

1st January.—Forty-hour week became effective throughout Australia.

4th January.—Commencement in Melbourne of tram and tramway bus industrial dispute because of dissatisfaction with new 40-hour week roster (settled 16th January).

9th January.—Food talks began between British Ministry of Food and Commonwealth Government to find ways and means of stimulating Australian primary production to meet Britain's food crisis.

16th January.—Emergency Transport Bill giving sweeping powers to Victorian Government to maintain essential services in any future emergency, passed by Victorian Legislative Assembly. (Assented to 20th January, proclaimed 15th November.)

23rd January.—Secretary to the Treasury (Mr. S. G. McFarlane) appointed fourteenth director of the International Monetary Fund and Bank of World Reconstruction and Development. The Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson) to be alternate director.

2nd February.—Railway dispute on wages awards in Queensland involving about 19,000 railwaymen. (Lasted till 4th April.)

9th February.—Bank nationalization case opened in Full High Court in Melbourne. (See 15th October and 28th November, 1947, and 11th August, 1948.)

12th February.—£6,000,000 Victorian Beaufort Homes project cancelled.

18th February.—New South Wales Government decided to open State operated coal mines in Burragorang Valley, Awaba-Dora Creek area and Muswellbrook district.

20th February.—Major water conservation works in £25,000,000 plan for "Drought proofing" Victoria, involving, amongst other works, the enlargement of Eildon reservoir, commenced.

26th February.—United Nations Trade and Employment Agreement tabled in Parliament. (See 18th November, 1947.)

27th February.—Drastic powers assumed by Queensland Government to end railway dispute. State of emergency declared.

2nd March.—Six 3,000 h.p. marine diesel engines to be built by Munitions Department, in consultation with Australian Shipping Board, two being required in 1949.

10th March.—Queensland Government Industrial Law Amendment Act of 1948 assented to, granting police extraordinary powers to prevent "picketing". (Act repealed 16th September.)

25th March.—International trade charter signed in Havana. (See 18th November, 1947.)

5th April.—The Commonwealth Government decided to pay half the capital cost of £4,300,000 of a scheme to reticulate water to certain rural areas of Western Australia, to towns along the Great Southern Railway, and to increase the supply to the eastern gold-fields areas. (See 4th August, 1947. Western Australia Grant (Water Supply) Act assented to 25th November.)

22nd April.—International Wheat Agreement Bill introduced into Parliament. (Assented to 24th June. Failure of United States of America and other nations to ratify agreement rendered it inoperative.)

29th April.—Minister for Defence announced five-year defence programme of £250,000,000 including £33,500,000 for scientific research.

5th May.—Minister for Housing in New South Wales announced scheme for £8,000,000 housing project to meet industrial expansion, involving 5,000 homes in the Wollongong-Port Kembla district. Scheme will take five years to complete.

10th May.—Australian buyers will be licensed to import £2,000,000 worth of Japanese goods, principally textiles. Japan to take Australian wool in return.

29th May.—Constitution Alteration (Rents and Prices) Referendum, to decide whether Commonwealth should retain control of rents and prices, resulted in majorities in all States against proposal. Total voting—1,793,712 for, 2,618,183 against.

1st June.—Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme commenced.

3rd June.—Australian Iron and Steel Ltd. plans to spend £20,000,000 in the next ten years on extensions to its Port Kembla works to include a new tinplate mill and blast furnaces on an area of more than two square miles.

21st June.—Conference between Prime Minister and State Premiers to discuss organization of price control by the respective states when control is relinquished by Commonwealth in September.

22nd June.—Meat and clothes rationing ceased throughout Australia.

3rd July.—Prime Minister left for London to discuss empire trade and other problems.

5th July.—Joint New South Wales-Queensland irrigation scheme at cost of £2,500,000 planned for the Dumaresq and Macintyre Rivers.

12th July.—Announcement of modified wheat stabilization plan guaranteeing a price of 6s. 3d. per bushel f.o.r. ports for bulk wheat. (Subsequently adopted by majority of growers in four main wheat producing States and ratified by Commonwealth—Wheat Industry Stabilization Act assented to 25th November—and State Governments, the plan will operate for the five years 1948-49 to 1952-53).

26th July.—Announced that the Victorian Government intended spending between £50,000,000 and £60,000,000 on the development of brown coal and power resources in the State.

11th August.—Judgment delivered by Full High Court declaring invalid certain vital sections of Banking Act 1947. (See 9th February.)

16th August.—Control of rents passed from Commonwealth to States.

17th August.—Announced that new trade agreement concluded with Sweden.

19th August.—New Zealand currency restored to parity with sterling.

24th August.—Australian Loan Council approved borrowing programme of £100,000,000 for 1948-49.

Announcement of increase from £360,000,000 to £569,000,000 in national works programme of public works to cushion a possible depression during the next five years, covering 6,245 works projects throughout Australia.

26th August.—Announced that a plant extension programme by John Lysaght (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. at Port Kembla was expected to increase Australian sheet steel production from 240,000 tons to 600,000 tons per year by 1955.

2nd September.—Minister for Commerce and Agriculture announced that, under terms of a seven-year agreement operating from June, 1948, Australia will ship to United Kingdom the total exportable surplus of butter and cheese, less agreed quantities for other markets.

8th September.—Commonwealth Budget for 1948-49 introduced, providing for expenditure of £511,000,000 and revenue of £493,000,000. Estimated expenditure on Defence and Post-war Charges was £199,000,000 (including £10,000,000 United Kingdom Grant, £38,000,000 for re-establishment and repatriation and £23,000,000 to be set aside for war gratuities), on social services, £88,500,000 and on capital works and services, £38,000,000. Reductions in Income Tax, Social Services Contribution, Sales Tax and Excise Duty were expected to reduce the yield from taxation by about £29,000,000 a year.

20th September.—Control of prices taken over by individual States from Commonwealth. Thirty thousand items released from price control, but control continued on essential commodities and services, and house and agricultural land sales (about 20,000 items).

30th September.—Bill introduced into House of Representatives providing for acceptance by Australia of the Charter of International Trade Organization and a General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. (See 18th November, 1947).

1st October.—Minister for External Territories stated that an agreement between Commonwealth and New Zealand Governments provides for joint acquisition of Christmas Island Phosphate Company as at 31st December, at a cost of £2,750,000.

6th October.—Coal miners' dispute in Southern coal-fields, New South Wales (Kemira Tunnel Dispute), resulting in general stoppage of coal production. (Settled 8th November).

18th October.—Price control lifted from all new buildings in Victoria.

19th October.—Federal control over shipping freights and passenger fares relinquished.

20th October.—Defence (Transitional Provisions) Bill introduced to extend for further twelve months certain National Security Regulations. (Act assented to 21st December.)

24th October.—Announced that Joint Coal Board would spend £16,000,000 on mechanizing and modernizing Australian coal mines.

10th November.—Judicial Committee of Privy Council granted Commonwealth Government leave to appeal against the judgment of the High Court of Australia, which declared Section 46 of the Banking Act 1947, invalid. (On 26th July, 1949 the Privy Council announced the dismissal of the Government's appeal.)

12th November.—Announcement of new agreement under which Britain will buy more than half of Australia's dried fruit production for the next five years.

15th November.—Victorian Government proclaimed as law the Essential Services Act. (See 16th January.)

20th November.—Food mission from India arrived to discuss agreement for purchase of 25,000,000 bushels of 1948-49 wheat crop.

22nd November.—Legislation approved to establish and constitute an Australian Shipping Board to run a Commonwealth line of ships. (Shipping Bill introduced in Senate 9th December; Act assented to 25th March, 1949.)

29th November.—New Australian made car, the "Holden", displayed publicly for first time.

22nd December.—Commonwealth Government relinquished remaining controls on sale of new motor vehicles.