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P R E F A C E .

THIS seventy-third issue of the *Victorian Year-Book* is a composite publication covering the years 1952-53 and 1953-54. The unavoidable delay in publishing this *Year-Book* will be met by including in the next volume statistics covering the years 1954-58 with special emphasis on those of the latter period. Any information which may, as a result of this, be necessarily curtailed will be available on request from my office.

Many persons have co-operated in the preparation of this book and to all of them I take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation. Responsible officers of Commonwealth and State Government Departments, Boards, Commissions, and Municipal and Semi-Governmental Authorities have supplied information and assisted in many ways. The Police, by whom the collection of statistics relating to primary industries is effected, have carried out their task in a highly satisfactory manner. Primary producers, manufacturers, principal offices of Banks and Insurance companies, and many others have shown, by their ready willingness to furnish statistics, an appreciation of the value to the community of the publication of reliable statistics.

The separate functions of the Statistical section of the Office of the Victorian Government Statist and the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics in Melbourne ceased when integration became effective in September, 1958. The collection of statistics for Victoria will be undertaken by the Commonwealth Statistician. The *Victorian Year-Book* will continue to record in detail the progress of the State.

The main features of the official Year Book are statistically summarized in the *Victorian Pocket Year-Book* which is designed to meet the requirements of a handy reference publication containing the latest statistics.

I desire to pay tribute to the members of my staff for their valuable work in the assembly, preparation, and checking of the material and supervision of the publication of this volume.

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