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THE present Year-Book contains less matter than its predecessor, the reason being that it is published without the introductory chapters which, on the last occasion, were written specially for the work at the request of the Victorian Commissioners to the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia, who desired to circulate, throughout the United States of America, a handy sized volume containing reliable information respecting this colony.\*

The digest of the Statistics, which forms the bulk of the present work, will be found to be more comprehensive than that given in previous Year-Books. Not only have the statistical records of this colony been as exhaustively dealt with as time and space would permit, but figures relating to the other Australasian colonies have also been given for the purpose of affording means of judging of the progress, condition, resources, and comparative importance of each colony.

The folding sheet which was placed at the commencement of former Year-Books has been altered by the removal of the columns relating to agricultural statistics, to which subject a second sheet has been exclusively devoted. The space thus vacated has been filled with other returns of interest, the chief being a summary of the imports and exports of breadstuffs during each year since the first settlement of Port Phillip, and statements respecting railways, waterworks, friendly societies, and criminals.

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\* Copies of the *Victorian Year-Book*, 1874 (Notes on the Colony of Victoria) can still be obtained from the Government Printer, or from booksellers in Melbourne.

In addition to these, a third sheet has been introduced, containing a summary of the statistics of each Australasian colony during the three years ended with 1875.

As in former years, thoughtful care has been exercised to ensure accuracy, to which end every portion of the work has been diligently checked by officers in this department. If, nevertheless, errors should be found, the discoverer will confer a favor by notifying the same to me at this office.

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Office of the Government Statist,  
Melbourne, 5th October 1876.

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