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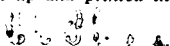
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PREFACE.

By the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Parliament of the Commonwealth is empowered, subject to the Constitution, "to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth, with respect to Census and statistics." In the exercise of the power so conferred, a "Census and Statistics Act" was passed in 1905, and in the year following the "Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics" was created. The first Official Year Book was published early in 1908. The publication here presented is the forty-seventh Official Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government.

The Synopsis on pp. xi to xxxi following shows the general arrangement of the work. The special index (preceding the General Index) provided at the end of the volume, together with certain references given in the various chapters, will assist in tracing in previous issues special articles and other more or less important miscellaneous matter which, owing to limitations of space, have been omitted or abbreviated in the present volume. Where, in the General Index, more than one reference to a subject is given, the chief reference (or references) has been specially indicated wherever possible.

Amongst the new matter included and existing matter revised in this volume, the following items may be especially mentioned:—

Chapter V.—The Territories of Australia.—Revised and enlarged section dealing with Native Labour in Papua and New Guinea (p. 136).

Chapters IX.—Population, and X.—Vital Statistics.—New sections showing International Statistics (pp. 329 and 374).

Chapter XII.—Labour, Wages and Prices.—Description of the Consumer Price Index (p. 408).

Chapter XIV.—Transport and Communication.—Detailed statement on registration of Motor Vehicles and Licensing of Drivers, etc., in each State and Territory as at 30th June, 1960 (p. 553).

Chapter XV.—Education.—Revised sections dealing with Schools (pp. 585–603).

Chapter XXVIII.—Defence.—Revised material dealing with Military Defence (p. 1096).

Appendix.—1961 Population Census—preliminary results (p. 1207); Survey of Wage Rates and Earnings, September, 1960—data concerning marginal rates of wage and total weekly earnings of adult male employees (p. 1214); Basic Wage Inquiry, 1961—precis of judgment (p. 1219).

The material in the Year Book has been carefully checked throughout, but I shall be grateful to those who will be kind enough to point out defects or make suggestions.

The statistics contained in the majority of the chapters of this volume relate to the years ended June or December, 1960, and the Appendix contains a selection of the more significant data which have become available since the chapters were prepared. As with previous Year Books, the contents of this issue have already been published in separate Parts as the successive chapters or groups of chapters were printed (for particulars *see* Price List of Publications at the end of this volume).

The most recent statistics published by this Bureau are contained in publications such as the *Digest of Current Economic Statistics* (monthly), the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics*, the *Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics*, and in the other publications issued monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, or yearly, which are listed in § 2. *Statistical Publications of Australia*, Chapter XXXI.—Statistical Organization and Sources of Information.

My thanks are tendered to the Statisticians in each State, who have collected and compiled the data on which a great part of the information given in the Official Year Book is based. Thanks are also tendered to the responsible officers of the various Commonwealth and State Departments, and to others who have kindly, and often at considerable trouble, supplied information.

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