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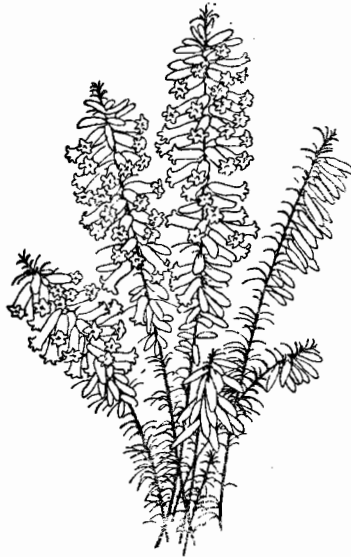
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PREFACE

This eighty-ninth edition of the *Victorian Year Book* seeks to present a faithful and perceptive account of life in Victoria today. The community is now witnessing so many rapid changes that it becomes increasingly difficult each year to record them with due perspective and accuracy. Accordingly the Office has begun a virtual re-writing of the *Year Book* which will extend over the next few years. This is a sizeable undertaking, the fruits of which are already apparent in some chapters of this edition.

Two new features have been incorporated in this edition. First, in order to make the contents more readily accessible, the book has been restructured into some 28 short chapters instead of 10 long parts as previously. It is hoped that this will also give the presentation of each topic a greater degree of cohesion. Second, this volume completes a series of special articles on Victoria's physical environment which began in 1962 and, with the exception of the 1973 centenary edition, has continued each year. A new series of special chapters describing Victoria's environment and man is now being edited. The first of these will be published in 1976.

Although the presentation of chapters has been restructured, continuity of statistical information in each subject matter area is being preserved as far as possible so that the *Year Book* can continue to fulfil its function as a reference work as well as a record of Victoria's development.

Appendix E contains a summary of the Australian Standard Industrial Classification which should help readers to understand the context in which Australian and Victorian economic statistics are now presented.

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