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OF THE
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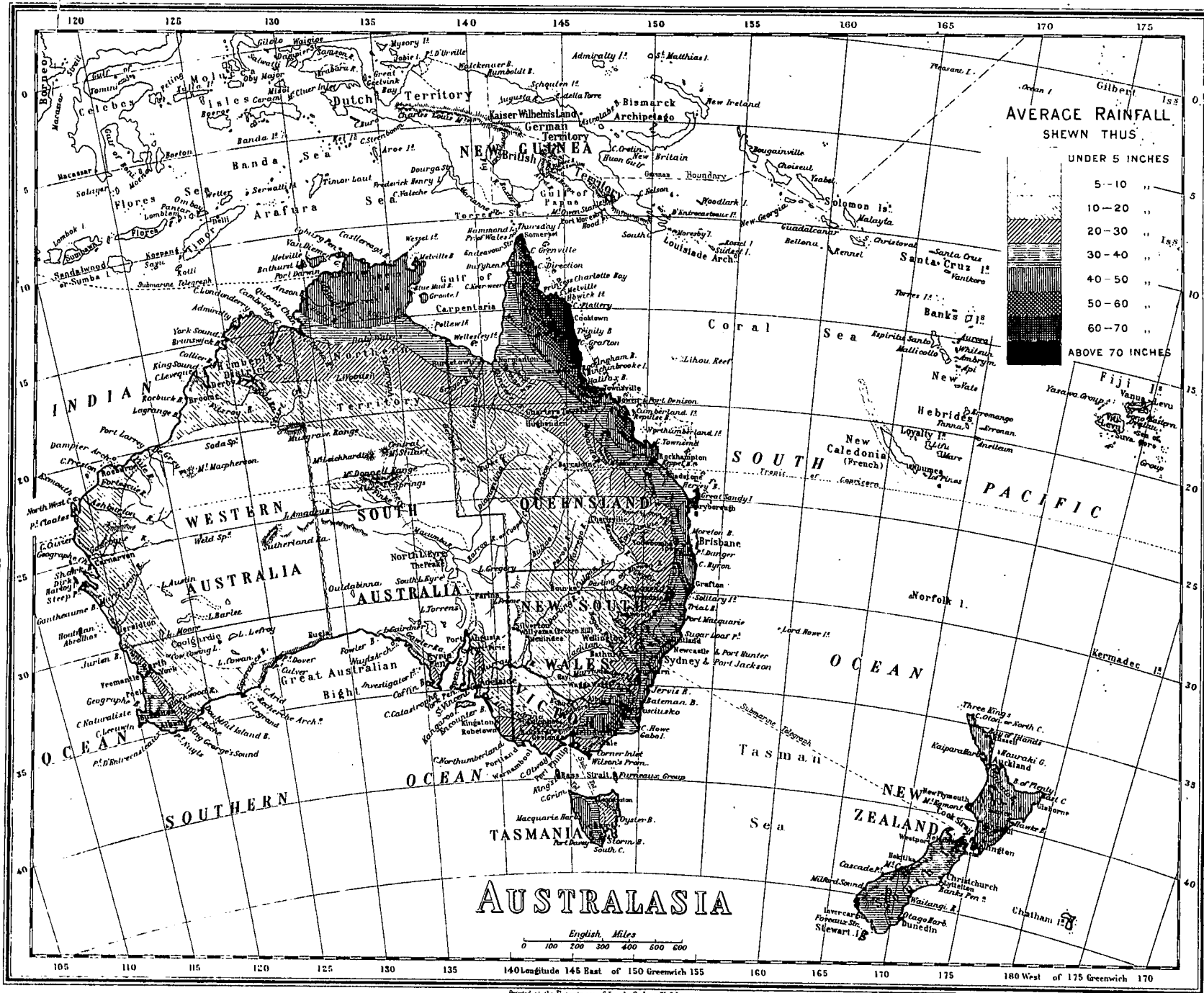
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PREFACE.

THE general plan adopted in previous editions of this work has been followed in this issue; but several chapters have been recast, and there has been added, by way of appendix, a set of tables corresponding with the various subdivisions of the text, and forming a synoptical view of the progress of each Colony since 1861. The most important changes in the text will be found in the chapters dealing with Public Finance and Accumulation. In all cases the figures have been revised to accord with the latest official information, and refer for the most part to the year 1893; in some instances, owing to lack of latter data, I have been compelled to use statistics relating to 1892, but the occasions when this was necessary were neither many nor important. In some of the later chapters, notably those dealing with financial matters, particulars have been carried down to the middle of the current year; and the appendix contains some later figures than those to be found in the earlier chapters.

Care has been taken to correct errors that have escaped notice in previous editions, and to keep this edition free from them. Should any such have remained undetected, as in the multitude of references is quite possible, it would be deemed a favour if their nature and position were pointed out.

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