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PREFACE.

THE present volume of the Victorian Year-Book has been prepared generally upon the same lines as previous issues. A number of new tables have been added, and new subjects dealt with, more particularly in the part relating to Production; and all the figures have been brought on to the latest dates.

Two folding sheets have been introduced summarizing General Statistics and Agricultural Statistics since their first tabulation. A map of Victoria—prepared by the Surveyor-General—has also been introduced, in which the various Counties of the State are distinguished. The map will enable the Statistics relating to Production, which are grouped to a large extent in Counties, to be better understood.

The work this year consists of ten parts, one less than last year, it having been arranged at the Conference of Statisticians held in December, 1906, that the publication of the section known as Australasian Statistics should, for the future, be left to the Commonwealth Statistician.

The practice of publishing each part as soon as completed has again been followed, so that the information collected might be disseminated at the earliest possible date. During the current year the parts were issued in the following order:—

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As the volume contains information, relating not only to 1906, but to various dates in 1907, both years have been included in the title of the book.

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