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#### PREFACE.

THIS is the fifty-third issue of the Victorian Year-Book, and is the first issue with which I have been associated. During the course of its preparation Mr. A. M. Laughton, F.I.A., F.F.A., who was Editor of the Year-Book for a continuous period of 25 years, retired from the position of Government Statist at the close of February last, having reached the statutory age of retirement. During his long and successful term of editorship, Mr. Laughton further enhanced the world-wide reputation of the Year-Book as a complete and reliable work of reference in regard to information relating to the condition and development of Victoria.

The main object of the work is to show the progress made by the State during the year under review, and with this end the particulars appertaining to that year are compared with those relating to previous years. An endeavour is made to present such information as will assist legislators, publicists, and others in forming an opinion in regard to the most suitable methods to be adopted in the future in developing the natural resources of the State and promoting the welfare of the people.

The first part contains a reference to a description of the Constitution, an epitome of Acts passed during 1932 by the State Parliament, and lists of members of Parliament, Parts V., VIII., and IX. deal with the wealth and progress of the community, as indicated by increases in bank deposits, in amounts assured with life offices, the growth of the population and the increase in volume of trade, &c. In Parts VII. and IV. details are given of the revenue and expenditure of the Government, and of municipalities. Parts II., III., and VI. contain statistics relating to births, marriages and deaths, crime, education, charitable institutions, and other cognate subjects. In Part X. a detailed account is given of the agricultural, pastoral, dairying, mineral, manufacturing, and other productions of the State. The various parts were issued as soon as completed. The information in all parts has been brought up to the latest possible date, on many subjects to the middle of the year 1933, and in a few instances to a later date.

The new matter appearing in the volume includes :---

- 1. An article on "The Mammals of Victoria," by C. W. Brazenor, National Museum of Victoria.
- 2. Synopses of the provisions of the Transport Regulation Acts 1932 and 1933.

3. Tables showing-

The quantities and values of the principal primary products exported from this State, 1929-30 to 1932-33.

The wholesale and retail prices in Melbourne of the principal products of primary industries.

Particulars of the Poultry Census taken on 30th June, 1933.

- A classification of sheep flocks in Victoria at the end of June, 1933.
- 5. Information relating to population based on the Census of 30th June, 1933.
- 6. Causes of Death classified according to the International Abridged Classification.

I have to thank the heads of Government Departments and the various experts who have supplied information, and in other ways assisted in the preparation of this book. I also wish to thank the members of my staff for their hearty co-operation and for the valuable assistance received from them, and in particular I desire to express my appreciation of the work performed by Mr. J. S. Macdermott, Assistant Government Statist, in supervising the preparation of the parts.

The figures and other material in each portion of the book have been carefully examined and checked. If, however, any errors be detected, I shall be pleased to receive information as to their nature and position.

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