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## PREFACE.

THIS is the twenty-sixth issue of the Victorian Year-Book.

The work consists of eleven parts, and the plan 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. The parts were issued in the following order:—

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In the last part—Australasian Statistics—will be found the statistics of each State and of New Zealand upon all important subjects.

The late Government Statist, Mr. William McLean, retired from office on the 31st December, 1905, after being more than 40 years in the Public Service of Victoria, and I was appointed from 1st January, 1906.

This is, therefore, my first Year-Book, and I am indebted to my staff for valuable assistance rendered to me in its preparation.

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