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PREFACE.

THIS is the fiftieth issue of the *Victorian Year-Book*.

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 shows the progress of the State since the early days of settlement, and contains a description of the Constitution, as well as an epitome of Acts passed during 1929 by the State Parliament, lists of members of Parliament, &c. Parts II., VI., and XI. deal with the wealth and progress of the community, as indicated by the growth of population, and by increases in bank deposits, in amounts assured with life offices, in volume of trade, &c. In Parts VIII. and V. details are given of the revenue and expenditure of the Government, and of municipalities. Parts III., IV., and VII. 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, 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 1930, and in a few instances to a later date.

The new matter appearing in the volume includes a statement in Part "Finance" showing the number of persons employed in 1929 by the State and Commonwealth Governments in Victoria, by municipalities, and by certain corporate bodies, also the salaries and

wages paid. This part also contains particulars of the taxation imposed for the purpose of relieving distress due to unemployment. Information in regard to the extent of unemployment in the State, and the steps taken for the relief thereof, is given in Part "Social Condition."

The geographical map which has appeared in the *Year-Book* for a number of years past has been replaced by one containing much more information, which has recently been prepared by the Lands Department.

By reason of the need for economy which exists at present, the size of the *Year-Book* has been reduced from 712 to 507 pages. The information eliminated has usually been of a kind which it is possible to obtain elsewhere, though not in as convenient a form.

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 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.

As is mentioned above, this is the fiftieth issue of the *Year-Book*. It was originated by the late Mr. H. H. Hayter, the first Government Statist of Victoria, in 1874, and was referred to by him at that time as "A digest of the Statistics of the Colony." In the introduction to the first volume Mr. Hayter stated that his first object would be to draw up such an analysis of the contents of the detailed tables in the Statistical Register—in which statistics were given without comment—as would be of material assistance to persons who might consult that work, but that he would also endeavour to make the analysis as complete as possible in itself for the benefit of readers who might be unable or disinclined to deal with the bulky tabular matter in that register.

An inspection of the early volumes shows that the second of these objects soon overshadowed the first. For a number of years each successive *Year-Book* was more comprehensive in its scope than the preceding one, and it would appear from a general inspection of the contents that most readers would be able to obtain therefrom the information which they required, and would not find it necessary to consult the Statistical Register.

Mr. Hayter died in 1895, but the book was continued by his successors, Messrs. J. J. Fenton, W. McLean, and E. T. Drake, and the present Government Statist.

The earlier issues of the *Victorian Year-Book* contained much information in regard to portions of Australia other than Victoria. On the institution of the *Commonwealth Year-Book* this information became unnecessary except in a few instances. Statistics relating to other States are now given only where they are required for the interpretation of Victorian statistics.

In 1918 the printing of the Statistical Register was discontinued. Since that year the *Year-Book* has been the only statistical publication issued by the Government Statist.

The preface to the first issue of the *Year-Book* contains the following statement by Mr. Hayter :—" It will be my endeavour in this succession of volumes to record facts with correctness and impartiality ; to comment upon them only so far as may be necessary to elucidate them properly ; to set up no theories except such as may be fairly deducible from the materials before me ; and, in drawing inferences, to exercise perfect fairness to all sections of the community." These principles have been adhered to by each of his successors.

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