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APPENDIX.

(Recent information and returns which have come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press are given hereunder.)

CHAPTER III.—GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

§ 3. Administration and Legislation.

2. Governors-General and Ministries, p. 46.

Recent changes in the Commonwealth and State Ministries are as follows :—

COMMONWEALTH MINISTRY (17TH OCTOBER, 1942).

Minister for Supply and Shipping (a) .. *The Hon. J. A. Beasley.*

Assistant Minister for Supply and Shipping *Senator the Hon. J. M. Fraser.*

(a) Previously Minister for Supply and Development.

QUEENSLAND (16TH SEPTEMBER, 1942).

Premier, Chief Secretary and Treasurer .. *The Hon. F. A. Cooper.*

Secretary for Health and Home Affairs .. *The Hon. E. M. Hanlon.*

Secretary for Agriculture and Stock .. *The Hon. F. W. Bulcock.*

Secretary for Public Works .. *The Hon. H. A. Bruce.*

Secretary for Labour and Industry .. *The Hon. T. A. Foley.*

Minister for Transport .. *The Hon. J. Larcombe.*

Attorney-General .. *The Hon. D. A. Gledson.*

Secretary for Public Lands .. *The Hon. E. J. Walsh.*

Secretary for Public Instruction .. *The Hon. A. Jones.*

Secretary for Mines .. *The Hon. V. C. Gair.*

Minister without Portfolio .. *The Hon. W. Forgan Smith.*

TASMANIA (CHANGES) (1ST OCTOBER, 1942).

Minister for Lands and Works .. *The Hon. J. I. Madden.*

Minister for Mines .. *The Hon. C. E. Culley.*

Honorary Minister .. *The Hon. W. P. Taylor, M.C.*

CHAPTER V.—TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION.

B. RAILWAYS.

§ 1. General.

9. *Summary of Operations, p. 98.*—A summary of the working of all Government railways open for general traffic during 1940-41 is given hereunder :—

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS, 1940-41.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Route Miles Open ..	2,201	6,127	4,759	6,567	2,557	4,381	642	27,234
Gross Revenue—								
Coaching .. £'000	356	8,499	5,436	2,235	976	826	187	18,515
Goods and Live-stock ..	421	12,415	4,860	5,808	2,261	2,651	393	28,809
Miscellaneous ..	194	3,102	943	372	275	95	20	5,001
Total Revenue ..	971	24,016	11,239	8,415	3,512	3,572	600	52,325
Working Expenses ..	903	17,162	8,959	6,708	3,062	2,758	761	40,313
Train-miles Run .. '000	1,234	32,285	17,767	14,603	5,892	6,144	2,167	80,692
Gross Revenue per train-mile .. d.	188.86	178.53	151.82	138.30	143.07	139.53	66.45	156.80
Working expenses per train-mile ..	175.65	127.58	121.02	110.26	124.72	107.74	84.28	120.80
Working Expenses per cent. on Gross Revenue .. %	93.00	71.46	79.71	79.72	87.18	77.21	126.82	77.04
Passenger-journeys .. '000	194	194,146	159,219	26,219	20,360	11,518	2,792	414,448
Coal, Coke and Shale carried .. '000 tons	8	9,340	296	894	155	257	69	11,019
Other Minerals ..	24	1,607	167	503	536	192	310	3,339
Live-stock ..	52	766	741	567	185	119	29	2,459
Other Goods ..	127	6,319	5,419	3,714	1,866	2,036	547	20,028
Total Freight ..	211	18,032	6,623	5,678	2,742	2,604	955	36,845

(a) Including Uniform Gauge Railway.

D. MOTOR VEHICLES.

5. Motor Vehicles on the Register, p. 115.—Motor vehicles registered at 30th June, 1941, were as follows:—

MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

State or Territory.	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles.	Motor Cycles.	All Vehicles.	
				No.	Per 1,000 of Population.
New South Wales ..	203,960	76,142	20,759	300,861	107.6
Victoria	148,481	(a) 85,068	23,576	257,125	132.6
Queensland	74,537	45,773	8,129	128,439	123.8
South Australia ..	54,943	23,619	8,345	86,907	145.0
Western Australia ..	37,018	24,887	6,706	68,611	146.4
Tasmania	17,343	5,528	3,183	26,054	109.1
Northern Territory ..	488	1,026	137	1,651	166.1
Australian Capital Territory	1,757	441	87	2,285	169.5
Australia	538,527	262,484	70,922	871,933	122.8

(a) Includes vehicles registered as primary producers' vehicles.

6. New Vehicles Registered, p. 116.—New vehicles registered in the various States during the year 1940-41 were as follows:—

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THE YEAR ENDED JUNE, 1941.

(Excluding Defence Service Vehicles.)

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars	6,253	5,529	2,361	1,936	1,096	553	37	17,765
Commercial Vehicles, etc. ..	3,022	(a) 3,305	1,863	923	691	359	5	10,168
Motor Cycles	939	735	273	334	216	90	2	2,589
Total	10,214	9,569	4,497	3,193	2,003	1,002	44	30,522

(a) Includes vehicles registered as primary producers' vehicles.

(b) Excluding Northern Territory.

F. AVIATION.

4. Statistical Summary, pp. 122-3.—The following table gives a summary of operations for Australia and New Guinea in 1940-41:—

CIVIL AVIATION, 1940-41.

Registered Aircraft Owners. (a)	Registered Aircraft. (a)	Licensed Pilots.(a)		Hours Flown.	Approx. Mileage.	Passengers Carried.	Weight of Goods Carried.	Weight of Mails Carried.	Accidents.	
		Private.	Commercial.							
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	'000 Miles.	No.	'000 lb.	lb.	Killed.	Injured.
AUSTRALIA.										
120	202	502	187	79,164	9,700	154,259	2,115	154,200	3	1
NEW GUINEA.										
11	41	5	16	11,965	1,095	13,988	19,855	100,956	2	1

(a) At 30th June, 1941.

(b) Including gross weight of oversea mails.

G. POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.**§ 6. Radio Telegraphy and Telephony.**

2. Wireless Licences, p. 144.—The following table shows the number of each class of licence issued in each State and Territory at 30th June, 1941 :—

WIRELESS LICENCES IN FORCE AT 30th JUNE, 1941.

Station Licence.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Coast ..	1	1	6	1	5	3	1	..	18
Ship ..	77	86	16	9	2	1	1	..	192
Aircraft ..	8	11	2	4	3	1	1	..	30
Land (a) ..	24	4	66	38	80	9	61	1	283
Broadcasting (b) ..	34	19	19	6	11	8	..	1	98
Broadcast Lis- teners ..	492,504	362,790	168,216	130,895	91,368	44,716	397	2,380	1,293,266
Portable ..	14	2	9	4	8	..	5	2	44
Special ..	66	26	23	7	12	4	1	..	139
Total ..	492,728	362,939	168,357	130,964	91,489	44,742	467	2,384	1,294,070

(a) In addition to the licensed stations there is one operated by the Postmaster-General's Department at Camooweal (Q.). (b) There are also 29 stations operated by the National Broadcasting Service, including 2 short-wave stations (VLR, Lyndhurst, Vic.; and VLW, Perth, Western Australia).

CHAPTER XII.—POPULATION.**§ 4. Distribution and Fluctuation of Population.**

2. Growth and Distribution, p. 252.—The population of Australia at 31st December, 1941, was estimated at 7,137,222 persons distributed amongst the States and Territories as follows :—

ESTIMATED POPULATION AT 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

State or Territory.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
New South Wales ..	1,410,344	1,401,977	2,812,321
Victoria ..	969,037	983,116	1,952,153
Queensland ..	538,416	498,414	1,036,830
South Australia ..	302,022	303,667	605,689
Western Australia ..	242,040	225,042	467,082
Tasmania ..	121,778	119,393	241,171
Northern Territory ..	7,217	2,398	9,615
Australian Capital Territory ..	6,593	5,768	12,361
Total ..	3,597,447	3,539,775	7,137,222

CHAPTER XV.—MINERAL INDUSTRY.**§ 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.**

3. Value of Production, p. 398.—The value of gold production and the total value of mineral production in Australia for 1940 are given in the following table :—

MINERAL PRODUCTION.—VALUE, 1940.

Mineral.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gold ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950
Other Minerals ..	11,722,601	671,721	3,753,975	3,183,345	533,333	2,545,569	72,175	22,482,719
Total ..	12,791,293	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,817	311,024	40,002,669

CHAPTER XVI.—PASTORAL PRODUCTION.**NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.**

31st Dec.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria. (a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A.C.T. (a)	Australia.
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Pigs, pp. 443, 539.

1940 ..	507,738	397,945	436,447	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,821
1941(b)	454,102	285,227	380,000	115,000	163,418	(c)	400	854	1,445,000

HORSES, p. 447.

1940 ..	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1941(b)	525,697	302,401	460,000	171,000	124,472	(c)	30,000	1,278	1,645,000

CATTLE, p. 450.

1940 ..	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,928	259,108	922,308	6,636	13,255,841
1941(b)	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,400,000	400,000	832,484	(c)	922,000	7,432	13,687,000

SHEEP, p. 457.

1940 ..	55,567,576	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,693,601
1941(b)	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,500,000	10,246,000	9,715,821	(c)	33,700	262,563	125,776,000

(a) March, year following.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Not yet available.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED, (lb.) p. 462.

Season 1940-41	539,035,404	187,831,364	214,704,450	106,646,992	76,170,000	17,078,157	308,128	..	1,141,774,495
	(c)		(b)		(b)				

(a) Including A.C.T.

(b) For year ended previous December.

CHAPTER XVII.—AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.**WHEAT, (Bushels.) p. 477.**

Season 1941-42a	48,500,000	46,953,840	3,000,000	30,507,043	37,500,000	192,300	..	22,824	166,676,007
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(a) Subject to revision.

CHAPTER XVIII.—FARMYARD, DAIRY AND BEE PRODUCTS.**BUTTER, PRODUCTION (lb.) p. 542.**

1940-41	108,563,400	156,345,602	119,939,865	21,379,639	15,237,737	10,595,122	..	21,557	432,082,922
1941-42a	89,600,000	141,400,000	98,600,000	20,600,000	17,100,000	10,600,000	..	14,500	378,414,500

CHEESE, (lb.) p. 542.

1940-41	6,470,136	18,376,904	11,733,147	19,427,828	960,197	3,036,228	60,004,440
1941-42a	5,100,000	22,300,000	16,300,000	18,600,000	1,300,000	3,000,000	66,700,000

BACON AND HAM, (lb.) p. 542.

1940-41	31,564,332	20,039,929	22,469,768	7,492,948	5,160,199	2,045,233	..	710	88,773,119
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(a) Subject to revision.

CHAPTER XXI.—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY.

SUMMARY FOR 1940-41, p. 576.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Australia.
1. Factories . . . No.	9,019	9,121	2,972	2,230	2,056	1,002	27,300
2. Hands employed (a) . . .	265,751	237,636	57,269	50,844	22,734	15,839	650,073
3. Wages paid (b) . . . £	57,759,532	49,796,607	12,163,763	10,418,901	4,720,563	3,059,702	137,919,068
4. Value of fuel used . . . £	9,620,123	5,138,787	1,655,937	1,400,683	1,309,748	597,429	19,722,707
5. „ materials used . . . £	161,252,339	115,209,347	46,936,189	25,283,544	11,498,304	6,978,129	367,157,852
6. „ production . . . £	115,044,388	89,000,711	21,644,338	16,916,102	9,016,922	6,291,888	257,914,349
7. „ output of fact's . . . £	285,916,850	209,348,845	70,236,464	43,600,329	21,824,974	13,867,446	644,794,908
8. „ land & buildings . . . £	61,886,528	47,092,751	12,594,215	11,480,505	6,802,488	4,237,169	144,093,656
9. „ plant & machinery . . . £	68,533,346	44,985,756	18,501,758	14,391,653	7,394,680	7,549,041	161,356,234

(a) Including working proprietors.

(b) Excluding amounts drawn by working proprietors.

CHAPTER XXIV.—LABOUR, WAGES AND PRICES.**D.—EMPLOYMENT.****§ 2. Unemployment.**

2. Unemployment of Members of Trade Unions, p. 736.—The following are the percentages of unemployment in each State for the four quarters of 1941 and the first two quarters of 1942.

UNEMPLOYMENT OF MEMBERS OF TRADE UNIONS, PERCENTAGES.

Period.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Australia.
1941—							
March Quarter	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June „	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September „	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December „	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—							
March „	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June „	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7

CHAPTER XXVI.—PUBLIC FINANCE.**§ 6. Invalid and Old-age Pensions.**

1. General. p. 830.—The Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act 1908-1941 has been further amended by Act No. 3 of 1942. This Act was assented to on 18th May, 1942, and came into operation on 9th July, 1942. The chief amendments are :—

- Rate of pension increased to £65 per annum (25s. per week).
- New rate of £65 per annum related to "C" Series price index-number (1053) for the quarter ended 31st March, 1942.
- Quarterly adjustments retained—the rate of pension to be £65 per annum plus £1 6s. for every 21 units by which the price index-number exceeds 1053.
- Rate as varied by price index adjustments not to fall below £65 per annum.
- Rate of pension payable to inmates of institutions increased to 8s. 6d. per week.

- (f) Permissible income for pensioners other than blind persons remains at £32 10s. per annum (limit of income plus pension £97 10s.), but blind pensioners are permitted to have an income equal to the "Federal basic-wage" without the pension being affected. The limit of income plus pension for a blind pensioner will thus become £299 per annum from 9th July, 1942 (Federal basic-wage £4 10s. per week plus pension £1 5s. per week).
- (g) The benefits of the Act are extended to aboriginal natives of Australia who are exempt from the provisions of the law of the State or Territory in which they reside relating to the control of aboriginal natives or, where the law of the State or Territory makes no provision for such exemption, to those natives whose character, standard of intelligence and development, renders them, in the opinion of the Commissioner, eligible to receive pensions.
- (h) The benefits of the Act are also extended to aboriginal natives of the Islands of the Pacific known as "Kanakas".
- (i) The provisions of the Act requiring the pension to be suspended when a pensioner is admitted to a hospital have been repealed.
- (j) The above amendments came into operation on 9th July, 1942, but, by a special provision of the Amending Act, the increased rates of pension (ordinary pensioners £65 per annum, institutional pensioners 8s. 6d. per week) applied retrospectively from 2nd April, 1942.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS.

1. **General.**—On 3rd July, 1941, the Commonwealth Parliament appointed a Joint Committee on Social Security "to inquire into and, from time to time, report upon ways and means of improving social and living conditions in Australia and of rectifying anomalies in existing legislation."

Among the recommendations made by this Committee in its first Interim Report issued on 24th September, 1941, was a recommendation that pensions be paid to widows with dependent children, widows over 50 years of age, widows in ill-health, widows in destitute circumstances immediately after the death of their husbands, deserted wives, and wives whose husbands are inmates of mental hospitals, and to dependent children under the age of sixteen years.

2. **Legislation.**—(i) *Widows' Pensions Act, 1942.* Following consideration of this report and examination of the evidence the Commonwealth Government proceeded with a scheme for payment of pensions to widows. The bill was introduced into Parliament on 14th May, 1942. The Widows' Pensions Act No. 19 of 1942 was assented to on 5th June, 1942, payments under which commenced on 30th June, 1942. The main features of the Act are as follows:—

(ii) *Classes of Widows.* Any woman who comes within one of the following classes is eligible to apply for a pension or allowance provided she is resident in Australia and is not disqualified for any of the reasons indicated in the Act, such as absence from Australia, or the possession of property or income above certain specified amounts:—

Class A.—Widow maintaining one or more children under the age of sixteen years.

Class B.—Widow, 50 years of age or more, not maintaining a child under the age of sixteen years.

Class C.—Widow, under 50 years of age, not maintaining a child under the age of sixteen years, whose husband has died within the last six months, and who is in necessitous circumstances. (An allowance granted to a widow in this class will continue for not more than 26 weeks immediately after her husband's death.)

(iii) *Special classes.* Any woman the circumstances of whose case comes within the following categories is deemed to be a "widow" for the purposes of the Act :—

(i) *De facto* widow (i.e., a woman who, for not less than the three years immediately prior to the death of a man, was wholly or mainly maintained by him and, although not legally married to him, lived with him as his wife on a permanent and bona fide domestic basis).

(ii) Woman who has been deserted by her husband for not less than six months (provided action has been taken to obtain maintenance).

(iii) Woman whose marriage has been dissolved and who has not re-married.

(iv) Woman whose husband is an inmate of a hospital for the insane.

(iv) *Rates of Pension.* The maximum rates of widow's pension or allowance are as follows :—

Class A.—£78 per annum (30s. per week).

Class B.—£65 per annum (25s. per week).

Class C.—25s. per week for not more than 26 weeks immediately following death of husband.

These rates are subject to variation in accordance with variations in the retail price "C" series index-number, but they cannot fall below the amounts stated above.

(v) *Means Test.*—In assessing the rates of pension the following provisions apply :—

Class A.—The amount by which the claimant's net income exceeds £32 10s. per annum (12s. 6d. per week) is deducted from the maximum annual rate of pension. If the net income amounts to £110 10s. per annum or more no pension is payable.

Class B.—The amount by which the claimant's net income exceeds £32 10s. per annum (12s. 6d. per week) is deducted from the maximum annual rate of pension. The amount of pension is subject to further reduction by £1 for every complete £10 by which the net value of the claimant's property (excluding her home, furniture, etc.) exceeds £50. If the net income (or the net income plus the "property deduction") amounts to £97 10s. per annum or more, no pension is payable.

Class C.—The determination of whether a widow in this class is in "necessitous circumstances" is a matter for the discretion of the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner.

(vi) *Property.* A claimant who possesses money or other property of any kind, the total net value of which (excluding the claimant's home, furniture and personal effects) exceeds :—

(i) in the case of a widow in Class A—£1,000 ;

(ii) in the case of a widow in Class B—£400 is not eligible to receive a pension.

3. *Payment.*—Pensions and allowances are paid at Post Offices each four weeks on production of a pension certificate issued by the Department. The first payment was made on 28th July, 1942, for the four weeks ended 27th July, 1942.

4. *Number of Widows and Cost.*—It is expected that the Widows' Pension Scheme will benefit 30,000 widows. The annual cost is estimated to be £1,600,000.

5. *Administration.*—The general administration of the Act is under the control of the Director-General of Social Services, and the detailed administration is carried out by the Commissioner of Pensions and other officials appointed for the purposes of the Invalid and Old-age Pensions Act.