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PREFACE.

By the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Parliament of the Commonwealth is empowered "to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth, with respect to Census and Statistics." In the exercise of the power so conferred, a "Census and Statistics Act" was passed in 1905, and in the year following, the "Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics" was created. The first Official Year Book was published early in 1908. The publication here presented is the thirty-fourth Official Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government.

The synopsis on pp. viii to xxi immediately following shows the general arrangement of the work. The special index (following the usual general index) provided at the end of the volume, together with certain references given in the various Chapters, will assist in tracing in previous issues matter which, owing to limitations of space, has been omitted or is not printed fully in the present volume.

Economic and financial conditions during recent years have caused a demand for new information, or information expressed in new terms, concerning many matters of finance, trade, prices, production and population, and some progress has been made in the later volumes towards bringing closer to present day requirements the Chapters dealing with these branches of statistics, while a diary of the principal financial and economic events of the years 1939 to 1941 is inserted after the last chapter.

The censorship provisions preclude the publication of certain statistics during the war period. In the present volume Chapters V. "Transport and Communication," XV. "Mineral Industry" and XXIII. "Trade" are chiefly affected. The "Defence" Chapter has been omitted but the data may be made available in future issues.

Later information which has come to hand since the various Chapters were sent to press has been incorporated in the Appendix (p. 922).

The material in the Year Book has been carefully checked throughout, but I shall be grateful to those who will be kind enough to point out defects or make suggestions.

My thanks are due to the State Statisticians, who have collected and compiled the data on which the greater part of the information given in the Official Year Book is based. Thanks are also due to the responsible officers of the various Commonwealth and State Departments, and to others, who have kindly, and often at considerable trouble, supplied information; special mention should be made of the services of the Chief Draftsman of the Property and Survey Branch, Department of the Interior, who was responsible for the drawing of the graphs throughout this volume.

An expression of keen appreciation is due in respect of the valuable work performed by Mr. J. P. Dwyer, Editor of the Official Year Book, and of the services rendered by the officers in charge of the various branches of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, upon whom has devolved the duty of revising the Chapters relative to their respective branches.

The present volume has been produced under stress of war conditions, which have entailed some delays owing to the pre-occupation of a large part of the staff of this Bureau and of the Government Printing Office with urgent war work.

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STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Heading.		Year.						
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.
Population(a)	Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,597,444
	Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,539,777
	Persons	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,137,221
Births	No.	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	118,509	134,525
	Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	19.22
Deaths	No.	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	71,176
	Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.17
Marriages	No.	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	75,148
	Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	10.74
		1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1940-41.
Agriculture—								
Wheat	Area, acs.	2,995,814	3,334,957	5,115,965	7,427,834	9,719,042	14,741,313	12,644,646
	Yld., bshl.	21,443,862	25,675,265	38,561,619	71,636,347	129,088,806	190,612,188	82,233,324
	Av., "	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.04	13.28	12.93	6.50
Oats	Area, acs.	194,816	246,129	461,430	616,794	733,406	1,085,489	1,722,902
	Yld., bshl.	4,795,897	5,726,256	9,789,854	9,561,833	12,147,433	15,194,680	10,199,218
	Av., "	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	5.92
Barley	Area, acs.	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	757,447
	Yld., bshl.	1,353,380	1,178,560	1,519,819	2,056,830	6,085,685	6,290,672	7,133,620
	Av., "	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	9.42
Maize	Area, acs.	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	362,861
	Yld., bshl.	5,726,266	9,261,922	7,034,786	8,939,855	7,840,438	7,062,383	9,192,744
	Av., "	34.54	32.36	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	25.33
Hay	Area, acs.	768,388	942,166	1,688,402	2,181,351	2,994,519	2,634,680	2,353,506
	Yld., tons	767,194	1,067,255	2,024,608	2,867,973	3,902,189	3,167,459	2,177,470
	Av., "	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	0.93
Potatoes(b)	Area, acs.	76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	122,390
	Yld., tons	243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	454,384
	Av., "	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.69
Sugar-cane	Area, acs.	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,356	241,576	273,491
	Yld., tons	349,627	737,573	1,367,802	1,682,250	2,436,890	4,213,453	5,523,416
	Av., "	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.35	18.99	17.44	20.20
Vineyards	Area, acs.	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	130,006
	Wine, gal.	1,438,060	3,437,598	5,262,447	4,975,147	8,542,573	14,190,522	15,981,526
Total gross value all agricultural production .. £		15,519,000	16,988,000	23,835,000	38,774,000	81,890,000	74,489,000	(h) 95,369,000
Pastoral, dairying, etc.—								
Live Stock	Sheep No.	65,092,719	106,421,068	72,040,211	96,886,234	86,119,068	110,618,893	122,693,601
	Cattle "	8,010,991	11,112,112	8,491,428	11,828,954	14,441,309	12,260,955	13,255,841
(a)	Horses	1,088,029	1,584,737	1,620,420	2,278,226	2,438,182	1,775,550	1,665,616
	Pigs	703,188	845,888	931,309	1,110,721	960,385	1,167,845	1,797,821
Wool prod. lb. (d)		319,649,000	634,046,000	539,395,000	798,391,000	723,059,000	1,007,456,000	1,141,775,000
Butter production .. lb.		(e)	42,314,585	103,747,295	212,073,745	267,071,340	390,654,070	432,082,922
Cheese production (f) ..		(e)	10,130,945	11,845,153	15,886,712	32,653,003	31,422,973	60,004,440
Bacon and ham ..		(e)	16,771,886	34,020,629	53,335,092	58,626,469	71,121,740	88,773,119
Total gross value of pastoral and dairying production .. £		29,538,000	39,256,000	36,890,000	72,883,000	119,399,000	103,018,000	(h) 167,042,000
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1940.
Mineral production—								
Gold	£	5,194,390	5,281,861	14,017,538	10,551,624	4,018,685	3,563,519	17,519,950
	£	45,622	3,736,352	2,248,598	3,022,177	1,539,992	1,443,807	(g) 4,745,046
Silver and lead	£	714,003	367,373	2,215,431	2,564,278	803,957	567,558	(g) 893,080
	£	1,145,889	560,502	448,234	1,209,973	418,418	216,205	(g) 711,628
Zinc	£	200	2,979	4,067	1,415,169	283,455	512,795	(g) 916,905
	£	637,865	1,912,353	2,602,733	3,927,360	11,014,831	6,355,246	8,327,341
Coal .. £								
Total value of all mineral production .. £		7,820,290	12,074,106	21,816,772	23,302,878	20,029,107	13,352,316	40,002,669
Forestry production—								
Quantity of local timber						1921-22.	1931-32.	1940-41.
sawn or hewn—								
'000 sup. ft.		(e)	(e)	452,131	604,794	590,495	236,707	825,634

(a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated for 1881. (c) Area of productive cane. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Information not available. (f) Years ended December, except for last two columns which refer to years ended June. (g) Year 1938, later figures not available for publication. (h) Year 1939-40.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Year.						
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1940-41.
Factories—							
No. of factories				14,455	18,023	21,657	27,300
Persons engaged (a) No.				311,710	378,540	336,658	650,073
Wages paid .. £	(b)	(b)	(b)	27,528,377	68,050,861	55,931,818	137,919,068
Value of production .. £				51,259,004	121,674,119	110,981,830	257,914,349
Total value of output .. £				133,022,090	320,340,765	281,645,458	644,794,908
Shipping—							
Oversea vessels f No. ..	3,284	3,778	4,028	4,174	3,111	3,057 (c)	3,814
ent. & cleared } tons	2,549,364	4,726,307	6,541,991	9,984,801	9,081,278	11,395,784 (c)	13,545,712
Commerce—							
Imports, oversea .. £	29,067,000	37,711,000	42,434,000	66,967,488	103,066,436	44,712,868	d 108,650,056
" per head .. £	12/16/2	11/16/0	11/3/11	14/18/2	18/14/1	6/16/6	15/9/11
Exports oversea .. £	27,528,000	36,043,000	49,696,000	79,482,258	127,846,535 (e)	85,842,887	d 107,574,912
" per head .. £	12/2/8	11/5/6	13/2/2	17/13/0	23/4/1	13/1/11	15/6/10
Total oversea trade .. £	56,595,000	73,754,000	92,130,000	146,449,746	230,912,971	130,555,755	d 216,224,968
" per head .. £	24/18/10	23/1/6	24/6/1	32/12/0	41/18/2	19/18/5	30/16/9
Customs and Excise duties .. £	4,809,326	7,440,869	8,656,530	13,515,005	27,565,199	28,524,996	53,776,400
" per head .. £	2/2/5	2/6/7	2/5/8	2/19/2	5/0/1	4/7/1	7/13/5
Principal Oversea Exports (f) .. £							
Wool .. lb. (g)	328,369,200	619,259,800	518,018,100	720,364,900	927,833,700	893,644,000	(h)
" .. cental	13,173,026	19,940,029	15,237,454	26,071,193	47,977,044	32,102,246	39,645,396
Wheat .. £	3,218,792	5,876,753	12,156,035	33,088,704	59,968,334	76,440,603	(h)
" .. tons	1,189,762	1,938,804	2,774,643	9,641,608	28,644,155	19,220,203	9,247,836
Flour .. £	49,549	33,363	66,814	175,891	359,734	610,858	(h)
" .. lb.	519,635	328,443	589,604	1,391,529	5,519,881	3,833,237	7,427,132
Butter .. £	1,298,800	4,239,500	34,607,400	101,722,100	127,347,400	201,639,400	(h)
Skins and hides .. £	39,383	206,868	1,451,168	4,637,362	7,968,078	10,250,002	11,973,485
Tallow .. £	316,878	873,695	1,250,938	3,227,236	3,136,810	2,315,594	4,098,016
Meats .. £	644,149	571,069	677,745	1,935,836	1,441,795	831,475	561,660
Timber (undressed) .. £	362,965	460,894	2,611,244	4,393,159	5,542,102	6,370,012	15,815,920
Gold .. £	118,117	38,448	731,301	1,023,960	1,158,166	432,595	429,199
Silver and lead .. £	6,445,365	5,703,532	14,315,741	12,045,766	3,483,239	12,694,786	(h)
Copper .. £	57,954	1,932,278	2,250,253	3,212,584	2,697,130	2,902,056	(h)
Coal .. £	676,515	417,687	1,619,145	2,345,961	705,358	472,468	(h)
Govt. Railways—							
Lgh. of line open, mls.	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,502	26,959	27,234
Capital cost .. £	42,741,350	99,704,090	123,223,779	152,104,603	244,353,233	323,365,450	321,235,071
Gross revenue .. £	3,910,122	8,654,085	11,038,468	17,847,837	38,194,639	37,579,965	52,325,223
Working expenses .. £	2,141,735	5,630,182	7,133,617	10,945,727	29,817,970	28,141,984	40,313,294
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings %	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	78.07	74.88	77.04
Postal—							
Letters and postcards dealt with .. No.	67,640,000	157,297,000	220,853,000	453,063,000	561,973,000	i 731,135,000	i 898,688,000
" per head .. £	29.61	49.07	58.26	100.90	102.01	111.62	128.18
Newspapers dealt with .. No.	38,063,000	85,280,000	102,727,000	141,638,000	140,477,000	139,502,000	160,593,000
" per head .. £	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	25.50	21.30	22.91
Cheque-paying Banks (j)—							
Note circulation .. £	3,978,711	4,417,269	3,399,462	3,718,458 (k)	213,868	197,121 (l)	166,667
Coin & bullion held .. £	9,108,243	16,712,923	19,780,528	33,470,770	21,626,832	2,882,026 (l)	4,479,215
Advances .. £	57,732,824	129,741,583	86,352,832	108,578,771	193,435,760	n 260,917,515	m 323,850,498
Deposits (m) .. £	53,849,455	98,345,338	91,487,148	143,446,910	273,866,737	n 319,241,333	m 482,722,133
Savings Banks (o)—							
Total deposits .. £	7,854,480	15,536,592	30,882,645	59,393,682	154,396,051	197,966,308	p 273,711,130
Aver. per head of population .. £	3/10/5	4/18/7	8/3/0	13/8/5	28/0/4	30/1/11 (p)	38/2/8
State Schools—							
Number of Schools ..	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445	10,097	9,828
Teachers .. No.	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120	33,762	31,479
Enrolment ..	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042	936,901	903,481
Aver. attendance ..	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,799	666,498	817,262	741,496

(a) Including working proprietors. (b) Owing to variation in classification and lack of information, effective comparison is impossible. (c) 1938-39 figures. (d) Merchandise only. (e) British currency values. The recorded values were—Exports, 1931-32, £A109,034,065; and 1940-41, £A134,737,577. (f) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (g) In terms of greasy. (h) Not available for publication. (i) Includes packets. (j) Figures for the first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (k) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (l) Quarter ended June, 1942. (m) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits in year 1921-22. (n) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (o) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (p) At 30th June, 1942.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE.

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NOTE.—The Government was centralized in Sydney, New South Wales, up to 1825, when Tasmania (Van Diemen's Land) was made a separate colony. In the Table, the names now borne by the States serve to indicate the localities.

Year.

- 1788 N.S.W.—Arrival of "First Fleet" at Botany Bay. Land in vicinity being found unsuitable for settlement, the expedition moved to Sydney Cove. Formal proclamation of colony on 7th February. Branch Settlement established at Norfolk Island. French navigator Lapérouse visited Botany Bay. First cultivation of wheat and barley. First grape vines planted.
- 1789 N.S.W.—First wheat harvest at Parramatta, near Sydney. Discovery of Hawkesbury River.
- 1790 N.S.W.—"Second Fleet" reached Port Jackson. Landing of the New South Wales Corps.
- 1791 N.S.W.—Arrival of "Third Fleet." Territorial seal brought by Governor King.
- 1792 N.S.W.—Visit of *Philadelphia*, first foreign trading vessel.
- 1793 N.S.W.—First free immigrants arrived in the *Bellona*. First Australian church opened at Sydney. Tas.—D'Entrecasteaux discovered the Derwent River.
- 1794 N.S.W.—Establishment of settlement at Hawkesbury River.
- 1795 N.S.W.—Erection of the first printing press at Sydney. Descendants of strayed cattle discovered at Cowpastures, Nepean River.
- 1796 N.S.W.—First Australian theatre opened at Sydney. Coal discovered by fishermen at Newcastle.
- 1797 N.S.W.—Introduction of merino sheep from Cape of Good Hope.
- 1798 Tas.—Insularity of Tasmania proved by voyage of Bass and Flinders.
- 1800 N.S.W.—Hunter River coal-mines worked. First Customs House in Australia established at Sydney. Flinders' charts published.
- 1801 N.S.W.—First colonial manufacture of blankets and linen.
- 1802 Vic.—Discovery of Port Phillip by Lieut. Murray. Q'land.—Discovery of Port Curtis and Port Bowen by Flinders. S.A.—Discovery of Spencer's and St. Vincent Gulfs by Flinders.
- 1803 N.S.W.—First Australian wool taken to England by Capt. Macarthur. Issue of "The Sydney Gazette," first Australian newspaper. Vic.—Attempted settlement at Port Phillip by Collins. Discovery of Yarra by Grimes. Tas.—First settlement formed at Risdon by Lieut. Bowen.
- 1804 N.S.W.—Insurrection of convicts at Castle Hill. Vic.—Abandonment of settlement at Port Phillip. Tas.—Foundation of settlement at Hobart by Collins, and at Yorktown by Colonel Paterson.
- 1805 N.S.W.—First extensive sheep farm established at Camden by Capt. Macarthur. Portion of settlers from Norfolk Island transferred to Tasmania.
- 1806 N.S.W.—Shortage of provisions. Tas.—Settlement at Launceston.
- 1807 N.S.W.—Final transfer of convicts from Norfolk Island. First shipment of merchantable wool (245 lb.) to England.
- 1808 N.S.W.—Deposition of Governor Bligh.
- 1809 N.S.W.—Isaac Nichols appointed to supervise delivery of oversea letters.
- 1810 N.S.W.—Post Office officially established at Sydney, Isaac Nichols first post-master. First race meeting in Australia at Hyde Park, Sydney. Tas.—First Tasmanian newspaper printed.
- 1813 N.S.W.—Passage across Blue Mountains discovered by Wentworth, Lawson and Blaxland. Macquarie River discovered by Evans.
- 1814 N.S.W.—Flinders suggested the name "Australia", instead of "New Holland". Creation of Civil Courts.

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- 1815 N.S.W.—First steam engine in Australia erected at Sydney. Lachlan River discovered by Evans. Tas.—Arrival of first immigrant ship with free settlers. First export of wheat to Sydney.
- 1816 N.S.W.—Botanic Garden formed at Sydney.
- 1817 N.S.W.—Oxley's first exploration inland. Discovery of Lakes George and Bathurst and the Goulburn Plains by Meehan and Hume. First bank in Australia—Bank of New South Wales—opened at Sydney.
- 1818 N.S.W.—Liverpool Plains, and the Peel, Hastings and Manning Rivers discovered by Oxley, and Port Essington by Captain King.
- 1819 N.S.W.—First Savings Bank in Australia opened at Sydney.
- 1820 Tas.—First importation of pure merino sheep.
- 1821 Tas.—Establishment of penal settlement at Macquarie Harbour.
- 1823 N.S.W.—New South Wales Judicature Act passed. Discovery of gold at Fish River by Assistant-Surveyor McBrien. Qld.—Brisbane River discovered by Oxley.
- 1824 N.S.W.—Constituted a Crown Colony. Executive Council formed. Establishment of Supreme Court at Sydney, and introduction of trial by jury. First Australian Enactment (Currency Bill) passed by the Legislative Council. Proclamation of freedom of the press. First manufacture of sugar. Vic.—Hume and Hovell, journeying overland from Sydney, arrived at Corio Bay. Qld.—Penal settlement founded at Moreton Bay (Brisbane). Fort Dundas Settlement formed at Melville Island, N. Terr.
- 1825 N.S.W.—Extension of western boundary to 129th meridian. Tas.—Separation of Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). Qld.—Major Lockyer explored Brisbane River to its source, and discovered coal.
- 1826 N.S.W.—Settlement in Illawarra District. Vic.—Settlement at Corinella, Western Port, formed by Captain Wright.
- 1827 N.S.W.—Colony became self-supporting. Qld.—Darling Downs and the Condamine River discovered by Allan Cunningham. W.A.—Military Settlement founded at King George's Sound by Major Lockyer. First official claim of British Sovereignty over all Australia.
- 1828 N.S.W.—Second constitution. First Census. Sturt's expedition down Darling River. Gas first used at Sydney. Richmond and Clarence Rivers discovered by Captain Rous. Vic.—Abandonment of settlement at Western Port. Qld.—Cunningham discovered a route from Brisbane to the Darling Downs, and explored Brisbane River.
- 1829 N.S.W.—Sturt's expedition down Murrumbidgee River. W.A.—Foundation of settlement at Swan River. Foundation of Perth.
- 1830 N.S.W.—Insurrection of convicts at Bathurst. Sturt, voyaging down Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers, arrived at Lake Alexandrina. Tas.—Trouble with natives. Black line organized to force aborigines into Tasman's Peninsula, but failed. Between 1830 and 1835, however, George Robinson, by friendly suasion, succeeded in gathering the small remnant of aborigines (203) into settlement on Flinders Island.
- 1831 N.S.W.—Crown lands first disposed of by public competition. Mitchell's explorations north of Liverpool Plains. Arrival at Sydney of first steamer, *Sophia Jane*, from England. SS. *Surprise*, first steamship built in Australia, launched at Sydney. First coal shipped from Australian Agricultural Company's workings at Newcastle, N.S.W. First assisted immigration to N.S.W. S.A.—Wakefield's first colonization committee. W.A.—Appointment of Executive and Legislative Councils.
- 1832 N.S.W.—State Savings Bank established.
- 1833 N.S.W.—First School of Arts established at Sydney.
- 1834 N.S.W.—First settlement at Twofold Bay. Vic.—Settlement formed at Portland Bay by Henty Bros. S.A.—Formation of the South Australian Association. W.A.—Severe reprisals against natives at Pinjarrah.

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- 1835 Vic.—John Batman arrived at Port Phillip; made treaty with the natives for 600,000 acres of land; claim afterwards disallowed by Imperial Government. Foundation of Melbourne.
- 1836 N.S.W.—Mitchell's overland journey from Sydney to Cape Northumberland. Vic.—Proclamation of Port Phillip district as open for settlement. S.A.—Settlement founded at Adelaide under Governor Hindmarsh.
- 1837 N.S.W.—Appointment in London of Select Committee on Transportation. Vic.—Melbourne named by Governor Bourke. First overlanders from Sydney arrived at Port Phillip.
- 1838 N.S.W.—Discontinuance of assignment of convicts. Qld.—Settlement of German missionaries at Brisbane. S.A.—“Overlanding” of cattle from Sydney to Adelaide along the Murray route by Hawden and Bonney. Settlement at Port Essington, Northern Territory, formed by Captain Bremer.
- 1839 N.S.W.—Gold found at Vale of Clwydd by Count Strzelecki. S.A.—Lake Torrens discovered by Eyre. Port Darwin discovered by Captain Stokes. W.A.—Murchison River discovered by Captain Grey.
- 1840 N.S.W.—Abolition of transportation to New South Wales. Land regulations—proceeds of sales to be applied to payments for public works and expenditure on immigration. Vic.—Determination of northern boundary. Qld.—Penal settlement broken up and Moreton Bay district thrown open. S.A.—Eyre began his overland journey from Adelaide to King George's Sound.
- 1841 N.S.W.—Gold found near Hartley by Rev. W. B. Clarke. W.A.—Completion of Eyre's overland journey from Adelaide to King George's Sound. Tas.—Renewal of Transportation.
- 1842 N.S.W.—Incorporation of Sydney. Vic.—Incorporation of Melbourne. S.A.—Discovery of copper at Kapunda.
- 1843 N.S.W.—First Representative Constitution (under Act of 1842). First manufacture of tweed. Qld.—Moreton Bay granted legislative representation.
- 1844 Qld.—Leichhardt's expedition to Port Essington. S.A.—Sturt's last expedition inland.
- 1845 N.S.W.—Mitchell's explorations on the Barcoo. Qld.—Explorations by Mitchell and Kennedy. S.A.—Discovery of the Burra copper deposits. Sturt discovered Cooper's Creek.
- 1846 N.S.W.—Initiation of meat-preserving. Qld.—Foundation of settlement at Port Curtis. S.A.—Proclamation of North Australia. W.A.—Foundation of New Norcia (Benedictine) Mission.
- 1847 N.S.W.—Iron-smelting commenced near Berrima. Overland mail established between Sydney and Adelaide. Vic.—Melbourne created a City. Qld.—Explorations by Leichhardt, Burnett and Kennedy.
- 1848 Qld.—Leichhardt's last journey. Kennedy speared by the blacks at York Peninsula. Chinese brought in as shepherds.
- 1849 N.S.W.—Indignation of colonists at arrival of convict ship *Hashemy*. Exodus of population to gold-fields of California. Vic.—*Randolph* prevented from landing convicts. Qld.—Assignment of convicts per *Hashemy* to squatters on Darling Downs. W.A.—Commencement of transportation to Western Australia.
- 1850 N.S.W.—Final abolition of transportation. First sod of first Australian railway turned at Sydney. Sydney University founded. Vic.—Gold discovered at Clunes by Hon. W. Campbell. Representative government granted. S.A.—Representative government granted. W.A.—Pearl oysters found by Lieut. Helpman at Saturday Island Shoal. Tas.—Representative government granted.
- 1851 N.S.W.—Payable gold discovered by Hargraves at Lewis Ponds and Summerhill Creek. Telegraph first used. Vic.—Separation of Port Phillip—erected into independent colony under the name of Victoria. Discovery of gold in various localities. “Black Thursday,” 6th Feb., a day of intense heat. W.A.—Proclamation of Legislative Council Act.

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- 1852 N.S.W.—Arrival of the *Chusan*, first P. and O. mail steamer from England. S.A.—First steamer ascended the Murray River to the junction with the Darling. Tas.—Meeting of first elective Council protests against transportation. Payable gold discovered at The Nook, near Fingal, and at Nine Mile Springs.
- 1853 Tas.—Abolition of transportation. Vic.—Melbourne University founded.
- 1854 Vic.—Opening of first Victorian railway—Flinders-street to Port Melbourne. Riots on Ballarat gold-fields. Storming of the Eureka Stockade, 3rd Dec.
- 1855 N.S.W.—Opening of railway—Sydney to Parramatta. Mint opened.
- 1856 N.S.W.—Pitcairn Islanders placed on Norfolk Island. W.A.—A. C. Gregory's expedition in search of Leichhardt. Responsible Government in N.S.W., Vic., S.A. and Tas. (Act of 1855).
- 1857 N.S.W.—Wreck of the *Dunbar* (119 lives lost), and *Catherine Adamson* (21 lives lost), at Sydney Heads. Select Committee on Federation. Vic.—Manhood suffrage and vote by ballot. S.A.—Passage of Torrens' Real Property Act.
- 1858 N.S.W.—Establishment of manhood suffrage and vote by ballot. Telegraphic communication between Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide. Qld.—Canoona gold rush.
- 1859 Qld.—Proclamation of Queensland as separate colony. Tas.—First submarine cable, via Circular Head and King Island to Cape Otway.
- 1860 Vic.—Burke and Wills left Melbourne and crossed to Gulf of Carpentaria. S.A.—Copper discoveries at Wallaroo and Moonta. McDouall Stuart reached centre of continent and named "Central Mount Stuart".
- 1861 N.S.W.—Anti-Chinese riots at Lambing Flat and Burrangong gold-fields. Opening of first tramway in Sydney. Regulation of Chinese immigration. Vic.—Burke and Wills perished at Cooper's Creek, near Innamincka, S.A.
- 1862 N.S.W.—Abolition of State aid to religion. Real Property Act. S.A.—Stuart crossed the Continent from south to north. W.A.—First export of pearl-shell.
- 1863 Vic.—Intercolonial Conference at Melbourne. S.A.—Northern Territory taken over. W.A.—Initiation of settlement in the North-west district. Henry Maxwell Lefroy discovered and traversed area now comprised in the Coolgardie-Kalgoorlie gold-field.
- 1864 Qld.—First railway begun and opened. First sugar made from Queensland cane. Tas.—First successful shipment of English salmon ova.
- 1865 N.S.W.—Destruction by fire of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.
- 1866 N.S.W.—Passage of Public Schools Act of (Sir) Henry Parkes. S.A.—Introduction of camels for exploration, etc.
- 1867 Vic.—Imposition of protective tariff. Qld.—Discovery of gold at Gympie.
- 1868 N.S.W.—Attempted assassination of the Duke of Edinburgh at Clontarf, near Sydney. W.A.—Arrival of the *Hougomont*, last convict ship. Tas.—First sod of first railway (Launceston and Western) turned by Duke of Edinburgh.
- 1869 W.A.—First telegraph line opened from Perth to Fremantle.
- 1870 N.S.W.—Intercolonial Exhibition opened at Sydney. Imperial troops withdrawn. Vic.—Intercolonial Congress at Melbourne. S.A.—Commencement of trans-continental telegraph.
- 1871 N.S.W.—Permanent military force raised. W.A.—Passage of Elementary Education Act. Forrest's explorations. Tas.—Discovery of tin at Mount Bischoff. Launceston-Western railway opened for traffic.
- 1872 N.S.W.—International Exhibition at Sydney. Vic.—Mint opened. S.A.—Cable from Java to Port Darwin. Completion of transcontinental telegraph line.
- 1873 N.S.W.—Intercolonial Conference at Sydney. First volunteer encampment. Inauguration of mail service with San Francisco.
- 1874 N.S.W.—Triennial Parliaments Act passed. Intercolonial Conference. W.A.—John and Alexander Forrest arrived at Overland Telegraph from Murchison. S.A.—University of Adelaide founded.

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- 1875 Qld.—Transfer of Port Albany Settlement to Thursday Island.
- 1876 N.S.W.—Completion of cable—Sydney (La Perouse) to Wellington (Wakapuaka).
W.A.—Giles crossed colony from east to west. Tas.—Death of Truganini,
last representative of Tasmanian aborigines.
- 1877 W.A.—Opening of telegraphic communication with South Australia.
- 1878 Qld.—Restriction of Chinese immigration.
Introduction of telephone into Australia.
- 1879 N.S.W.—First artesian bore at Killara. *International Exhibition at Garden
Palace, Sydney.* First steam tramway. W.A.—A. Forrest's explorations
in the Kimberley district, and discovery of the Fitzroy pastoral country.
- 1880 N.S.W.—Public Instruction Act passed. Vic.—Opening of first Victorian Inter-
national Exhibition at Melbourne. First Australian Telephone Exchange
opened in Melbourne.
Federal Conference at Melbourne and Sydney.
- 1881 N.S.W.—Further restrictions on Chinese immigration.
Visit to Australia of T.R.H. Prince Albert Victor and Prince George.
- 1882 W.A.—Nugget of gold found between Roebourne and Cossack.
- 1883 N.S.W.—Discovery of silver at Broken Hill. Completion of railway between
New South Wales and Victoria. Qld.—Annexation of New Guinea—
repudiated by Imperial authorities.
Federal Conference held at Sydney. Federal Council created.
- 1884 Federation Bill passed in Victoria and rejected in New South Wales. British
protectorate declared over New Guinea.
- 1885 N.S.W.—Military contingent sent to the Sudan. Opening of the Broken Hill
Proprietary Silver Mines. W.A.—Gold found by prospectors on the Margaret
and Ord Rivers in the Kimberley district. Tas.—Silver-lead discovered at
Mount Zeehan.
- 1886 Tas.—Discovery of gold and copper at Mount Lyell.
First session of Federal Council met at Hobart on 26th January.
- 1887 N.S.W.—Disaster at Bulli coal-mine (81 lives lost). S.A.—International Exhibi-
tion at Adelaide. W.A.—Cyclone destroyed nearly the whole pearling fleet off
the Ninety-Mile Beach—200 lives lost. Gold discovered at Southern Cross.
First "Colonial" Conference in London. Australasian Naval Defence
Force Act passed.
- 1888 N.S.W.—Centennial celebrations. Restrictive legislation against Chinese,
imposing poll-tax of £100. Vic.—Second Victorian International Exhibition
held at Melbourne. Qld.—Railway communication opened between Sydney
and Brisbane.
Conference of Australian Ministers at Sydney to consider question of
Chinese immigration. First meeting of the Australasian Association for the
Advancement of Science held in Sydney.
- 1889 Qld.—Direct railway communication established between Brisbane and Adelaide.
W.A.—Framing of new Constitution. Tas.—University of Tasmania founded.
- 1890 W.A.—Responsible Government granted.
Meeting at Melbourne of Australasian Federation Conference.
- 1891 N.S.W.—Election to Legislative Assembly of 35 Labour members. Arrival of
Australian Auxiliary Squadron. Cessation of assisted immigration. W.A.—
Discovery of gold on the Murchison.
First Federal Convention in Sydney; draft bill framed and adopted.
- 1892 W.A.—Discovery of gold by Messrs. Bayley and Ford at Coolgardie.
- 1893 N.S.W.—Departure by the *Royal Tar* of colonists for "New Australia".
Financial crisis, chiefly affecting the eastern States.
- 1895 N.S.W.—Free-trade tariff. Land and income taxes introduced.
Conference of Premiers on Federation at Hobart.
- 1896 N.S.W.—People's Federal Convention at Bathurst.
- 1897-8 Sessions of Federal Convention at Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne.

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- 1898 N.S.W.—First surplus of wheat for export.
Draft Federal Constitution Bill submitted to electors in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Tasmania. Requisite statutory number of votes not obtained in New South Wales.
- 1899 First contingent of Australian troops sent to South Africa. Conference of Premiers in Melbourne to consider amendments to Federal Constitution Bill. Referendum—Bill accepted by New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and Tasmania. First Labour Government (Queensland).
- 1900 N.S.W.—Old-age pensions instituted.
Contingents of naval troops sent to China. Commonwealth Constitution Act received Royal Assent, 9th July. Proclamation of Commonwealth signed, 17th September. Mr. (afterwards Sir) Edmund Barton formed first Federal Ministry.
- 1901 Vic.—Old-age pensions instituted.
Proclamation of the Commonwealth at Sydney. First Federal Parliament opened at Melbourne by the Duke of Cornwall and York. Interstate free-trade established.
- 1902 N.S.W.—Disastrous explosion at Mount Kembla Colliery—95 lives lost. W.A.—Opening of pumping station at Northam in connexion with Gold-fields water supply. Completion of Pacific Cable (all-British). First Federal Tariff.
- 1903 W.A.—Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie Water Supply Scheme completed.
Inauguration of the Federal High Court.
- 1905 N.S.W.—Re-introduction of assisted immigration.
- 1906 Wireless telegraphy installed between Queenscliff, Vic., and Devonport, Tas. Papua taken over by Commonwealth.
- 1907 N.S.W.—Telephone, Sydney to Melbourne, opened. First telephone trunk line service between Capital Cities, i.e., Sydney and Melbourne.
Imperial Conference in London.
- 1908 Canberra chosen as site of Australian Capital. Visit of U.S.A. fleet to Australia.
- 1909 Imperial Defence Conference in London—Commonwealth ordered two destroyers and one first-class cruiser for fleet unit. Visit of Lord Kitchener to report and advise on Australian military defence. Queensland University founded.
- 1910 Referendum on financial relations between the Commonwealth and the States. Penny Postage. Arrival of the *Yarra* and *Paramatta*, first vessels built for the Royal Australian Navy. Australian Notes Act passed and first Commonwealth notes issued. Admiral Sir R. Henderson visited Australia to advise on naval defence.
- 1911 First Federal Census. Transfer of Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory to Commonwealth. Introduction of compulsory military training. Establishment of penny postage to all parts of British Empire. University of Western Australia founded.
- 1912 Opening of Commonwealth Bank. First payments of Maternity Bonus. First sod turned at Port Augusta of Trans-Australian Railway (Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie).
- 1913 Australian Capital named Canberra and foundation stone laid. Appointment of Interstate Commission.
- 1914 Visit of General Sir Ian Hamilton to report on military defence scheme. Double dissolution of Federal Parliament. Visit of British Association for the Advancement of Science. Transfer of Norfolk Island to Commonwealth.
European War declared 4th August. Australian Navy transferred to British Navy. Australian offer to equip and furnish 20,000 troops accepted. German possessions in South-West Pacific seized by Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force. German cruiser *Emden* destroyed by H.M.A.S. *Sydney* at Cocos Islands, 9th November. First contingent landed in Egypt. Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (A.N.Z.A.C.) formed under Sir William Birdwood.

Year.

- 1915 Opening of Broken Hill Proprietary's Ironworks at Newcastle, N.S.W. Navy Department created.
 Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli, 25th April. Battle of Sari Bair (Lone Pine), 6th-10th August. Evacuation, 18th-20th December. Australian warships with Grand Fleet, in Atlantic, Malaysia, and elsewhere overseas during remainder of war.
- 1916 Purchase of steamships by the Commonwealth.
 Australian and New Zealand mounted troops organized in mounted divisions and camel corps, operating thereafter in Egypt, Palestine and Syria. Battle of Romani, 4th August. Other troops with reinforcements organized as four infantry divisions (1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th) with some other units, and transferred to France. Fromelles, 19th July; the Somme, 1st July-18th November (Pozières, Moquet Farm, Flers). 3rd Division, formed in Australia, landed in France. First proposal for compulsory military service defeated by referendum.
- 1917 National Ministry formed. Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta railway completed.
 German withdrawal from Somme; Arras offensive (Bullecourt, 11th April and 3rd May); Messines, 7th June; Third Battle of Ypres, 1st July-10th November (Menin Road, Polygon Wood, Broodseinde, Passchendaele). Palestine-Gaza, 26th March, 19th April, 31st October (Beersheba). Australian Flying Corps operating with R.F.C. in Palestine and France. Second proposal for compulsory military service defeated by referendum.
- 1918 Population of Australia reached 5,000,000. Australia House (Strand, London) opened by the King.
 Five Australian divisions in France formed into army corps, 1st January. Sir William Birdwood succeeded by Sir John Monash, 30th May. Defensive campaign on Somme, 21st March-25th April (Dernancourt, Villers-Bretonneux); Battles of the Lys, 9th-29th April (Hazebrouck); Hamel, 4th July; Battle of Amiens, 8th August; Mont St. Quentin, 31st August; Hindenburg Line, 18th September-5th October. Palestine-Megiddo, 19th September; Damascus, 1st October. Armistice with Germany, 11th November. Repatriation Commission created.
- 1919 Messrs. Hughes and Cook represented Australia at Peace Conference. Return of Australian troops. Aerial flight England to Australia by Capt. Sir Ross Smith and Lieut. Sir Keith Smith. Peace Treaty signed at Versailles, 28th June.
- 1920 Visit to Australia of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Wholesale prices reached a point more than double the 1914 level.
- 1921 Second Commonwealth Census. Germany's indemnity fixed (Australia's share approximately £63,000,000). Mandate given to Australia over Territory of New Guinea. First direct wireless press message, England to Australia.
- 1922 First lock on River Murray opened at Blanchetown, South Australia. Queensland Legislative Council abolished.
- 1923 First sod turned on the site of Federal Parliament House at Canberra.
- 1924 Visit of British cruiser squadron. Directorate of Commonwealth Bank appointed. Australian Loan Council formed.
- 1925 Visit of American fleet. Solar Observatory established at Canberra. Brisbane-Grafton railway joining Sydney and Brisbane by uniform gauge was commenced. Sydney Harbour Bridge commenced.
- 1926 Population of Australia reached 6,000,000. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research established. Imperial Conference. Dominion Status defined.
- 1927 Transfer of Seat of Commonwealth Government from Melbourne to Canberra. New Parliament House opened by H.R.H. the Duke of York. Beam Wireless established.

Year.

- 1928 Visit of British Economic Mission to report on the development of Australian resources. Financial agreement of Commonwealth and States; Loan Council reconstituted; State debts to be taken over; Referendum carried, November.
- 1929 Beginning of fall in export prices. Commonwealth Bank empowered to mobilize gold reserve. Substantial export of gold reserves towards end of year.
- 1930 Wireless phone service with other countries inaugurated. Export prices fell to half 1928 level. Cessation of overseas loans. Tariff embargoes and rationing of imports. Visit of Sir Otto Niemeyer, of Bank of England, to discuss financial questions. Heavy export of gold reserves. Exchange Pool formed. £28,000,000 Conversion Loan fully subscribed. Gold bonus granted. Government deficits total nearly £11,000,000. First Australian—Right Hon. Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of the High Court—appointed Governor-General of Australia. Telephone trunk line service established between Adelaide and Perth linking up the whole of the mainland States by telephone.
- 1931 Depression continues; Australia substantially off gold standard with exchange rate at 130 in January; 10 per cent. cut in Federal basic wage. First experimental air mail England to Australia and return. New South Wales Savings Bank suspension and subsequent absorption by Commonwealth Bank. Postponement of sinking fund payments on war debt to British Government for two years. Initiation of Premiers' Conference plan to meet the financial situation. Commonwealth Bank Act amended to provide for temporary lower reserve against notes; substantial export of gold reserves. Hoover Moratorium on War Debts. England departs from gold standard in September; depreciation of Australian £1 on Sterling continued. Wheat bounty granted. Commonwealth Bank assumed control of exchange rate and lowered it to 125. Government deficits total £25,370,000, 1930-31.
- 1932 Sydney Harbour Bridge opened. Australian Broadcasting Commission established. New South Wales Government default in interest payments made good by Commonwealth Government; conflict of Commonwealth and New South Wales governments. Lang Ministry dismissed in New South Wales. Emergency restrictions on imports relaxed. Legislation passed enabling note reserve to be held in sterling securities, subsequently gold was shipped to the United Kingdom. Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa, with consequential tariff agreements. Sugar Agreement modified. Taxation reductions and assistance to wheat-growers. Government deficits reduced to £19,500,000 for 1931-32.
- 1933 Third Commonwealth Census. Imperial Air-mail "Astraea" arrived. World Economic Conference in London. Australia elected as Member of League of Nations. Secession Referendum (Western Australia). Referendum for reduction and limitation of number of members of Legislative Council (New South Wales). Disarmament Conference in London. Record wheat harvest (213,927,000 bushels). Antarctica and Ashmore and Cartier Islands taken over by the Commonwealth. Government deficits reduced to £4,500,000 for 1932-33.
- 1934 Visit of H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester to open Victorian Centenary Celebrations, Goodwill Mission to the East—Leader Rt. Hon. J. G. Latham. Record flight from England to Australia by Messrs. Scott and Black (Centenary Air Race) in 71 hours. Inauguration of England-Australia Air Mail Service.
- 1935 Silver Jubilee of H.M. King George V. Visit to London for Jubilee Celebrations of the Rt. Hon. J. A. Lyons, Prime Minister. Empire Statistical Conference at Ottawa. Japanese Goodwill Mission to Australia. Meeting of the British Medical Association for the first time in Australia.

Year.

- 1936 Death of H.M. King George V. South Australian Centenary. Trade dispute with Japan. Rise in wheat prices. Joint Commonwealth and State Marketing Schemes invalidated by decision of the Privy Council in the *James case*. Visit of British experts—Sir Walter Kinnear and Mr. G. H. Ince—to advise on national insurance. Abdication of H.M. King Edward VIII.
- 1937 Referendum on Commonwealth control of aviation and marketing defeated on both counts. Coronation of H.M. King George VI. Imperial conference in London. New Education Fellowship Conference held in all States. Commonwealth basic wage increased by 5s. per week. Report of the Royal Commission on Monetary and Banking Systems in Australia. Epidemic of Infantile Paralysis mainly in Victoria and Tasmania.
- 1938 New South Wales Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations. Australian Trade Delegation to review Ottawa Agreement. Resumption of nominated assisted migration. New Defence Programme involving expenditure of £63,000,000 over three years; militia forces to be raised to 70,000. New Trade Treaty with Japan. British Empire Games in Sydney.
- 1939 Death of the Rt. Hon. J. A. Lyons, Prime Minister of Australia. National Register and Wealth Census. European war. Australia participating in vast Empire Air Training Scheme. Compulsory military training re-introduced for home defence. Special volunteer force of 20,000 men enlisted and trained for service overseas. Purchase by the British Government of the Australian wool clip and the export surplus of butter, cheese, eggs, meat, sugar, lead, zinc and copper.
- 1940 Exchange of Ministers between Australia and United States of America. Appointment of Australian Minister to Japan. Exchange of High Commissioners between Australia and Canada. Population of Australia reached 7,000,000. Australian Forces embark for overseas service. Naval Dock commenced at Sydney. Air crash at Canberra, resulting in death of three Cabinet Ministers—the Hon. G. A. Street, the Hon. J. V. Fairbairn, and the Hon. Sir Henry Gullett, and the Chief of General Staff, Sir Brudenell White. Petrol rationing introduced. Commonwealth elections held.
- 1941 Appointment of Japanese Minister to Australia. Prime Minister's visit to London. Appointment of Sir T. Blamey as Deputy Commander-in-Chief of British Forces in the Middle East. Establishment of Child Endowment Scheme. Cessation of commercial relations between Australia and Japan. Exchange of Ministers between Australia and China. United States Congress passed Lend-lease Bill. Atlantic Charter signed by Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. Hon. A. Fadden succeeded Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies as Prime Minister. Fadden Government defeated on Budget. Hon. J. Curtin formed Labour Ministry. Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Outbreak of war with Japan.