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CHAPTER XXXI.

STATISTICAL ORGANIZATION AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

§ 1. Statistical Organization in Australia.

- 1. Early Development of Australian Statistics.—(i) Crown Colony "Blue Books". Statistical organization in Australia was founded in the "Blue Books" which, in the Crown Colony days, were prepared annually for the information of the Colonial Office. Although primarily intended for administrative purposes, these documents have been important sources of statistical data, even though some important matters are not covered, and others only partially so. These "Blue Books" form the basis from which later statistical publications were developed. This led to an element of uniformity in statistical compilation within the British Empire.
- (ii) Statistical Registers. Following the advent of Responsible Government, which was granted during the period 1851-1860 to all Australian States except Western Australia—and to that State in 1890—the "Blue Book" was succeeded in all States by "Statistical Registers". These were in many respects the old "Blue Books" in a new form, and were largely confined to summaries of the "by-product" statistics of Government administrative departments.

The first example of extensive Governmental organization for purely statistical purposes was the taking of periodic population censuses, which were initiated in all States under the Crown Colony régime. The growing need for quantitative data concerning the progress of the several young communities of Australia eventually led to the appointment of official Statisticians commissioned to prepare and publish such data.

- (iii) Statistical Conferences. To enable the interchange of ideas between States and to obtain uniform State statistics which could be aggregated to Australian totals, conferences were held in the several States from as early as 1861. Altogether, six conferences were held prior to the formation of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics in 1906. These were held in 1861, 1875, 1890, 1900, 1902 and 1903. The holding of these conferences has been continued since the formation of the Commonwealth Bureau, and a representative from New Zealand attended up to 1928.
- 2. Creation of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics.—Under the provisions of section 51 of the Commonwealth Constitution, power is conferred on the Commonwealth Parliament "to make laws for the peace, order and good government of the Commonwealth with respect to—" (inter alia) "(XI.) Census and statistics". In compliance with this provision, the Census and Statistics Act 1905 was passed, and in 1906 the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics was created. A conference of Statisticians in 1906 defined the relations between the Commonwealth and State Bureaux, and in each case the State Statistician became the representative in his own State of the Commonwealth Statistician for the purpose of administering the Commonwealth Act. In addition, each State has its own "Statistics Act", and although these are not identical in all States, they embody common principles. The Commonwealth Bureau did not attempt to duplicate the existing statistical organization, but endeavoured to use the services of the State statistical offices whenever possible, and to undertake the initial collection of statistics only in fields not already occupied by the States, or in which efficiency demanded complete centralization.
- 3. Integration of Statistical Services.—The creation and development of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, the frequent conferences of Commonwealth and State Statisticians, and the close and increasing liaison between officers dealing with the same subjects in the State and Commonwealth fields, did much to promote uniformity in the official statistical collections and methods employed throughout Australia. The complete realization of this aim could not, however, be achieved, even with the utmost co-operation of those concerned, while seven distinct statistical systems operated.

This became apparent after the 1914-18 War, when the economic problems that then arose drew attention to deficiencies in the Australian statistical data. With a view to overcoming these weaknesses the Prime Minister of the day proposed to the Premiers' Conference that State statistical offices be transferred to the Commonwealth. Tasmania alone agreed to this, and the transfer was effected in 1924. Since then, an amalgamated office has functioned satisfactorily in that State as a Commonwealth office which also serves State statistical needs.

The boom of the 1920's, the depression of the 1930's, the 1939-45 War, and the post-war boom, each with its special economic problems, imposed a severe strain on the Commonwealth and State statistical systems. Moreover, the development during and since the 1939-45 War of a very considerable volume of new statistics added greatly to the complexities of the several administrations in their efforts to secure, and maintain, uniformity in statistical collections. The establishment of Commonwealth statistical offices in some State capitals ameliorated the situation to some extent—indeed, without their establishment the new and expanded statistical collections could not have been carried out at all. However, this did not solve the problem, and constituted only one of a number of improvisations devised to obtain uniform data essential for national purposes, and to satisfy urgent demands for new types of statistics. Furthermore, the excessive amount of time and effort entailed in such improvisations made it impossible to devote the necessary time to the major question of supplying growing statistical needs promptly.

The emergence of the problem of providing uniform statistical services throughout Australia, adequate to meet present-day demands, was foreseen during the 1939-45 War, and in 1949 discussions were initiated with the Premiers by the Prime Minister, with the object of integrating the statistical services of the Commonwealth and the States by agreement. These negotiations were continued by correspondence, and subsequently all State Governments accepted the terms of draft agreements to integrate their respective statistical offices with that of the Commonwealth.

The Statistics (Arrangements with States) Bill was introduced into the Commonwealth Parliament on 17th April, 1956, its purpose being to seek parliamentary approval of the making of arrangements with individual States for, and the setting up of, integrated statistical services. This legislation, permissive in nature, was designed to enable the Commonwealth to enter into an agreement with any State to effect an amalgamation of Commonwealth and State statistical offices and services. The objective of such an agreement was that, in each State accepting it, there would be an integrated statistical service operated by Commonwealth statistical officers under the immediate direction of a statistician in the State who would hold office under both the Commonwealth and State governments. Both Commonwealth and State were to be adequately served with statistics, and no State would be required to surrender its existing powers in the field of statistics. The rights of officers transferred under any agreement entered into were provided for. After passing through the usual stages of Parliament, the bill became law on 12th May, 1956.

Integration of the Commonwealth and State statistical services was finally accomplished when the integration arrangement with Victoria came into effect on 15th September, 1958.

4. Scope of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics.—The scope of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics has constantly been widened, more particularly during the 1939-45 War, when the Bureau responded to the urgent demands of administration for immediate and accurate statistical information in various fields. Since the war, requirements in the administrative, industrial, financial and scientific spheres have led to the development of many new statistical collections. All the activities of the Bureau are covered by the Census and Statistics Act, which confers authority to collect information and contains stringent provisions to ensure that the information obtained is treated in strictest secrecy.

The following sections of this paragraph relate specifically to the organization and operation of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics in Canberra. In the State Offices, the pattern is broadly similar, although local requirements have naturally given rise to differences in detail.

For administrative purposes, the Commonwealth Bureau, Canberra, is divided into a number of Divisions. These are:—Census, Compiling, Development, Methodology and Sampling, Publications, Social Accounting, Mechanical Tabulation and Administrative.

- (a) Census Division. This Division of the Bureau is responsible for the taking of periodic population censuses and the tabulation, summarization and preparation for publication of the results obtained.
- (b) Compiling Division. The Compiling Division is divided into the following Branches which compile statistics dealing with specific fields of activity:—
 - Trade and Transport Branch—Responsible for the original compilation, tabulation and analysis of statistics relating to imports and exports, and for the compilation of statistics relating to road and rail transport, aviation, shipping, posts, telegraphs and telephones and broadcasting and television.
 - Employment and Labour Branch—Compiles all employment estimates, wage and labour statistics.
 - Primary Production Branch—Deals with statistics relating to agricultural and pastoral activities, mining, forestry and fishing. Original data are supplied largely by State Statisticians.

- Secondary Production Branch—Compiles all factory statistics both annual and monthly. Collates on a Commonwealth basis original annual data supplied by State Statisticians.
- Finance and Taxation Branch—Compiles statistics of private finance (banking, insurance, exchange rates, etc.), public finance (Commonwealth, State and Local and Semi-Governmental authorities), and statistics relating to all aspects of Commonwealth taxation.
- Demography Branch—Concerned with statistics of births, deaths, marriages and migration, and the making of periodic estimates of population.
- (c) Development Division. This Division was created in order to develop new statistical collections to meet post-war demands for more adequate and up-to-date statistics, and also to examine current collections in the light of such requirements. It is divided into three Branches, namely:—
 - Development Branch—Develops new statistical collections and examines current collections in the light of present-day requirements. Included in the latter are Social Statistics.
 - Prices Branch—Deals with the collection of retail and wholesale prices and the compilation of retail and wholesale price index numbers. A staff of trained field officers is maintained in the several States to facilitate the collection of accurate information.
 - Business Statistics Branch—Conducts censuses and surveys and analyses statistics relating to internal trade (retail), business and hire purchase activities, and company investments and profits.
- (d) Methodology and Sampling Division. Undertakes the development and application of sampling procedures to statistical collections and, in addition to furnishing technical advice to other Branches, undertakes projects relating to operations research in other Departments.
- (e) Publications Division. This Division is responsible for the scrutiny, editing and graphical illustration of all Bureau publications, and, in collaboration with other Divisions, for the initiation, development and co-ordination of statistical publications. It also maintains a regular flow of statistical series to certain international organizations, and revises statistical material in certain oversea and local publications.
- (f) Social Accounting Division. This Division undertakes research into the theoretical and practical problems of social accounting. It is divided into three branches as follows:—
 - Balance of Payments Branch—Collects and analyses statistics of Australia's balance of international payments.
 - National Income and Expenditure Branch—Prepares estimates of national income and expenditure.
 - Quantum Indexes Branch-Undertakes research into quantum of production.
- (g) Mechanical Tabulation Division. This Division is equipped with modern tabulating equipment including two electronic units and is responsible for all machine tabulating work required by other Divisions of the Bureau with the exception of the Census Division. It also carries out work for other Commonwealth Departments as capacity is available.
- (h) Administrative Division. The Administrative Division is responsible for all aspects of staff recruitment and direction, supplies, payment of accounts, etc. The Reproduction Section of the Division is equipped with multilith and duplicating machines for processing statistical statements for more immediate requirements. In addition, a special section of this Division is responsible for the examination of statistical methods and systems and the co-ordination of all statistics in Commonwealth Departments (see para. 5 below). The specialized library of official and unofficial publications on statistics and economics is controlled by the Administrative Division.
- 5. Relation of the Bureau to other Commonwealth Departments.—In October, 1950, the Commonwealth Public Service Board issued a circular relative to the compilation of statistics in other Commonwealth Departments, in which it stated that the Commonwealth Statistician should be the co-ordinating authority on all statistics in Commonwealth Departments, and that, as a general principle, where any new statistical field is to be established involving the regular collection of statistics, the Commonwealth Statistician should be consulted to ensure that they are necessary and that they are based on sound statistical methods; furthermore, that the Commonwealth Statistician should make a regular inspection, at least once every twelve months, of all statistical work done by Departments to ensure that their needs are met by the most economical means and without duplication of effort.

This project of co-ordination is being implemented as time and circumstances permit.

§ 2. Statistical Publications of Australia.

- 1. General.—The official statistical publications of Australia may be divided bibliographically into two main divisions, namely:—(i) Commonwealth publications dealing both individually and collectively with the several States of Australia; and (ii) State publications dealing with individual States only.
- 2. Commonwealth Publications.—Commonwealth publications may be grouped under two heads, namely:--(i) Publications issued by the Commonwealth Statistician; and (ii) Parliamentary and Departmental Reports and Papers.
- (i) Publications issued by the Commonwealth Statistician. The following is a list of the principal statistical publications issued from the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics since its inauguration to July, 1958:-

Australian Balance of Payments.—Statements Nos. 1 to 3, 1928-29 to 1951-52.

Australian Life Tables, 1901-1910. Australian Joint Life Tables, 1901-1910.

Australian Life Tables, 1920-1922.

Australian Life Tables, 1932-1934. Australian Joint Life Tables, 1932-1934.

Australian Life Tables, 1946-1948.

- Australian Mineral Industry Statistics (formerly Minerals and Metals Bulletin) .-Part 2 of Quarterly Bulletin issued jointly with the Bureau of Mineral Resources.
- Australian Primary Industries.—Report prepared for the Empire Producers Conference, Sydney, March, 1938.
- Census (1911) Results.—Bulletins. Vols. 1. (Statistician's Report), II., and III., with Appendix Mathematical Theory of Population.
- Census (1921) Results.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 26. Parts I. to XVI., forming Vol. I., and Parts XVII. to XXIX., forming, with the Statistician's Report, Vol. II. Note.-Part XXVII., Life Tables.
- Census (1933) Results.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 25. Parts I. to XIV., forming Vol. I., Parts XV. to XXVIII., forming Vol. II., and Parts XXIX. to XXXVII., forming, with the Statistician's Report and Australian Life Tables, 1932-1934, Vol. III.
- Census (1947) Results.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 25. Parts I. to XVI., forming Vol. I., Parts XVII. to XIX., forming Vol. II., and Parts XX. to XXVIII., forming, with the Statistician's Report and Australian Life Tables, 1946-1948, Vol. III.

Census (1954) Results.—See Price List at end of this volume. Census of Motor Vehicles, 1947-48 (see Survey of Motor Vehicles, 1947-48).

- *Census of Motor Vehicles, 31st December, 1955.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 8.

 *Census of Retail Establishments (1947–48) Results.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 7.

 *Census of Retail Establishments (1948–49) Results.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 7.
- *Census of Retail Establishments (1952-53) Results.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 14.
- *Dairying Industry (formerly Summary of Dairying Industry).—Statistical Bulletin, monthly; first issue, September, 1937.

Demography.-Bulletin, annually, 1911 to 1958.

- *Factories, Principal Statistics, Summary.—Annually, 1948-49 to 1957-58.
- Finance.—Bulletin, 1907 to 1916-17 annually; 1917-18 and 1918-19 (one vol.); 1919-20 and 1920-21 (one vol); 1922-23 to 1957-58 annually. From 1955-56 issued in two parts; Part I., Public and Private Finance; Part II., Commonwealth Taxation.
- *Food Production and the Consumption of Foodstuffs and Nutrients in Australia, Statistical Bulletin. Half-yearly, 1946-47 to 1947-48; annually, 1948-49 to 1957-58.
- *Fruit Growing Industry Summary.—Annually, 1944-45 to 1957-58.

Labour and Industrial Statistics.—Memoranda and Reports, various, to 1913.

Labour Report.-Annually, 1913 to 1958.

*Livestock Numbers (formerly Summary of Livestock Statistics).—Statistical Bulletin, annually, 1943 to 1958.

Local Government in Australia.-July, 1919.

- *Manufacturing Industries.—Bulletins on Individual Industries, annually, 1936-37 to 1939-40, 1940-41 (issue incomplete), and 1944-45 to 1956-57.
- *Monthly Review of Business Statistics.—First issue, October, 1937.
- *Occupation Survey (1945) Results.—Detailed tables.

Official Year Book of the Commonwealth of Australia.—Annually, 1907 to present issue (No. 45). Issues Nos. 40 to 44 also published in parts.

^{*} Distributed by the Commonwealth Statistician—for methods of obtaining other publications still in print see back page of this volume.

Oversea Trade,-Bulletin, annually, 1906 to 1958-59.

*Oversea Trade.—Preliminary Bulletin. Annually, 1952-53 to 1958-59.

Oversea Trade Statistics: Imports Cleared for Home Consumption classified according to Individual Items of the Customs Tariff, 1950-51 to 1958-59.

Pocket Compendium of Australian Statistics (formerly Statistical Digest).—1913, 1914, 1916, and 1918 to 1959 annually.

Population and Vital Statistics.—Bulletins and Reports, various, 1906-1910.

Primary Industries.—Bulletin, annually, 1950-51 to 1957-58, in two parts—Part I.

Rural Industries; Part H. Non-Rural Industries and Value of Production.

Production.—Bulletin, annually, 1906 to 1949-50. From 1936-37 to 1949-50 issued in two parts—Part I. Secondary Industries; Part II. Primary Industries (including Total Recorded Production); thereafter separate Bulletins (see Primary Industries and Secondary Industries).

Professional Papers.—Various. A full list appears in Official Year Book No. 13, p. 3.

Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics.—First issue, No. 70. December, 1917, replacing Monthly Summary of Australian Statistics (Bulletins Nos. 1 to 69).

* Registrations of New Motor Vehicles.—Statistical Bulletin, monthly and annually.

*Report of Proceedings of the Conference of British Commonwealth Statisticians, 1951.

*Rural Land Use and Crop Statistics (formerly Summary of Crop Statistics).— Statistical Bulletin, annually, 1943-44 to 1957-58.

Secondary Industries.—Bulletin, annually, 1950-51 to 1956-57.

*Size Classification of Rural Holdings, 1955-56, Bulletins Nos. 1 to 7.

Social Insurance.—Report to the Hon. the Minister for Trade and Customs, 1910. Social Statistics.—Bulletin, 1907 to 1915 annually, and 1918.

Superannuation for the Commonwealth Public Service.—Report to the Hon. the Minister for Home Affairs, 1910.

*Survey of Motor Vehicles (1947-48) Results.—Bulletins Nos. 1 to 7.

*Survey of Private Pensions and Retiring Allowance Schemes, 1955-56 (reprinted in Finance, Part I., Bulletin No. 47).

*Survey of Private Superannuation Schemes 1951-52 (reprinted in Finance Bulletin No. 44).

Transport and Communication.—Bulletin, 1906, 1908 to 1916 annually, 1919 to 1930 annually, and 1932 to 1957-58 annually.

*Vegetables Grown on Farms for Human Consumption.—Statistical Bulletin, annually, 1942-43 to 1956-57.

Wealth.—The Private Wealth of Australia and its Growth as ascertained by various methods, together with a Report on the War Census in 1915.

*Wheat Industry (formerly Summary of the Wheat Situation).—Statistical Bulletin, periodically; first issue, July, 1936.

*Wool Supplies and Utilization.—Bulletin, annually, 1952-53 to 1957-58.

The foregoing list includes all the printed publications issued from the Bureau, and certain more important mimeographed publications issued for the most part annually. Other mimeographed statements are distributed by the Commonwealth Statistician and deal with a wide variety of subjects, as follows:—

Annually—Bee Farming; Bulletin of Oversea Investments; Commonwealth, State and Territory Taxation Collections; Factory Products (Principal); Fire, Marine and General Insurance; Fishing and Whaling; Milking Machines on Rural Holdings; Mining and Quarrying; Oversea Trade between Australia and Eastern Countries; Rural Statistics of the Australian Capital Territory; Tractors on Rural Holdings; University Statistics; Value of Production; Wheat Forecast and Estimate; Wine and Brandy Statistics; Wool Production.

Half-yearly—Australian Balance of Payments; Capital and Maintenance Expenditure; Labour Turnover; Meat Production and Utilization: Trade of Australia with the United Kingdom.

Quarterly—Building; Interim Retail Price Index; New Capital Raisings; Retail Sales of Goods; "C" Series Retail Price Index; Road Traffic Accidents; Tractor Statistics; Trade of Australia with Monetary Areas.

Monthly—Banking; Demographic Review; Employment; Exports of Wool from Australia; Export Prices Index; Gold Mining Industry; Life Assurance; Oversea Trade; Production Statistics; Retail Hire Purchase Operations of Finance Businesses; Savings Bank Statistics; Wholesale Price (Basic Materials and Foodstuffs) Index.

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- (ii) Commonwealth Parliamentary and Departmental Reports and Papers. Lists of the principal official reports and other documents containing statistical information issued from the inauguration of the Commonwealth appear in the Official Year Books up to No. 13, but it is not now practicable to undertake the preparation of such lists.
- 3. State Publications.—The chief statistical publications of each State are set out hereunder. As with the Commonwealth Parliamentary and Departmental Reports and Papers, it is not practicable to enumerate the various Departmental Reports, statements of accounts, etc., issued by officials, boards, local and semi-governmental authorities, etc., in each State.
 - (a) New South Wales—Statistical Register (annually); Official Year Book of New South Wales (annually); Pocket Year Book (annually); Statistical Bulletin (monthly to December, 1919, quarterly to June, 1943, then discontinued to September, 1948); Monthly Summary of Business Statistics.

(b) Victoria—Statistical Register (annually to 1916, then discontinued); Victorian Year-Book (annually); Statistical Abstract (quarterly to 1917, then discontinued to December, 1946).

- (c) Queensland—Statistical Register (annually); Official Year Book, 1901; A.B.C. of Queensland Statistics (annually to 1936, then discontinued); Queensland Year Book (annually 1937 to 1941, then discontinued to 1945); Queensland Pocket Year Book (annually).
- (d) South Australia—Statistical Register (annually); Official Year Book, 1912 and 1913; Statesman's Pocket Year Book of South Australia (annually); Quarterly Summary of Statistics.
- (e) Western Australia—Statistical Register (annually); Statistical Abstracts (quarterly, previously issued monthly to July, 1917); Pocket Year Book of Western Australia (annually).
- (f) Tasmania—Statistical Register (annually); Pocket Year Book of Tasmania (annually); Monthly Review of Business Statistics.

§ 3. The Third Conference of British Commonwealth Statisticians, Canberra, 1951.

Conferences of the Government Statisticians of the British Commonwealth were held first in London in 1920 and then in Ottawa in 1935. The Third Conference was held in Canberra from 12th to 23rd November, 1951. Delegates were present from Australia, Canada, Ceylon, India, New Zealand and the United Kingdom (including a representative of the Colonial Office). Ireland, the Commonwealth Economic Committee and the United Nations were represented by observers, and the Australian State Government Statisticians were also present. A summary of the activities of the conference may be found in Official Year Book No. 39, p. 1320.

§ 4. Select List of Works about, or published in, Australia.

(Compiled by the Librarian of the Commonwealth National Library.)

This list aims to meet the growing need, in Australia as publishing develops, and overseas as interest in Australia widens, for an authoritative current reference and reading list of books dealing with Australia or of Australian authorship, wherever published.

Australians will find these books in the National Library and in their State Libraries as well as in leading bookshops. Oversea readers may have access to them in the collections which the National Library maintains at 44 Australian posts abroad. They will be found also, increasingly, in leading libraries and bookshops in many countries. In the United States, for example, Australian books are included in the Farmington Plan in which 62 libraries and research institutions co-operate to ensure that at least one copy of all material published in any part of the world and likely to be required for a serious purpose will be available promptly somewhere in the country. Under a similar arrangement, Australian books are supplied to the National Library of Canada.

The list is classified broadly by subject and under each heading there is first a list of the principal standard books still in print, then a list of selected books and official publications (excluding annual reports) published in the last few years. To ensure that, so far as is

possible, an evenness of standard is maintained in the compilation of the list, the advice of a representative range of experts in the various subject fields has been sought. Where known the retail price in the country of publication is given, but this is subject to fluctuation.

The Library also issues a series of select lists which include:—Australian Public Affairs Information Service (monthly and, since 1955, cumulated annually): a subject index of material in new books, pamphlets, current periodicals and government publications from Englishspeaking countries, with an important bearing on investigations into Australian political, economic, cultural and social affairs; and the following full bibliographies.

Australian Government Publications, a monthly list covering both the Commonwealth and the States:

Books published in Australia, a monthly list of books supplied to the National Library under copyright.

The two last-mentioned publications are cumulated annually as the Annual Catalogue of Australian Publications which includes also a list of books published overseas of Australian interest or by authors resident in Australia, a select list of the more important Australian periodical and serial publications and a directory of publishers.

General and Descriptive.

STANDARD WORKS IN PRINT.

AUSTRALIAN ENCYCLOPAEDIA: (new ed.): 10 v. Syd., Angus & Robertson, 1958. £50.
AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. Northern Australia: task for a nation. Syd., Angus & Robertson, 1954. 25s.

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE. Northern Australia: task for a nation. Syd., Angus & Robertson, 1954. 25s.

CAICER, G., ed. The Australian way of life. Lond., Heinemann, 1953. 12s. 6d.

COOK, J. The journals of Captain James Cook on his voyages of discovery: ed. from the original manuscripts by J. C. Beaglehole with the assistance of J. A. Williamson, J. W. Davidson and R. A. Skelton: v. 1: Voyage of the Endeavour, 1768-1771. Lond., Hakluyt Society, 1955. 80s. and 50s. Volume one of the first definitive edition of Cook's journals.

FINLAYSON, H. H. The red centre: man and beast in the heart of Australia (2nd ed.). Syd., Angus & Robertson, 1952. 21s.

HILL, ERNESTINE. The great Australian loneliness. Melb., Robertson & Mullens, 1952. 27s. 6d.

OFFICIAL YEAR BOOK OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA: No. 1 to date. Canb., Govt. Pr., 1908 to 1946-47 (No. 37), 5s. per issue; after No. 38, 10s. Latest issue No. 44, 1958.

TAYLOR, T. G. Australia: a study of warm environments and their effect on British settlement (6th ed.). Lond., Methuen, 1951. 30s.

UNITED STATES—Interior, Department of the—Office of Geography, Australia: official standard names approved by the United States Board on Geographic Names. Wash., D.C. (1957).

WALKABOUT: Australian geographical magazine: v. 1 to date. Melb., Australian Geographical Society, 1934 to date. Monthly, 24s. per annum.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST.

Angus and Robertson Ltd. Catalogue of Australian books (Syd., 1958).

Australian Women's Weekly. The Australian year. Syd., Australian Consolidated Press Ltd.,

1958. 7s. 6d.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S WEEKLY. The Australian year. Syd., Australian Consolidated Press Ltd., 1958. 7s. 6d.

BANK OF NEW SOUTH WALES. Australia for the visitor. Syd., 1956.

BEATTY, B. The white roof of Australia. Melb., Cassell, 1958. 25s.

BEST, R. J., ed. Introducing South Australia. (Melb.) Melbourne Univ. Press for Australian and New Zealand Association for the Advancement of Science (1958). 37s. 6d. Handbook prepared for the A.N.Z.A.A.S. meeting, Adelaide, August, 1958.

FITZPATRICK, KATHLEEN. Australian explorers: a selection from their writings with an introduction. Lond., Oxford Univ. Press, 1958. 9s. 6d.

HILL, ERNESTINE. The Territory and its pioneers.

HOLFORD, Sir WILLIAM G. Observations on the future development of Canberra, A.C.T.: made at the request of the Commonwealth Government. Canb., Govt. Pr. (1958).

HURLEY, J. F. Australia: a camera study. Syd., Angus and Robertson, 1955. 45s.

JOHNSTON, F. H., comp. A glimpse of Australia. (Syd., F. H. Johnston Pub. Co., 1958). 21s. 6d.

LEEPER, G. W., ed. Introducing Victoria. Melb., Melbourne Univ. Press (for A.N.Z.A.A.S.), 1955.

30s.

MANDER, A. E. The making of the Australians. Melb., Georgian House (1958). 10s. 6d.

NIEMELA, J. N. Australia: the great south land Syd., Angus and Robertson. 1956. 15s.

O'CONNER, ELIZABETH. Steak for breakfast. Syd., Angus and Robertson (1958). 17s. Experiences of a young mother on an outback cattle station in Queensland.

PRINGLE, J. M. D. Australian accent: drawings by George Molnar. Lond., Chatto and Windus, 1958. 18s.

REA, B. Up and down the Sydney road: the romance of the Hume Highway. Melb. Georgian House, 1958. 25s.

SIMPSON, C. Australian image. Syd., Legend Press, 1956. 32s. 6d. Illustrated with reproductions of the works of Australian landscape painters.

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General and Descriptive-continued.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST-continued.

Sydney City Council. The city of Sydney: official guide. Syd., 1958.
TAYLOR, D. Ten stars south of Asia. Lond., Hale, 1957. 16s.
TAYLOR, T. G. Sydneyside scenery and how it came about (also Canberra and Kosciusko). (Syd.)
Angus and Robertson, 1958. 35s.
WARD, R. The Australian legend. Melb., Oxford Univ. Press, 1958. 45s. An historical analysis
of Australian national traits.

Of Australian national traits.

WINSTON, D. Sydney's great experiment: the progress of the Cumberland county plan. Syd., Angus and Robertson, 1957. 37s. 6d.

ZIEGLER, O. L. ed. This is Australia: ed. and produced by Oswald L. Ziegler, with the collaboration of the State governments of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia, and the Commonwealth government departments. Syd., Oswald Ziegler Publications, 1957. 50s.

Territories Outside Australia.

STANDARD WORKS IN PRINT.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL ANTARCIIC RESEARCH EXPEDITION, 1947-1949. Reports. Melb., Antarctic

Division, Department of External Affairs, 1951 to date.

GORDON, D. C. The Australian frontier in New Guinea 1870–1885. N.Y., Columbia Univ. Press, 1951. \$4.25.

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HANDBOGN OF PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA, 1954: comp. and ed. by R. W. Robson. Syd., Pacific Publications, 1954. 15s.
LAW, P. G., ANARE Australia's Antarctic outposts: by Phillip Law and John Bechervalse. Melb., Oxford Univ. Press, 1957. 60s.
LEESON, IDA. A bibliography of bibliographies of the South Pacific. Melb., Oxford Univ. Press, 1954. 15s. Published under the auspices of the South Pacific Commission.
PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA, Territory of. Official research publications: no. 1 to date. Port Moresby, Governor Pr. 1951 to date.

Govi. Pr., 1951 to date.

PAPUA AND New Guinea, Territory of—Laws, statutes &c. Laws of the Territory of Papua-New Guinea, 1945-1949 (annotated) . . together with supplements to the Laws of the Territory of Papua, 1888-1945 (annotated) and the laws of the Territory of New Guinea 1921-1945

(annotated). Syd., Govt. Pr., 1952.

OLES, W. A. Seventh continent: saga of Australian exploration in Antarctica 1895-1950. Lond.,

(annotated). Syd., Govt. Pr., 1952.

SCHOLES, W. A. Seventh continent: saga of Australian exploration in Antarctica 1895–1950. Lond., Allen & Unwin, 1953. 21s.

STANNER, W. E. H. The South Seas in transition: a study of post-war rehabilitation and reconstruction in three British Pacific dependencies. Syd., A'sian Pub. Co., 1953. 50s.

WILLIAMS, F. E. Orokaiva magic. Oxford, Oxford Univ. Press, 1928. 12s. 6d.

Orokaiva Society. Oxford, Oxford Univ. Press, 1936. 30s.

Papuans of the Trans-Fly. Oxford, Oxford Univ. Press, 1936. 30s.

See also the annual reports of the Administrators of the various Territories, and reports to the General Assembly of the United Nations on trusteeship territories, the anthropological reports of the Governments of Papua and New Guinea, and material appearing in Oceania.

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1955.

When the Treasurer presented the budget in August he said that there were "unmistakable signs of active inflation". A boom had been getting under way in consumer spending and private investment, and labour shortages had become general. No concessions in taxation were made in the budget. During the year, several measures were introduced to check inflation. In July, the Commonwealth Bank directed the trading banks to restrict new loans which would increase the scale of hire purchase. Towards the end of the year, the Prime Minister held a series of conferences with representatives of financial and industrial institutions to enlist their co-operation in checking inflation. Hire purchase and finance companies agreed to restrict the increase in their loans to 10 per cent. above the level at September, 1955. The value of exports was slightly higher than in 1954 but the value of imports was much greater than in 1954 and the balance of payments deficit was therefore greater in 1955. Import restrictions were made more severe in April and again in September. Margins for skill were adjusted upwards in many occupations. Nominal wages rose throughout the year, and by December, 1955, were 3½ per cent. higher than in December, 1954. Over the same period, average earnings rose by 7 per cent. and retail prices by 4½ per cent. Employment rose steadily during the year, and the number of persons receiving unemployment benefit fell to the lowest level since 1951. Investment by private businesses in 1955 was well above the level of 1954. There were 78,000 new houses completed in 1955, a higher number than in any post-war year except 1952. Secondary production was generally maintained at the high level of the previous year, and output of primary products increased. The wheat acreage in 1955-56 was slightly less than in any other post-war year, but the average yield was the highest on record. The total crop was therefore nearly as high as in 1953-54. The production of wool in 1955-56 was a record at 1,410 million pounds. Net immigration during 1955 was 95,000 compared with 68,000 in 1954 and 43,000 in 1953.

- 1st January.—Price control in Victoria ended after 14 years. Increased Bank Deposit interest rates.
- 12th January.—Harbour at Cockburn Sound, Western Australia, opened to provide shipping facilities for Kwinana.
 - 1st February.—Kwinana £40 million oil refinery began operations.
- 4th February.—Arrangements completed for issue of £6 million public loan in Switzerland to Commonwealth Government.
- 7th February.—Australia's first aluminium plant, at Bell Bay, Tasmania, began production.
- 22nd February.—Guthega power station in operation, first power generated from Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric scheme being fed into New South Wales electricity system.
- 24th February.—Disastrous floods cover large areas of central west New South Wales and Hunter Valley.
- 18th March.—Government plan announced for sale to tenants of houses built under Commonwealth and State Housing Agreement.
- 19th March.—Details announced of new 15 year, 54½ million dollar loan from International Bank of Reconstruction to Australia.

21st March.—New import restrictions imposed, cutting Australia's rate of imports by about 20 per cent.

23rd March.—First commercial shipment of Australian uranium oxide, worth about £200,000, dispatched to United States.

15th April.-All price control ended in New South Wales.

12th May.—Increase of interest rates for home purchase and building finance from 5 per cent. to 5½ per cent. announced by most of major life assurance companies in Australia.

5th June.—Australia's 1955-56 immigration programme to be increased to basic intake of 125,000 migrants (including 70,000 under assisted-passages scheme).

10th June.—Full High Court in reserved judgment declared invalid recent New South Wales legislation imposing a road tax on interstate road hauliers.

19th June.—Commonwealth abandons control of tea.

21st-23rd June.—At annual Loan Council meeting, the Council, by majority vote, approved borrowing programme of £193,500,000 for public works in 1955-56. Prime Minister announced that Commonwealth Government would grant States £157 million taxation reimbursements for 1955-56.

19th July.—Decision by Federal Cabinet to cut subsidy on local consumption of butter and cheese, followed by increase in butter and cheese prices.

26th-28th July.--Price control re-imposed in New South Wales and South Australia.

22nd August.—First International Wool Textile Research Conference to be held in Australia opened in Sydney.

23rd August.—Contract system of shipping Australian wool exports to Europe and United Kingdom broke down as British and European shipowners refused to renew contracts at less than 10 per cent. increase in freight rates.

24th August.—Commonwealth Budget for 1955-56 introduced into the House of Representatives. (For details see Official Year Book, No. 43, page 1105.)

26th August.—Overall prices of Australian iron and steel raised by 5 per cent.

30th August.—New £30 million hot-strip steel mill of Australian Iron and Steel Ltd. at Port Kembla (N.S.W.) opened by the Prime Minister.

12th-21st September.—Prime Minister called series of conferences with representatives of trading banks, hire purchase companies, and trade-union leaders to discuss financial aspects of Australian economic problems and suggested remedies. Fresh tightening of bank credit.

1st October.—Increase of 7½ per cent. in shipping freights for Australian exports to most oversea countries became effective.

6th October.—15 million dollars (£A6.8 million) loan successfully negotiated in Canada by Australian Government.

4th November.—Automatic quarterly basic wage adjustments reintroduced in New South Wales.

18th November.—Queensland and New South Wales coal producers combined to form Australian Coal Association with main object of trying to find new and improved ways of producing, preparing and marketing coal.

22nd November.—For the first time in history, brown coal coke was successfully used at a Richmond (Vic.) foundry to smelt iron commercially.

26th November.—Reduction of about 10 per cent. in Queensland shearing rates under the State Shearing industry award ordered in Industrial Court judgment of 25th November.

17th December.—Commonwealth £30 million cash loan undersubscribed by £2 million-

1956.

In order to arrest inflationary tendencies and the decline in international reserves, additional measures were found necessary early in 1956. Despite import restrictions, oversea balances had fallen by £55 million in the six months ended December, 1955. New taxation measures passed to provide a brake on consumption and investment spending. Taxation increased on motor vehicles and petrol, higher customs and excise duties on beer, spirits, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, increased company taxation and increased sales

tax on less essential goods. Banks agreed to raise interest rates on fixed deposits by 1 per cent. and overdraft rate from 5 per cent. to an average of 5½ per cent. In June, new import cuts estimated at £40 million a year were imposed on motor vehicles and chassis. Oversea reserves had fallen by a further £18 million in the six months ended June, 1956. Imports fell from £863 million in 1955 to £765 million in 1956 and exports rose from £778 million £840 million. Exports of wool were £23 million higher at £377 million and exports of wheat and flour £19 million higher at £84 million. Oversea reserves at December, 1956, stood at £425 million, £70 million higher than in June, 1956.

Production of wool in 1955-56 was 1,410 million pounds. Wheat production in 1955-56 was 195 million bushels. Preliminary estimates of the total value of production of primary industries suggested an increase of 8 or 9 per cent. in 1956-57.

Secondary production generally was at the same high level as in 1955.

Although total civil employment (excluding rural and household domestic employees) was somewhat higher in the year, the number of persons receiving unemployment benefits was over 13,000 at the end of 1956, compared with 3,245 at the end of 1955. Nominal wages were nearly 5 per cent. higher, the main increase occurring in June, when an increase of 10s. per week in the Commonwealth basic wage was granted by the Full Arbitration Court.

Although there was little change in gross private investment on fixed capital equipment during 1956, significant changes occurred in some of the components of investment. Private dwelling construction was about £10 million lower, the value of motor cars purchased was about £15 million lower, investment in commercial vehicles and other capital equipment was at much the same level and other new building and construction was about £20 million higher than in 1955.

5th January.--Rent control lifted in Tasmania.

18th January.—Federal Executive Council empowered all trading banks to operate Savings Banks on conditions broadly the same as those governing State Savings Banks. (Bank of New South Wales Savings Bank Limited and Australia and New Zealand Savings Bank Limited opened 19th January, C.B.C. Savings Bank Limited opened 16th July, 1956.)

23rd January.—General Australian waterside strike over pay rates and working conditions for waterside workers. Queensland floods destroyed tobacco crops in South-West, floodwaters created widespread havoc, heavy losses of sheep.

1st February.—Loan Council meeting in Canberra decided not to alter the £190 million programme for State public works in this financial year. It agreed also to increase the interest rate on public loans by semi-governmental authorities from $4\frac{3}{4}$ to $4\frac{7}{4}$ per cent. but decided against making any change in the Commonwealth bond rate.

15th February.—Waterside workers resumed work in all Australian ports after 23 days strike (see 23rd January).

17th February.—Conciliation Commissioner reduced award wages for shearers in all States except Queensland by 5 per cent. from 5th March (see also 26th November, 1955).

20th February.—Commonwealth Government set up Advisory Panel of experts to advise Economic Committee of Commonwealth Ministry on economic problems.

24th February.—Federal Council of Australian Workers' Union called on shearers and other pastoral workers not to work under new rates fixed by Conciliation Commissioner (see 17th February).

1st March.—British Atomic Energy Commission contracted to buy more than £40 million worth of uranium oxide from Mary Kathleen leases near Mt. Isa.

5th March.—Improvements to working of the arbitration system discussed at roundtable conference by Ministry of Labour Advisory Council which included leading tradeunionists, employer's organizations and Government experts.

14th March.—The Prime Minister, in a statement to the House of Representatives, announced a number of new economic measures proposed by the Government to achieve economic stability. These included increases in sales tax on motor vehicles, jewellery and other goods of a less essential character, increases in customs and excise duties on petrol, beer, spirits, tobacco, cigarettes and cigars and increased income tax on companies. In addition, bank overdraft rates would be permitted to rise from 5 per cent. to an average of 5½ per cent. with a maximum of 6 per cent. and bank fixed deposit rates would be increased by 1 per cent.

21st March.—Australian Loan Council approved Commonwealth proposal that interest rate on new semi-governmental loans be raised. Three new loans issued at rates of $5\frac{1}{4}$ per cent. and $5\frac{1}{8}$ per cent.

27th March.—Announced that banks would be free to fix their own rates for individual loans within the limits announced by the Prime Minister on 14th March (see above).

30th March.—Agreement completed between Australia and Netherlands under which 75,000 Dutch settlers would come to Australia in next five years.

4th April.—Rural and Industries Bank of Western Australia opened savings bank department.

7th April.—Commonwealth Bank increased rates of interest payable on savings bank accounts by one-quarter per cent. Other savings banks followed suit.

19th April.—Bill introduced in Commonwealth Parliament to set up Export Payments Insurance Corporation. (Act assented to 19th June.)

27th April.—New agreement finalized by United Nations Wheat Conference; to come into force on 1st August, for a period of three years.

25th May.—Full Arbitration Court announced 10s. increase in Commonwealth basic wage and restated decision not to make automatic quarterly adjustments.

29th May.—Bill introduced in Commonwealth Parliament to replace Stevedoring Industry Board by Australian Stevedoring Industry Authority. (Act assented to 30th June.)

Announced that, as part of Commonwealth Government's world-wide trade promotion drive, Australian trade missions would visit New Zealand, India, Ceylon, Japan, Pakistan, the Middle East and, possibly, the Philippines to try to boost Australian exports.

19th June.—Announcement made of successful conclusion of negotiations for an Australian loan of \$25 million to be raised in New York.

21st June.—Executive of Australian Council of Trades Unions, at special congress in Melbourne, empowered to take nation-wide strike action against Stevedoring Industry Act (see 29th May).

24th June.—Biggest floods for 70 years on Darling and Murrumbidgee Rivers cover vast areas of country in south-west New South Wales and also affect northern Victoria.

26th-28th June.—At the meeting of the Loan Council, the Commonwealth rejected proposals by the States for a substantially increased loan programme to finance State works during 1956-57. With the Commonwealth dissenting, the Loan Council approved a governmental borrowing programme of £210,000,000 for 1956-57. (See p. 1134 of Official Year Book No. 44 for details.)

28th June.—At the Premiers Conference, the Acting Prime Minister and Treasurer, Sir Arthur Fadden, announced that the Commonwealth Government would make a supplementary grant to the States of £19,400,000. This would bring the total of the tax reimbursement grant and the supplementary grant to £173,000,000 or £16,000,000 more than similar grants in 1955–56.

Acting Prime Minister announced new £40 million a year import cuts to reduce imports of fully assembled motor vehicles by 50 per cent. and unassembled chassis by 30 per cent. Dollar licences for import of motor vehicles from North America reduced by 30 per cent.

10th July.—By decision of Privy Council, New South Wales Government held liable for repayment of £1 million to interstate road hauliers in respect of licence fees and mileage charges paid since July, 1952.

13th July.—Tasmanian wages board decided to suspend quarterly adjustments of State basic wage after 16s. adjustment made for June quarter.

1st August.—New International Wheat Agreement commenced to operate. Australian quota 30 million bushels out of total of 303 million bushels (see Chapter XXII., p. 879).

14th August.—New Conciliation and Arbitration Act became effective. (See Chapter XII., page 412.)

16th August.—Special Premiers' Conference. Commonwealth asked States to freeze basic wage but failed to reach agreement.

22nd August.—Large deposit of bauxite discovered on west coast of Cape York Peninsula.

29th August.—The 1956-57 Budget was introduced into the New South Wales Legislative Assembly. (See p. 1134 of Official Year Book No. 44 for details.)

30th August.—Commonwealth Budget for 1956-57 introduced into the House of Representatives. (For details, see p. 1134 of Official Year Book No. 44.)

11th September.—The 1956-57 Budget was introduced into the Victorian Legislative Assembly. (For details, see Official Year Book No. 44, p. 1135.)

18th September.—The 1956-57 Budget was introduced into the South Australian Legislative Assembly. (For details, see Official Year Book No. 44, p. 1135.)

20th September.—The 1956-57 Budget was introduced into the Queensland Parliament. (For details, see Official Year Book No. 44, p. 1135.)

28th September .- All price controls suspended in New South Wales.

4th October.—Minister for Trade stated that United Kingdom asked Government for its reactions to suggestion that United Kingdom should join in partial free trade area in Western Europe.

10th October. Victorian Legislative Assembly passed legislation to abolish cost of living adjustments for State employees.

11th October. Prime Minister announced signing of new five-year Sugar Agreement between Commonwealth and Queensland governments.

12th October.—Queensland State Industrial Court granted an interim shearing award for payment of £7 11s. per 100 sheep shorn. This was accepted by shearers and 10 months old industrial dispute ended.

26th October.—Eight metal trades unions, backed by A.C.T.U., applied to newly formed Commonwealth Industrial Commission for basic wage increases and restoration of quarterly cost-of-living adjustments.

31st October.—The Tasmanian Budget for 1956-57 was tabled in the House of Assembly. (For details, see Official Year Book No. 44, p. 1135.)

8th November.—The Western Australian Budget for 1956-57 was introduced. (For details, see Official Year Book No. 44, p. 1136.)

12th November.—Australia and United Kingdom agreed on comprehensive trade pact to replace 24-year-old Ottawa Agreement.

22nd November.—Commonwealth Treasurer announced that Minister for External Affairs had signed loan agreements on behalf of Commonwealth for a total of \$27 million (£A12.1 million).

29th November.—First gas from brown-coal gasification plant at Morwell (Victoria) reached Melbourne through 103 mile high-pressure pipeline.

4th December.—World Bank announced \$50 million loan to Australia for development of agriculture, transport, industry and mining.

1957.

Throughout 1957, exports of merchandise continued at a high level, and for 1956-57 reached a total of £973 million. During the second half of 1957, there was a tendency for the level to fall off in comparison with 1956. Imports during the early months of the year continued at the low level established following the restrictions imposed in 1956; but, in the later months of the year, rose considerably following an easing of restrictions in the second quarter. Australia's international reserves rose by £142 million to £567 million during the first six months of the year and by a further £23 million to £590 million during the remainder of the year. Internal trade was at a higher level than in 1956.

Drought conditions in the Eastern States during 1957 considerably reduced the production of many primary products, the total gross value of primary production in 1957-58 being about 10 per cent. below the 1956-57 level.

During the year, secondary industries continued to expand. Employment in factories rose during the year and there were increases in output of most commodities for which information is available.

Employment in the building and construction, mining and quarrying and transport industries fell during the year by 13,000, 3,700 and 2,600 respectively. These falls, however, were offset to some extent by increases in employment in factories and in the commercial and professional fields. Overall there was a small increase of 9,000 in the number of civil employees (excluding rural and household domestic employees).

Average nominal wage rates for adult males rose approximately 2 per cent. The main increase occurred in the second quarter following an increase of 10s. a week in the Commonwealth basic wage. Average earnings for employees (male units) rose by about 3 per cent. over the year.

1st February.—Shipping freights to the United Kingdom and European countries rose by 14 per cent.

7th February.—Consolidated Zinc Corporation Ltd. announced £8 million construction programme for a zinc smelter and the production of sulphuric acid and superphosphate at Cockle Creek (New South Wales).

1st March.—Commonwealth Savings Bank increased its maximum housing loan from £1,750 to £2,500.

2nd April.—Details of easing of import restrictions released. The ceiling for imports in 1957-58 was raised to £775 million but the modified restrictions will operate from 1st April, the start of the quota year.

29th April.—Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission announced 10s. increase in Commonwealth Basic Wage to operate from 15th May.

New South Wales government declared eight districts of the State drought areas.

23rd May.—Duties reduced on over 800 items imported from foreign countries.

24th May.—Australian Loan Council approved a government borrowing programme of £200 million for financial year 1957-58. This included £166,840,000 for State Works and £33,160,000 for housing under the agreement between the Commonwealth and States. In addition, borrowing programmes of £89,000,000 were approved for semi-governmental and local authorities.

30th May.—Commonwealth Government passed legislation imposing a levy on wheat-growers to finance more wheat research.

4th June.—Consolidated Zinc Corporation announced a major undertaking in the development of Weipa Bauxite on Cape York peninsula.

22nd June.—Acting Prime Minister officially closed Adaminaby Dam outlet gates and water started filling the Adaminaby Reservoir.

26th June.—Commonwealth Government decided to grant United States additional air traffic rights from Australia to Antarctica, South Africa, and South-east Asia for reciprocal rights across the United States for Australian Airlines flying to Europe.

2nd July.—High Court ruled that interstate vehicles could not be compelled to register in New South Wales.

6th July.—Agreement on Commerce between Japan and Australia signed in Tokyo by Japanese Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Australian Minister for Trade, on "most favoured nation" basis.

5th August.—First plant in Australia to produce tinplate, built for flat products division of B.H.P. Co. Ltd. at Port Kembla, was officially opened.

15th August.—British migrants enabled to claim pensions as soon as they arrive in Australia. Previously they had waiting period of 5 years for invalid pensions and 20 years for age pensions.

23rd August.—Full High Court upheld validity of Uniform Taxation Legislation but declared invalid the section giving priority to the Commonwealth.

24th August.—Ansett Transport Industries Ltd. purchased A.N.A. as a going concern for £3.3 million.

25th August.—Of growers who exercised their rights to vote, four out of five voted in favour of the Commonwealth Government's stabilization offer for currants and sultanas.

31st August.—The full High Court upheld the validity of a Victorian tax on commercial vehicles, including those engaged in interstate trade, imposed solely for the maintenance of roads.

3rd September.—Commonwealth Budget for 1957–58 introduced into House of Representatives. In 1956–57, receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (excluding self balancing items and balances transferred from Trust Accounts) were £1,234,400,000 or £105,700,000 more than in 1955–56. The main items of revenue were (1955–56 receipts shown in parentheses) Income Taxes £620,300,000 (£574,000,000); Excise Duties £217,400,000 (£168,300,000); Customs Duties £68,600,000 (£87,500,000) and Sales Tax £125,800,000 (£110,000,000), Expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund (excluding self balancing items and the amount transferred to the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve) amounted to £1,122,803,000.

The Budget provided for an estimated expenditure from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of £1,321,700,000 (excluding self balancing items).

The budget proposals provided for increases in the rates of social service pensions and allowances, war and service pensions and hospital benefits, additional expenditure on homes for the aged, an increase in the subsidy to gold producers and increases in payments to the States and expenditure on Capital works and services.

- 4th September.—1957-58 Budget introduced into the South Australian House of Assembly. In 1956-57, receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund were £65,761,000 (£6,359,000 more than in 1955-56). Expenditure was £65,810,000 (£4,977,000 more than in 1955-56). There was thus a deficit of £49,000 for the year. The Budget for 1957-58 provided for expenditure of £71,615,000 (an increase of £5,805,000). Estimated revenue was £71,095,000 (£5,334,000 more than the previous year). This would leave a deficit of £520,000.
- 5th September.—1957-58 Budget presented to the Tasmanian House of Assembly. In 1956-57, total revenue was £18,959,000 (£948,000 more than in 1955-56). Expenditure amounted to £19,772,000 (£1,876,000 more than in 1955-56) and there was a deficit of £813,000. The Budget for 1957-58 provided for a total expenditure of £21,887,000 (an increase of £2,115,000). Estimated revenue was £20,797,000 (an increase of £1,838,000). This would result in a deficit of £1,090,000.
- 11th September.—1957-58 Budget introduced into the New South Wales Legislative Assembly. During 1956-57, the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, Railways, Metropolitan and Newcastle transport and Sydney Harbour services resulted in an overall surplus of £129,000. After providing for debt charges, there were deficits of £5,800,000 on the Railways and £1,200,000 on the Metropolitan and Newcastle transport services. The 1957-58 Budget provided for a total expenditure of £232,300,000 (an increase of £8,600,000 over 1956-57).—Estimated revenue was £232,400,000 (£8,600,000 more than 1956-57).
- 1957-58 Budget introduced into the Victorian Legislative Assembly. In 1956-57, Revenue was £133,300,000 expenditure £137,600,000 and the overall deficit £4,300,000. The deficit included a deficit on Railways of £5,200,000 and State Coal Mines of £300,000. The Budget for 1957-58 provides for an expenditure of £145 million (£7,400,000 more than in 1956-57). Revenue for the year was expected to be £141,500,000. This will result in a deficit of £3,500,000. It was expected that the deficit on Railways would be £5 million and on State Coal Mines. £300,000.
- 12th September.—1957-58 Budget presented to the West Australian Legislative Assembly. In 1956-57, total revenue was £54,300,000 (£4,700,000 more than in 1955-56). Expenditure amounted to £56,200,000 (£4,800,000 more than in 1955-56), and there was a deficit of £1,900,000. The 1957-58 Budget provided for an expenditure of £58,600,000 (an increase of £2,300,000). Receipts were estimated at £55,900,000 (£1,600,000 more than in 1956-57). There would thus be a deficit of £2,700,000.
- 14th September.—New South Wales Government gazetted maximum interest rates and minimum deposits applicable under hire purchase and credit sales agreements prescribed in the Hire Purchase (Amendment) Act.
- 26th September.—1957-58 Budget introduced into the Queensland Legislative Assembly. In 1956-57, receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund amounted to £85,158,000 which was £9,489,000 more than in 1955-56. Total expenditure was £85,143,000 or £7,751,000 more than in 1955-56. There was thus a surplus of £15,000. The 1957-58 Budget provided for an expenditure of £89,958,000 (£4,815,000 more than in 1956-57). This includes a provision of £655,000 to meet accumulated losses on several State business undertakings. Receipts were estimated at £88,455,000 (or £3,297,000 more than in 1956-57). There would thus be a deficit of £1,503,000.
- 30th September.—Conference of British Commonwealth Finance ministers opened at Mount Tremblant, Canada.
- 1st October.—Australia entered into double-tax agreement with Canada similar to those existing between Australia and the United Kingdom, and Australia and the United States of America.
- 17th October.—Applications invited for the grant of licences for commercial television stations in the Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart areas.
- 24th October.—Treasurer introduced new banking legislation in House of Representatives. Bills later defeated in Senate (November, 27th).
- 4th November.—First shipment of drought-relief wheat left Western Australia for New South Wales and Queensland.

19th November.—Full High Court ruled that all employees on Federal awards were entitled to long service leave.

20th November.—Wheat Industry Research Council and Wheat Industry Research Committees appointed.

10th December.—Commonwealth Bank advises trading banks to increase advances.

12th December.—Bill introduced in Victoria to allow cheque facilities to depositors with State Savings Bank of Victoria.

13th December.—Minister for Trade announced that Commonwealth Government had decided to import 1½ million bushels of wheat from Canada into New South Wales.

17th December.—Commonwealth ammunition filling and assembly factory opened at St. Marys, near Sydney.

1958.

Towards the end of 1957, the Australian economy started to feel the effect of the decline in economic activity overseas. Conditions overseas throughout 1958 were such that the prices received for exports, particularly wool and metals, were considerably below those received in 1956 and 1957. Export income was further reduced by the small quantities of wheat and other grains available for export as a result of the drought conditions in the Eastern States during 1957.

By the beginning of 1958, unemployment was at a higher level than at any time since 1953 although this was mainly restricted to areas affected by the drought and to several mining areas.

To help offset the effect of the fall in export income, the Commonwealth Bank, in April, ceased the restrictions on bank lending and advised banks that there was a need to increase advances, especially in the rural and building industries. At the same time, the bank released £20 million of the special deposits of the trading banks. Further releases later in the year resulted in a reduction in the amount of these deposits from £340,300,000 in December, 1957, to £265,100,000 in December, 1958. In addition, the Commonwealth Government took action to increase public expenditure. In February, the States were offered an additional £5 million revenue grant and the 1957–58 borrowing programmes for local authorities were increased by £3 million. At the Loan Council meeting in June, the borrowing programme for State works and housing in 1958–59 was fixed at £210 million an increase of £10 million over that for 1957–58 and at the same time the Commonwealth undertook to increase the general revenue grants to the States by £15 million. To permit these increases in public expenditure without increasing taxation, the Commonwealth budget for 1958–59 provided for an overall cash deficit estimated at £110 million.

During the first six months of the year, the level of exports was considerably below that of the previous year. Exports of merchandise during the period were only £360 million compared with £530 million in the same period of 1957. There was, during the second half of the year, a slight improvement, and exports of merchandise for the period were £378 million compared with £453 million for the same period of 1957. Imports of merchandise continued throughout the year at the level reached in the later months of 1957 and, as a result, imports of merchandise in 1958 were £793 million, £41 million greater than in 1957. During the year international reserves fell by £90 million to £500 million.

A high level of internal trade continued throughout 1958 and increases in sales of most types of commodities were recorded. Sales under hire purchase agreements were higher than in 1957 and, as a result, balances outstanding increased by £72,800,000 compared with an increase of £34,900,000 in 1957.

The small wheat harvest in 1957-58 (97,600,000 bushels) following the 1957 drought and low prices for wool and other primary products considerably reduced the value of primary production. Towards the end of the year, however, prospects improved and it was estimated that the wheat crop for 1958-59 would exceed 200 million bushels. Wool production (1,433,400,000 lb.) in 1957-58 was 131 million lb. lower than in the previous year.

During the year, large increases in production were recorded in the radio and television industries and motor vehicle industries and substantial increases in many other industries. On the other hand, there was a reduction in the output of many important items of clothing and textiles and of some foodstuffs.

The number of persons in civilian employment (excluding rural and household domestic employees) increased by 29,100 during the year. In the mining and quarrying industries,

there was a fall of 3,000 but in most other industries there were substantial increases. Increases recorded in the more important industries were professional and personal services, 9,600; retail trade, 4,800; other commerce and finance, 5,000; factories, 3,900; building and construction, 2,300 and transport and communication, 2,300. There was a slight increase in the numbers of persons registered for unemployment benefit, the number registered at the end of 1958 being 27,600, compared with 26,000 at the end of 1957.

The average nominal wage rates for adult males rose by approximately 1.7 per cent. during the year. The main increase occurred in the second quarter following an increase of 5s. a week in the Commonwealth basic wage. Average weekly earnings by employees (male units) were about 3 per cent. higher in 1958 than in 1957. The interim index of retail prices was 3 per cent. higher in the December quarter of 1958 than a year earlier.

2nd January.—New Zealand imposed import restrictions resulting in temporary set back to expansion of Australia's exports to New Zealand.

14th January.—Qantas commenced first regular round the world air service via San Francisco and New York.

21st January.—New reciprocal Social Services agreement made with United Kingdom (see p. 682).

6th February.—Wheat Industry Research Council inaugurated to study soil fertility and problems of production and marketing of wheat.

9th February.—Commonwealth Government sold two coal mines to State Electricity Commission of New South Wales for £1,800,000.

13th February.—Commonwealth Government made special grant of £5 million to States to assist their general financial position and to counter unemployment.

30th March.—Ceiling for import licences to remain fixed at £800 million per annum with some basic raw materials (e.g. petroleum) to be exempted from licensing.

15th April.—Trade mission left for Singapore, Malaya and Thailand.

18th April.—Australia's first nuclear reactor opened at Lucas Heights, near Sydney, by Prime Minister.

22nd April.—Loan of \$25 million at 42 per cent. was raised in New York.

1st May.—Wide changes made in Immigration Act, including abolition of Dictation Test and easing of visa requirements for alien visitors. Tenders accepted for new works on upper Tumut section of Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme.

11th May.—Adaminaby Dam completed 2 years ahead of schedule.

12th May.—Conciliation and Arbitration Commission announced a Commonwealth Basic Wage increase of 5s.

14th May.—Commonwealth Government undertook to assist the copper industry to maintain Australian price at £330 a ton, partly by duty, partly by bounty.

5th June.—The Australian Loan Council approved of a borrowing programme for the financial year 1958-59 of £210,000,000, including £35,810,000 for housing under the Commonwealth-State Housing Agreement and £174,190,000 for State Works. Borrowing programmes for semi-Governmental bodies and Local Authorities amounting to £95,000,000 were also approved.

1st July.—Commonwealth Bank at request of Commonwealth Government made available £10 million credit to New Zealand at $4\frac{1}{3}$ per cent.

4th July.—Netherlands Government raised loan of £1,354,000 from United States Government to help support co-operative housing project for Dutch migrants to Australia. Additional finance to be raised in Australia and Holland to total of £8 to £12 million in next ten years.

7th July.—Trade mission to New Zealand opened discussions with New Zealand Trade Authorities.

9th July.—Ceylonese Trade Delegation visited Australia.

17th July.—Agreement reached between New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Commonwealth on Snowy Mountains and Murray Waters agreements. New South Wales Government approved plan for £50 million chemical plant on Northern coalfields.

31st July.—Minister for Trade announced easing of restrictions on imports of capital equipment from dollar areas and exemption from licensing on other items.

5th August.—The Commonwealth Budget for 1958-59 was presented to the House of Representatives.

In 1957–58, receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund (excluding self balancing items) were £1,311,400,000. The expenditure (excluding self balancing items and the payment to the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve) amounted to £1,207,000,000. There was thus £104,400,000 available for payment to the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve. The main items of revenue were (1956–57 receipts shown in parentheses):—Income taxes, £650,400,000 (£620,300,000); Excise Duties, £232,600,000 (£217,400,000); Customs Duties, £71,700,000 (£68,600,000); and Sales Tax, £137,800,000 (£125,800,000). The main items of expenditure were Payments to or for the States, £270,600,000 (£244,100,000 in 1956–57); Social and Health Services, £247,500,000 (£23,900,000); Defence Services, £185,100,000 (£188,500,000); War and Repatriation Services, £127,900,000 (£125,700,000); and Capital Works and Services, £123,500,000 (£107,800,000).

Loan money required for the approved Loan Council programmes for State Works and Housing and for War Service Land Settlement was £208,700,000. This was obtained from the following sources—Public loans in Australia, £101,200,000; State Domestic raisings, £3,100,000; New York loan, £10,900,000; and Commonwealth sources, £93,500,000. After providing £62,900,000 for redemption of maturing securities there was an overall cash surplus of £10,300,000 of which £10,000,000 was used to redeem Treasury Bills.

The Budget for 1958–59 provided for an estimated expenditure on ordinary Commonwealth services of £1,278,100,000 of which £1,200,100,000 would be provided from the Consolidated Revenue Fund and £78,000,000 from the Loan Fund. In addition it was expected that £102,000,000 would be available for payment to the Loan Consolidation and Investment Reserve. The main items of expenditure proposed were—Payments to the States, £287,500,000 (£270,600,000 in 1957–58); Social and Health Services, £273,800,000 (£247,500,000); Defence Services, £190,000,000 (£185,100,000); War and Repatriation Services, £130,000,000 (£127,900,000) and Capital Works and Services, £128,600,000 (£123,500,000).

Revenue from the main taxes was expected to be (1957–58 receipts shown in parentheses) —Income Taxes, £610,400,000 (£650,400,000); Excise Duties, £244,000,000 (£232,600,000); Customs Duties, £74,000,000 (£71,700,000); and Sales Tax, £147,000,000 (£137,800,000).

The amount to be borrowed for the approved Loan Council Programme for State Works and Housing and for War Service Land Settlement was £217,000,000. It was expected that £102,000,000 of this would have to be provided from Commonwealth resources. Overall it was expected that the Commonwealth would have a cash deficiency of £110,000,000 to be financed from the issue of Treasury Bills.

The Budget proposals provided for an increase of 10s. a week for age, invalid and widow pensioners who pay rent, a liberalization of the means test for all pensioners and increases in the special rate of War pension, pensions for children of deceased exservicemen and the domestic allowance paid to War widows. The living allowances paid to holders of Commonwealth scholarships were to be increased and the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme extended to provide post-graduate awards. Income Tax concessions included increases in the Zone allowances and the deduction for calls paid on shares in Oil Exploration Companies.

30th August.—Trade Ministers of Australia and Ceylon issued joint statement on Trade discussions held in Colombo.

13th September.—Prime Minister opened Tumut Ponds dam on the Snowy River Scheme.

15th September.—Minister for Trade led Australian delegation to Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference at Montreal.

16th September.—The 1958–59 Budget was presented to the New South Wales Legislative Assembly. During 1957–58, the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, Railways, Metropolitan and Newcastle Transport-Services and Sydney Harbour Services resulted in a surplus of £47,000. After providing for debt charges, there were deficits of £8,200,000 on the Railways and £1,400,000 on the Metropolitan and Newcastle Transport Services. The 1958–59 Budget provided for an overall surplus of £31,000. After meeting debt charges, it was estimated that there would be deficits of £6,500,000 on the Railways and £1,600,000 on the Metropolitan and Newcastle Transport Services.

17th September.—The 1958-59 Budget was presented to the Victorian Legislative Assembly. In 1957-58, expenditure exceeded revenue by £3,200,000. The deficit on the Railways was £6,000,000 and on the State Coal Mines £300,000. There was a surplus of £3,100,000 on General account. The Budget for 1958-59 provided for a total expenditure

of £154,200,000. It was estimated that revenue would be £152,500,000 leaving a deficit of £1,700,000. It was estimated that the deficit on the Railways would be £3,600,000 after providing for debt charges.

Budget proposals provided for increases in suburban rail fares, stamp duties on land transfers and hire purchase agreements, license fees for insurance business and probate and gift duties. The general exemption limit for land tax would be raised from £1,000 to £1,250.

18th September.—The 1958-59 Budget was presented to the South Australian House of Assembly. In 1957-58, revenue amounted to £70,600,000 and expenditure to £71,000,000 leaving a deficit of £400,000. For 1958-59, it was estimated that expenditure would be £73,400,000 and revenue £72,400,000 thus leaving a deficit of £1,000,000.

The 1958-59 Budget was tabled in the Tasmanian House of Assembly. The transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund in 1957-58 resulted in a defict of £812,000. Receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund totalled £20,800,000 and expenditure £21,600,000. For 1958-59 it was estimated that expenditure would be £22,800,000 and revenue £21,700,000 leaving a deficit of £1,100,000.

25th September.—The 1958-59 Budget was presented to the Western Australian Legislative Assembly. Financial transactions for the year 1957-58 resulted in a deficit of £1,100,000. For 1958-59, it was estimated that expenditure would be £61,800,000 and revenue £59,800,000 resulting in a deficit of £2,000,000.

2nd October.—The 1958-59 Budget was presented to the Queensland Legislative Assembly. In 1957-58 receipts of the Consolidated Revenue Fund were £88,000,000. Expenditure was £89,500,000 leaving a deficit of £1,500,000. Excluding the amount provided for reduction of the accumulated debit balance in the Consolidated Revenue Fund (£5,200,000) it was estimated that expenditure in 1958-59 would be £96,000,000. With revenue estimated at £94,200,000 there would be a deficit of £1,800,000.

4th October.—Trade mission arrived from Singapore for Trade talks with Australian Chambers of Manufacturers and Commerce.

8th October.—First issue of new "Special" Bonds of £10 units, with a limit of £5,000, bearing variable rates of interest and redemption bonuses according to the period held.

High Court ruled Queensland road transport levies valid.

9th October.—Victorian State Electricity Commission 5½ per cent. loan for 7, 10, or 25 years undersubscribed by £800,000 and Queensland S.E.C. loan of 5¾ per cent. undersubscribed by £115,000.

15th October.—£Stg.15,000,000 Loan floated in London, the first Australian loan floated in London for 19 years. At 5½ per cent., issued at £98 Stg., this loan was oversubscribed.

1st November.—Savings Bank interest raised ½ per cent. to 3 per cent. on balances up to £2,000.

7th November.—Work commenced on new £30,000,000 power station at Wangi, N.S.W. with a planned capacity of 60,000 kW.

10th November.—The full bench of the Industrial Commission granted marginal increases of 15-25 per cent. to steel workers.

12th November.—Mort's Dock closed down, due to unprofitable business conditions, after 104 years.

24th November.—New South Wales Act, the Annual Holidays Act, 1944–1958, assented to, providing for three weeks annual holidays for all N.S.W. workers.

31st December.—Industrial Arbitration (Female Rates) Amendment Act, 1958, of New South Wales assented to. This Act, providing for equal pay for male and female employees performing work of the same or a like nature, operated from 1st January, 1959.

CHRONOLOGICAL TABLE

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Notes.—For each earlier year this Table rarely contains more than two or three items; for recent years, however, in order to provide a wide cover of events, etc., it includes a much greater number. Both the nature of the Table and considerations of space render necessary a continual reduction in these items,

and for more information the reader should therefore consult earlier issues.

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.

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- 1788 N.S.W.—Arrival of "First Fleet", under Captain Arthur Phillip, at Botany Bay. Land in vicinity being found unsuitable for settlement, the expedition moved to Sydney Cove, and formal possession of the colony was taken on 26th January. Formal proclamation of colony and establishment of regular government on 7th February. Branch Settlement established at Norfolk Island. French navigator La Perouse visited Botany Bay. First cultivation of wheat and barley. First grape vines planted.
- 1789 N.S.W.-First wheat harvested at Parramatta, near Sydney. Discovery of Hawkesbury River.
- 1790 N.S.W.—Scarcity of provisions. "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.
- N.S.W.—First free immigrants arrived in Bellona. First Australian church opened at Sydney. Tas.-D'Entrecasteaux discovered the Derwent River.
- 1794 N.S.W. - Establishment of settlement at Hawkesbury River.
- 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.
- N.S.W.—Introduction of merino sheep from Cape of Good Hope.
- 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.
- Vic.—Discovery of Port Phillip by Lieut. Murray. Q'land.—Discovery of Port Curtis and Port Bowen by Flinders. S.A.—Discovery of Spencer 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 Vic.—Abandonment of settlement at Port Phillip. Tas.—Foundation of settlement at Hobart by Collins.
- N.S.W.—First extensive sheep farm established at Camden by Capt. Macarthur. 1805
- N.S.W.—"The great flood" on the Hawkesbury. Shortage of provisions. Tas.-1806 Settlement at Launceston.
- 1807 N.S.W.—First shipment of merchantable wool (245 lb.) to England.
- N.S.W.—Deposition of Governor Bligh.
- 1809 N.S.W.-Free school established.
- 1810 N.S.W.—Post Office officially established at Sydney.
- 1813 N.S.W .- Passage across Blue Mountains discovered by Wentworth, Lawson and Blaxland. Macquarie River discovered by Evans.

Year.

- 1814 N.S.W.—Flinders suggested the name "Australia", instead of "New Holland".

 Creation of Civil Courts.
- 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.—Sydney Hospital opened.
- 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 (N.T.) by Captain King.
- 1819 N.S.W.—First Savings Bank in Australia opened at Sydney.
- 1820 Tas.—First importation of pure merino sheep from Camden Park (N.S.W.) flocks.
- 1821 Tas.—Establishment of penal settlement at Macquarie Harbour.
- 1822 N.S.W.—Formation of Agricultural Society of New South Wales.
- 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.T.
- 1825 Tas.—Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) proclaimed a separate colony. 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 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.—Sturt, voyaging down Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers, arrived at Lake Alexandrina. Tas.—Black line organized to force aborigines into Tasman's Peninsula, but failed. Small remnant subsequently (1830 to 1835) persuaded to settle on Flinders Island.
- 1831 N.S.W.—Crown lands first disposed of at auction. Mitchell's explorations north of Liverpool Plains. 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 Brothers. S.A.—Formation of the South Australian Association. W.A.—Severe reprisals against Murray River natives at Pinjarrah for continued attacks on settlers.
- 1835 Vic.—John Batman arrived at Port Phillip; foundation of Melbourne.

- 1836 N.S.W.—Mitchell's overland journey from Sydney to Cape Northumberland (S.A.).

 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.— First overlanders from Sydney arrived at Port Phillip.
- 1838 N.S.W.—Discontinuance of assignment of convicts. Qld.—Settlement of German missionaries at Brisbane—first free colonists. 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. W.A.—Completion of Eyre's overland journey from Adelaide to King George's Sound. New Zealand proclaimed a separate colony.
- 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). Qld.—Moreton Bay granted legislative representation as a distinct electoral division.
- 1844 Qld.—Leichhardt's expedition to Port Essington (N.T.). 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.
- 1847 N.S.W.—Iron-smelting commenced near Berrima. Overland mail established between Sydney and Adelaide. Qld.—Explorations by Leichhardt, Burnett and Kennedy.
- 1848 N.S.W.—National and Denominational School Boards established. 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 *Hashemy* convicts to squatters on Darling Downs. W.A.—Commencement of transportation to Western Australia.
- 1850 N.S.W.—Final abolition of transportation. Sydney University founded. Vic.—Gold discovered at Clunes. 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 Hargreaves at Lewis Ponds and Summerhill Creek. Vic.—Port Phillip created an independent colony under the name of Victoria. Discovery of gold in various localities. W.A.—Proclamation of Legislative Council Act.
- 1852 N.S.W.—Arrival of *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 protested 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 Australian railway—Flinders Street to Port Melbourne. Riots on Ballarat gold-fields. Storming of the Eureka Stockade, 3rd Dec. Telegraph first used.

- 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 Governments in N.S.W., Vic., S.A. and Tas. (Act of 1855).
- 1857 N.S.W.—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.

 Population of Australia reached 1.000.000.
- 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 (Torrens) Act passed. 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 sugar made from Queensland cane.
- 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 W.A.-Arrival of Hougomont, last convict ship.
- 1869 Vic.—Record gold nugget "Welcome Stranger" 2,284 oz. found near Dunolly.
 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 transcontinental telegraph.
- 1871 N.S.W.—Permanent military force raised. W.A.—Forrest's explorations. Tas.—
 Discovery of tin at Mount Bischoff.
- 1872 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. S.A.—
 University of Adelaide founded. W.A.—John and Alexander Forrest arrived at Overland Telegraph from Murchison.
- 1875 Qld.—Transfer of Port Albany Settlement to Thursday Island.
- 1876 N.S.W.—Completion of cable—Sydney to Wellington. W.A.—Giles crossed colony from east to west. Tas.—Death of Truganini, last representative of Tasmanian aboriginals.
- 1877 W.A.—Opening of telegraphic communication with South Australia. Population of Australia reached 2,000,000.
- 1878 Qld.—Restriction of Chinese immigration.
 Introduction of telephone into Australia.
- 1879 N.S.W.—First artesian bore at Kallara Station, near Bourke. 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.—First Australian Telephone Exchange opened in Melbourne.
 Federal Conference at Melbourne and Sydney.
- 1881 N.S.W.—Further restrictions on Chinese immigration.

 First Australia-wide censuses on same date taken.
- 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 held at Hobart on 26th January.
- 1887 W.A.—Gold discovered at Southern Cross.

 First "Colonial" Conference in London. Australasian Naval Defence
 Force Act passed.
- 1888 N.S.W.—Restrictive legislation against Chinese, imposing poll-tax of £100. 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.—Railway communication established between Brisbane and Adelaide. W.A.—
 Framing of new Constitution. Tas.—University of Tasmania founded.
 Population of Australia reached 3,000,000.
- 1890 W.A.—Responsible Government granted. Meeting at Melbourne of Australasian Federation Conference.
- 1891 N.S.W.—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 at Coolgardie.
- 1893 Financial crisis, chiefly affecting the eastern States.
- 1894 S.A.—Women's suffrage granted—first State to do so.
- 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. Vic.—Wages Board system established by Act of Parliament.
- 1897-8 Sessions of Federal Convention at Adelaide, Sydney and Melbourne.
- 1898 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 Proclamation of the Commonwealth at Sydney. First Commonwealth Parliament opened at Melbourne by the Duke of Cornwall and York. Interstate free-trade established.

- 1902 Completion of Pacific Cable (all-British). First Commonwealth Tariff.
- 1903 Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie Water Supply Scheme completed. Inauguration of the Federal High Court.
- 1904 Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Act.
- 1905 Population of Australia reached 4,000,000. Re-introduction of assisted immigration in New South Wales.
- 1906 Wireless telegraphy installed between Queenscliffe, Vic., and Devonport, Tas. Papua taken over by Commonwealth.
- 1907 First telephone trunk line service between Capital Cities, i.e., Sydney and Melbourne. Imperial Conference in London. Declaration of first basic wage in "Harvester Judgment".
- 1908 Canberra chosen as site of Australian Capital.
- 1909 Imperial Defence Conference in London. Visit of Lord Kitchener to report and advise on Australian military defence. Queensland University founded. Establishment of Commonwealth Age Pension Scheme.
- 1910 Penny Postage. Arrival of Yarra and Parramatta, 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 Commonwealth Census. Transfer of Australian Capital Territory and Northern Territory to Commonwealth. Introduction of compulsory military training. University of Western Australia founded.
- 1912 Opening of Commonwealth Bank. First payments of Maternity Bonus. First sod of Trans-Australian Railway turned at Port Augusta.
- 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 Commonwealth Parliament. Transfer of Norfolk Island to Commonwealth.

European War declared 4th August. 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. Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZAC.) formed under Sir William Birdwood.

- 1915 Opening of Broken Hill Proprietary's Ironworks at Newcastle, N.S.W.

 Australian and New Zealand troops landed at Gallipoli, 25th April.

 Evacuation, 18th-20th December. Australian warships with Grand Fleet.
- 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. Other troops transferred to France. First proposal for compulsory military service overseas defeated by referendum.
- 1917 National Ministry formed under Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes. Transcontinental (Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta) Railway completed.

 Australian Flying Corps operating with R.F.C. in Palestine and France.

 Second proposal for compulsory military service overseas defeated by referendum.
- 1919 Peace Conference. Return of Australian troops. England to Australia flight 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. Imperial Statistical Conference in London.
- 1921 Mandate over Territory of New Guinea given to Australia. First direct wireless press message, England to Australia. Second Commonwealth Census.

- 1922 First lock on River Murray opened at Blanchetown, South Australia. Queensland Legislative Council abolished.
- 1923 First sod turned on the site of Commonwealth Parliament House at Canberra.
- 1924 Directorate of Commonwealth Bank appointed. Australian Loan Council formed,
- 1925 Population of Australia reached 6,000,000. Solar Observatory established at Canberra.
- 1926 Council for Scientific and Industrial Research established. Imperial Conference, Dominion Status defined.
- 1927 Transfer of Seat of Commonwealth Government from Melbourne to Canberra.

 Beam wireless established. Financial agreement between Commonwealth and States.
- 1928 State Debts referendum carried.
- 1929 Commonwealth Bank empowered to mobilize gold reserve. Abolition of peacetime compulsory military training in favour of voluntary system.
- 1930 Effects of world-wide severe economic depression felt throughout Australia.

 Brisbane-Grafton (N.S.W.) railway, first step towards uniform gauge railway communication between capitals of mainland States, opened. First Australian—

 Rt. Hon. Sir Isaac Alfred Isaacs, G.C.M.G., Chief Justice of the High Court—
 appointed Governor-General of Australia.
- 1931 Depression continued. Initiation of Premiers' Conference plan to meet the financial situation. Commonwealth Bank Act amended to provide for temporary lower reserve against notes. England departed from gold standard. Commonwealth Bank assumed control of exchange rate and lowered it to 125 (previously 130).
- 1932 Sydney Harbour Bridge opened. Australian Broadcasting Commission established. Legislation passed enabling note reserve to be held in sterling securities. Imperial Economic Conference at Ottawa.
- 1933 World Economic Conference in London. Secession Referendum carried (Western Australia). Antarctica and Ashmore and Cartier Islands taken over by the Commonwealth. Third Commonwealth Census.
- 1934 Inauguration of England-Australia Air Mail Service.
- 1935 Empire Statistical Conference at Ottawa.
- 1936 Joint Commonwealth and State Marketing Schemes invalidated by decision of the Privy Council in the James case. Tasmania linked with mainland by submarine telephone cable.
- 1937 Imperial Conference in London. Report of the Royal Commission on Monetary and Banking Systems in Australia.
- 1938 New Defence Programme involving expenditure of £63,000,000 over three years.

 New Trade Treaty with Japan.
- 1939 Population of Australia reached 7,000,000.
 - War declared on Germany, 3rd September. Royal Australian Navy placed at disposal of Great Britain. Advance party of Australians embarked for Middle East, 15th December.
- 1940 Exchange of Ministers between Australia and United States of America marked Australia's entry into field of direct diplomatic representation with countries other than the United Kingdom.
 - First Australian convoy (6th Australian Division) sailed for Middle East. Cruiser Sydney crippled Italian cruiser Bartolomeo Colleoni.
- 1941 Establishment of Commonwealth Child Endowment Scheme. United States Congress passed Lend-Lease Bill.

Arrival of units of Eighth Australian Division in Malaya. Sydney lost after fight with Kormoran. R.A.A.F. in defence of Britain, in Middle East and at Singapore. Australian forces engaged in Middle East, Greece, Crete and Syria. Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. Australia declared war on Japan, 9th December.

1942 Federal uniform taxation adopted. Commonwealth widows' pensions introduced.
Rationing of commodities.

Japanese landed at Rabaul. Fall of Singapore. Darwin bombed. United States armed forces landed in Australia. Headquarters of South-West Pacific Command set up by General Douglas MacArthur in Melbourne. Coral Sea Battle. Japanese midget submarines in Sydney Harbour. Owen Stanley Ranges offensive. Ninth Australian Division at El Alamein (North Africa). Kokoda recaptured.

1943 Price Stabilization Scheme. Mortgage Bank Department of Commonwealth Bank opened. National Works Council formed.

Australian forces combined with American forces to recapture many places in New Guinea. Commencement of long series of amphibious operations. R.A.A.F. from 1943 till end of war operated on all fronts.

1944 Pay-as-you-earn taxation operated from 1st July. Referendum refused Commonwealth Government increased powers in post-war period.

Australian advances in northern New Guinea. Allied invasion of France. Australians landed on New Britain; took over from Americans in Bougainville, Solomon Islands, and at Aitape, New Guinea.

1945 Captain Cook Dock opened. Re-establishment and Employment Act. Banking
Act to regulate banking and to protect the currency and public credit. Australia
ratified United Nations Charter.

Cessation of hostilities in Europe, 8th May. Cessation of hostilities against Japan, 15th August. General demobilization commenced.

- 1946 Cessation of man-power controls. Commonwealth Government accepted responsibility for supply and maintenance of BCOF in Japan. Inauguration of Commonwealth Employment Service. Joint Organization (Wool Disposal) commenced operations. Act to establish National University at Canberra. Commonwealth and State agreement on housing. Trans-Australia Airlines (Government) began operations. Constitution Alteration Referendum granted powers in respect of social services to Commonwealth.
- 1947 End of demobilization. Census of Australia—first since 1933. Australian National Antarctic Research Expedition to establish scientific research station at Heard Island. First "displaced persons" reached Australia.
- 1948 Forty-hour week effective throughout Australia. Membership of Commonwealth Parliament increased.
- 1949 Nationality and Citizenship Act operative. Broadcasting Control Board came into operation. New Guinea placed under international trusteeship and administrative union of Papua and New Guinea established. Certain Australian aboriginals for first time granted franchise at Commonwealth elections. Establishment of New South Wales University of Technology. Australian Whaling Commission established. Devaluation of Australian pound against American dollar to two dollars twenty-four cents. Commencement of Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Power Scheme. Australia's population reached 8,000,000.
- 1950 Severe flooding in New South Wales. United Nations members engage in military operations to assist South Korea. Adult franchise for Victorian Legislative Council replaced existing franchise dependent on property qualifications. Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London.
- 1951 Opening of Jubilee celebrations to mark the fiftieth year of Australian federation. British Government's confirmation of transfer of Heard Island and the Macdonald Islands (Southern Indian Ocean) to Australia. Double dissolution of Commonwealth Parliament. Official cessation of hostilities with Germany. Security Treaty signed in Washington by the United States of America, Australia and New Zealand for action in the event of an armed attack in the Pacific. Japanese Peace Treaty signed at San Francisco. Third Conference of Government Statisticians of the British Commonwealth held in Canberra. Opening of new Legislative Council of Papua and New Guinea, which included, for the first time in the history of Australian Legislature, representatives of the native peoples.

- 1952 Nuclear experiments commenced at National University, Canberra. Widespread bushfires in south-eastern Australia. Important high-grade uranium deposits discovered at Rum Jungle, Northern Territory. 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, sailed from Sydney for service in Korea. Severe restrictions imposed on imports from all sources and on amounts available for Australians travelling overseas. Agreement between the Commonwealth and South Australian Governments and the Combined Development Agency of the British and American Governments, on the development of uranium deposits at Radium Hill, South Australia. Central and south-west New South Wales experienced one of the worst floods in history. Representatives of New Zealand, the United States of America and Australia met at Honolulu to consider the Pacific defence pact (ANZUS.). Qantas Empire Airways began first direct service between Sydney and Johannesburg, South Africa. Britain's first atomic weapon detonated on the Monte Bello Islands, near the north-west coast of Australia. British Commonwealth Economic Conference in London.
- 1953 Premier's Conference in Canberra failed to reach agreement on return of income tax powers to States. 2nd Battalion sailed from Sydney for service in Korea. Bill introduced into Northern Territory Legislative Council to give citizenship rights to Northern Territory aboriginals, except those committed to State care. Atomic Energy Act 1953 established Atomic Energy Commission. Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. Britain and Australia signed agreement for reciprocity in social services benefits. Conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers held in London. Korean armistice signed by United Nations and Communist Forces. Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration granted employers' applications for abandonment of the system of automatic adjustment of the basic wage in accordance with retail price index numbers. Oil discovered in Western Australia.
- 1954 Her Majesty the Queen, with His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh, made first tour of Australia by reigning sovereign. Australian Antarctic Research Expedition established a station at Mawson to conduct meteorological and other research. Inaugural meeting of Nuclear Research Foundation. Mr. and Mrs. Vladimir Petrov of the Soviet Embassy granted political asylum. Soviet Government recalled its Embassy in Australia and Australian Embassy left Moscow. Royal Commission into espionage in Australia set up. At Washington, Australia took part in Five Power military talks on South-East Asia. Premier of South Australia announced two new uranium finds in northeast of State. Australian population census taken. At the Manila Conference Australia signed a treaty pledging collective defence against aggression in South-East Asia and the South-West Pacific. 3rd Battalion withdrawn from Korea. At Rum Jungle, Prime Minister officially opened first uranium treatment plant established in Australia. Atomic Energy Commission authorized to construct a nuclear reactor and research laboratories as part of a programme of cooperation in atomic research with the United Kingdom.
- 1955 Conference of British Commonwealth Prime Ministers held in London. Prime Minister visited Washington as guest of President Eisenhower to talk on defence policy and Australia's role in South-East Asia. First power generated from Snowy Mountains fed into New South Wales electricity system. Disastrous floods covered large areas of central west New South Wales and Hunter Valley. Australian population reached 9,000,000. All price control ended in New South Wales. Announced that Australia would make Salk polio vaccine at Melbourne. Privileges committee of Commonwealth Parliament found Messrs. Brown and Fitzpatrick guilty of serious breach of privilege. Both committed to prison for three months. Commonwealth Full High Court declared that recent legislation imposing a road tax on interstate hauliers was invalid. South Australian State Government's uranium treatment plant at Port Pirie began operations. First FAO. Conference to be held in Australia opened in Brisbane. First SEACDT defence talks to be held in Australia began in Melbourne. Australian task force left for Malaya. New South Wales Government reintroduced quarterly automatic basic wage adjustments. Cocos (Keeling) Islands became Territory under authority of Commonwealth.

- 1956 Dr. Roberto Regala appointed first Philippines Ambassador to Australia. control lifted in Tasmania. SEATO military advisers conference opened in Melbourne. Disastrous floods in Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and north-eastern Tasmania. High Court ruled that Arbitration Court had no power to impose penalties on those disobeying its orders. Prime Minister in Supplementary Budget announced immediate increases in company and sales taxation and excise and customs duties. Australia and Netherlands completed agreement under which 75,000 Dutch settlers would come to Australia in next five years. Lengthy industrial dispute in Queensland shearing industry. Australia and United Kingdom agreed on new multi-million pound programme for Woomera rocket range. Sweeping changes made in Commonwealth system of conciliation and arbitration by new Conciliation and Arbitration Act (see p. 412). States of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Tasmania marked centenary of responsible government by special ceremonies. Australia's first ambassador to Burma appointed. Bilateral agreement signed between Australia and U.S.A. for peaceful uses of atomic energy. First Commissioner for Federation of Malaya in Australia appointed. Dispute over control of Suez Canal resulted in London conference of Canal users. Australian Prime Minister appointed as chairman of committee to place views of conference before the Egyptian President. Diplomatic relations between Australia and Egypt subsequently broken off. Regular television transmissions commenced in Australia. First atomic tests at Maralinga (South Australia). Australian Government agreed to provide sanctuary for up to 10,000 refugees from Hungarian political oppression. Australia and United Kingdom agreed on comprehensive trade pact to replace 24-year-old Ottawa Agreement. Olympic games held in Melbourne, opened by H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh. Antarctic expedition sailed with intention of establishing new station at Vestfold Hills as well as extending existing bases.
- 1957 Commonwealth Government representatives and chiefs of private trading banks met in Canberra to discuss changes in the banking system. Later, government introduced banking legislation to give effect to proposals, but bills were defeated in Senate. Third SEATO Council meeting held in Canberra, preceded by conference of military advisers. South-Pacific Commission Conference held in Canberra. Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission granted 10s. increase in Commonwealth Basic Wage to operate from 15th May. Acting Prime Minister officially closed Adaminaby Dam outlet gates and water started filling the Adaminaby reservoir. Conference of British Commonwealth Prime Ministers opened in London. Commonwealth Government decided to grant United States additional air traffic rights from Australia to Antarctica, South Africa and South-East Asia for reciprocal rights across the United States for Australian airlines flying to Europe. International Geophysical Year commenced; over 250 Australian scientists participated. High Court ruled that interstate vehicles could not be compelled to register in New South Wales but upheld validity of a Victorian tax on commercial vehicles, including those engaged in interstate trade, imposed solely for the maintenance of roads. Agreements made with State Governments of Western Australia, South Australia and New South Wales for integration of statistical services. Queensland elections resulted in return of first non-labour government for 25 years. Full High Court upheld validity of uniform taxation legislation but declared invalid section giving priority to the Commonwealth. Commonwealth established National Capital Development Commission to co-ordinate the expansion of Canberra as the centre of Commonwealth administration. Australia set up remote automatic weather station at Taylor Glacier, 60 miles west of Mawson base. Mr. Gunn Lay Teik first High Commissioner for Malaya in Australia. Applications invited for grant of licences for commercial television stations in Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth and Hobart areas. Agreement made for standardization of gauge of Melbourne-Albury railway line. Murray Committee, appointed by Commonwealth Government to inquire into the future of Australian Universities, presented report (see p. 589). Japanese Prime Minister, Mr. Kishi, visited Australia. Committee, under chairmanship of Lieut.-General Sir Leslie Morshead, to review organization of Defence Departments recommended amalgamation of Supply and Defence Production Departments. International Training Centre in Fisheries Co-operatives and Training Administration opened in Sydney under sponsorship of Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

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1958 Queensland and Victorian State statistical offices integrated with Commonwealth statistical services. Australian-Italian diplomatic missions raised to embassy level. Qantas commenced first regular round the world air service via San Francisco and New York. Australian Parliamentary delegation visited Japan. Mr. Macmillan, British Prime Minister, made a two-week visit to Australia, the first by a British Prime Minister in office, and discussed defence and economic affairs with the Australian Prime Minister and other leading politicians. Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, made tour of Australia. Australia sent delegation, led by Sir Kenneth Bailey, to United Nations Conference at Geneva on Law of the Sea. Prime Minister of New Zealand visited Australia as guest of the Government and later returned for discussions with Prime Minister. British Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition completed crossing of Antarctic Continent. Sir Howard Florey opened John Curtin School of Medicine at Australian National University. Monash University Act provided for establishment of new university in Victoria, and authorized expenditure of up to £2 million for land and buildings, Mr. R. R. Blackwood appointed Chancellor. Australia co-operated with United States in maintaining research station at Wilkes, in Antarctica. All elected members of Northern Territory Legislative Council resigned in protest at treatment of report on Constitutional reform, but were later re-elected. Prime Minister officially opened Australia's first nuclear reactor at Lucas Heights, near Sydney. First radio-active isotopes produced by the station. Wide changes were made to Immigration Act, including the abolition of the dictation test. Adaminaby Dam. in Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme, completed two years ahead of schedule and tenders accepted for work on Upper Tumut. Tumut Ponds Dam opened by Prime Minister. Holford Report on development of Canberra released. Uruguay established Legation in Canberra. Agreement was reached between Commonwealth and States of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia, on Snowy Mountains and Murray Waters Agreements. Australian delegation, led by the Minister for Trade, attended Commonwealth Trade and Economic Conference at Montreal. Minister for External Affairs led Australian delegation to ANZUS Council in Washington. Christmas Island (Indian Ocean) transferred to Australian Administration. High Court ruled Queensland road transport levies valid (c.f. N.S.W. & Vic., 1957). Conference in Canberra between Australia and Netherlands reached agreement on administrative problems of New Guinea. Oil discovered at Puri, New Guinea. Mort's Dock (Sydney, N.S.W.) closed down after 104 years. The Annual Holidays Act, 1944-1958, of New South Wales provided for three weeks annual holidays for all N.S.W. workers. Prime Minister of Canada visited Australia for talks in Canberra with Federal Cabinet. New South Wales Act passed providing for equal pay for male and female workers performing similar tasks.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA.

Note.—(1) In most cases where figures are available back to 1861, these were shown in Official Year Book No. 39, pp. xxviii-xxix.

(2) Most of the statistics in this Summary relate to the periods shown in the table headings. In those comparatively few cases where the statistics relate to other periods, this is indicated in footnotes.

| Item. | Year ended 30th June— | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| item. | 1892. | 1902. | 1912. | 1922. | 1932. | 1942. | 1952. | 1958. |
| DEMOGRAPHY(a)— | | | | | | | | |
| Population(b) { '000 Males '000 Females '000 Persons | 1,737 1,504 3,241 | 2,005 1,820 3,825 | 2,382 2,192 4,574 | 2,799 2,712 5,511 | 3,333 3,220 6,553 | 3,599 3,545 7,144 | 4,311 4,217 8,528 | 4,932 4,815 9,747 |
| Net Oversea Migration '000 | 26.9 | 3.0 | 74.4 | 17.5 | -10.1 | 5.2 | 111.4 | 78.7 |
| Marriages $\begin{cases} 000 \\ Rate(c) \end{cases}$ | 7.5 | 7.3 | 8.8 | 8.6 | 6.0 | 75 10.6 | 9.2 | 7.6 |
| Divorces(d) and Judicial Separa- | | 399 | 1 | ļ | | | | |
| Births \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ | 190 110 | 103 | 522 122 | 1,502 | 1,955 | 3,330 | 7,327 193 | 6,374 |
| (Kale(c) | 34.5 47 | 27.2 | 27.2 | 25.0 54 | 18.2 57 | 18.9 71 | 22.9 82 | 22.9 85 |
| Deaths $\{ Rate(c) \}$ | 14.8 | 12.2 | 10.7 | 9.9 | 8.7 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 8.8 |
| Infant Deaths $\begin{cases} 000 \\ Rate(e) \end{cases}$ | 12.7 | 10.7 | 8.4 68.5 | 9.0 65.7 | 5.0 42.1 | 5.3 39.7 | 4.9 25.2 | 4.7 21.4 |
| WAGES (ADULT MALES)(a)- | 1 | 1 | | | [| | ì | |
| Nominal Weekly Wage Index Numbers | (n | 848 | 1,000 | 1,826 | 1,752 | 1.997 | 4,495 | 6 261 |
| Real Wage Index Numbers(g) | S | (/) | 1,000 | 1,020 | 1,752 | 1.194 | ł r | 6,261 (h)1,470 |
| | 0, | ''' | 1,000 | 1,007 | 1,210 | 1,124 | 1,,,,,, | (i) 1,471 |
| PRODUCTION— Agricultural(j)— | | 1 | ì | | | ļ | | |
| Area mill. acs. | 3.3 | 5.1 | 7.4 | 9.7 | 14.7 | 12.0 | 10.4 | 8.8 |
| Wheat Yield mill. bus. Av. Yield bus. | 26 7.7 | 7.5 | 9.6 | 129 13.3 | 191 12.9 | 167 13.9 | 160 15.4 | 98 |
| Area '000 acs. | 246 | 461 | 617 | 733 | 1,085 | 1,460 | 2,365 | 2,958 |
| Oats { Yield mill. bus. Av. Yield bus. | 5.7 23.3 | 9.8 | 9.6 15.5 | 12.1 16.6 | 15.2 14.0 | 22.3 15.3 | 34.5 14.6 | 31.4 10.6 |
| Area '000 acs. | 68 | 75 | 116 | 299 | 342 | 784 | 1,118 | 2,121 |
| Barley { Yield mill. bus. Av. Yield bus. | 1.2 | 1.5 | 2.1 | 6.1 20.4 | 6.3 18.4 | 18.0 23.0 | 21.9 19.6 | 30.5 |
| Area '000 acs. | 284 | 295 | 340 | 305 | 269 | 301 | 170 | 184 |
| Maize { Yield mill. bus. Av. Yield bus. | 9.3 32.6 | 7.0 | 8.9 | 7.8 25.7 | 7.1 | 7.4 24.7 | 23.7 | 5.6 |
| Area '000 acs. | 942 | 1,688 | 26.3 | 2.995 | 26.2 2,635 | 2,758 | 1,549 | 30.6 |
| Hay √ Yield '000 tons | 1,067 | 2,025 | 2,868 | 3,902 | 3,167 | 3,575 | 2,345 | 2,969 |
| Av. Yield tons Area '000 acs. | 1.13 | 1.20 | 1.14 | 1.30 | 1.20 | 1.30 | 1.51 | 1.33 |
| Potatoes { Yield '000 tons | 380 | 323 | 301 | 388 | 397 | 333 | 509 | 575 |
| Av. Yield tons | 3.37 | 2.94 | 2.31 | 2.60 128 | 2.74 242 | 3.35 255 | 4.31 282 | 4.88 |
| Sugar-cane { Area (k)'000acs. Yield '000 tons | 738 | 1,368 | 1.682 | 2,437 | 4,213 | 5.154 | 5,327 | 376 9,249 |
| Av. Yield tons | 16.2 | 15.7 | 16.7 | 19.0 | 17.4 | 20.3 | 18.9 | 24.6 |
| Vineyards { Area '000 acs. Wine mill. gals. | 49 3.4 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 92 8.5 | 113 | 130 16.0 | 136 35.3 | 131 33.9 |
| Total Area of Crops mill, acs. | 5.4 | 8.4 | 12.1 | 15.4 | 21.2 | 20.5 | 19.8 | 21.5 |
| Pastoral, Dairying, etc.— (Horses mill. | 1.6 | 1 4 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 0.9 | 0.7 |
| l Cattle | 11.1 | 1.6 8.5 | 11.8 | 14.4 | 12.3 | 13.6 | 14.9 | 16.9 |
| Sheep | 106 | 72 | 97 | 86 | 111 | 125 | 118 | 149 |
| (Pigs ,, Wool(m) mill. lb. | 0.9 (a) 634 | 0.9 (a) 539 | (a) 798 | 1.0 723 | 1.007 | 1.5 | 1.080 | 1.4 |
| Butter '000 tons | (a) 19 | (a) 46 | (a) 95 | (a) 119 | 175 | 168 | 135 | 176 |
| Cheese ,, Meat(n)— | (a) 4.5 | (a) 5.3 | (a) 7.1 | (a)14.6 | 14.0 | 30.1 | 40.6 | 34.9 |
| Beef and Veal , | 1 | | | (339 | 350 | 534 | 582 | 777 |
| Mutton and Lamb | } ഗ | (f) | (/) | 218 | 307 | 372 | 282 | 411 |
| Pork ,, | (a) 7.5 | (a)15.2 | (a)23.8 | 26.2 | 22.7 31.8 | 58.1 42.5 | 35.0 36.6 | 48.2 36.4 |
| Bacon and Ham " | | | | | | | | |

⁽a) Year ended previous December. (b) At 31st December of previous year. (c) Number per 1,000 of mean population. (d) Decrees made absolute, including decrees for nullity of marriage. (e) Number per 1,000 live births. (f) Not available. (g) Index of nominal weekly wage rates for adult males divided by the "C" Series Retail Price index number. (h) Excludes price movement of potatoes and onions. (i) Includes price movement of potatoes and onions. (j) Season ending in year shown. (k) Cane cut for crushing. (l) As at 31st December of previous year for years to 1942, was at 31st March thereafter. (m) In terms of greasy. (n) Bone-in weight in terms of fresh meat; cured weight, bacon and ham.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA-continued.

Note.—See headnotes on page 1159.

| | Year ended 30th June | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|---|---|
| Item. | 1892. | 1902. | 1912. | 1922. | 1932. | 1942. | 1952. | 1958. |
| PRODUCTION—continued. Mineral(a)(b)— Copper(c) '000 tons Gold(c) '000 tons Zinc(c) '000 tons Zinc(c) '000 tons Brown Coal Mill. tons Brown Coal | (d) 1,243 3.5 (e) 4.4 | (d) 3,300 11.8 (e) 6.9 | (d) 2,484 22.2 190.3 10.6 (e) | (d) 758 57.7 20.7 12.8 0.1 | 13.5 595 162.6 97.5 8.4 2.2 | 20.9 1,497 275.5 170.0 14.2 4.6 | 17.9 896 212.0 189.2 17.6 7.8 | 56.7 1,084 333.0 292.0 19.9 10.7 |
| Forestry— Sawn output of native timber mill. sup. ft. | (d) | (a) 452 | (a) 605 | 590 | 237 | 914 | 1,393 | 1,400 |
| Factories— Number of factories '000 Persons employed . " Salaries and wages paid £m. Value of production(g)— | }ω | ဟ | 14.5 312 28 | 18.0 379 68 | 21.7 337 56 | 27.0 725 180 | 45.8 978 612 | 54.0 1,074 929 |
| Chemicals, etc , Industrial metals, etc , Textiles, etc , Clothing , Food, etc , Paper, etc , All groups , Value of land and buildings , Value of plant and machinery, | } (d) 23.3 } (d) | (d) { 29.1 (d) | 1.1 12.0 7.5 11.8 4.2 47.5 {32.5 31.4 | 3.2 23.6 19.2 27.2 9.0 112.5 67.3 78.1 | 7.9 22.8 6.9 11.1 28.7 9.6 111.0 106.6 121.5 | 24.8 119.9 21.0 23.6 53.2 17.1 316.5 156.3 169.2 | 63.7 413.1 56.6 81.1 141.1 68.2 1,024.9 360.2 412.5 | 146.5 695.8 91.5 108.1 224.9 120.7 1,728.7 851.1 1,021.4 |
| Net value of production(h)— Agriculture £m. Pastoral | 17.0 31.3 6.0 1.9 0.1 56.3 (d) 4.4 12.1 16.5 72.8 23.3 96.1 | 23.8 27.2 7.6 2.0 0.1 60.7 (d) 2.8 22.0 24.8 85.5 29.1 114.6 | 38.8 52.7 16.1 4.0 0.1 111.7 (d) { 4.8 1.1 23.3 29.3 29.47.5 188.4 | 81.9 75.1 35.3 9.0 0.1 201.4 (d) 9.1 1.4 20.0 30.5 231.9 112.5 344.4 | 49.7 43.0 22.6 5.7 0.1 121.1 1.5 3.9 1.4 13.5 20.3 141.4 111.0 252.4 | 64.0 85.4 34.3 6.5 0.4 190.6 5.0 10.2 1.8 33.4 241.0 316.5 557.5 | 1,024.9 | 243.8 447.6 128.0 27.3 1.6 848 6.4 50.0 10.4 128.9 197.7 1,044.1 1,728.7 2,775.5 |
| BUILDING(j)— Permits, New Dwellings { '000 £m. £m. £m. | } (d) | . (d) | (d) | (d) | $ \begin{cases} 2.1 \\ 1.5 \\ 4.6 \end{cases} $ | 9.7 9.6 13.5 | 32.8 80.4 116.4 | 143.7 |
| OVERSEA TRADE— Imports £m. f.o.b. Exports , ,,, | (a) 34 36 | (a) 38 50 | (a) 61 79 | 94 128 | 52 108 | 174 169 | 1,053 675 | 792 819 |
| Principal Exports(I)— Wool | 641 20 258 1.9 33 0.3 4 0.2 | 529 15 543 2.8 97 0.6 35 1.4 | 734 26 1,477 9.6 176 1.4 102 4.6 | 946 48 2,677 28.6 360 5.5 127 8.0 | 903 32 3,413 19.2 611 3.8 202 10.3 | 938 58 598 4.6 414 4.2 130 8.1 | 1,036 323 1,685 55.3 789 33.0 25 4.6 | 374 1,060 28.5 460 14.3 |

⁽a) Year ended previous December. (b) Breaks in the continuity of the series occurred in 1931 and 1951. (c) Mine production, i.e., metal content of minerals produced. (d) Not available. (e) Less than .05. (f) Owing to variation in classification, effective comparison is impossible. (g) For definition see page 151. (h) Gross value from 1891 to 1921-22. Prior to 1922 figures are for years ended previous December. For definitions of gross and net value see page 1085. (i) Incomplete. (J) Six capital cities and suburbs. (k) Includes additions and alterations. (I) Australian produce except gold, which includes re-exports. (m) In terms of greasy.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA-continued.

Note.—See headnotes on page 1159.

| _ | Year ended 30th June— | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|--------------|---|-------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| Item. | 1892. | 1902. | 1912. | 1922. | 1932. | 1942. | 1952. | 1958. |
| Oversea Trade—continued. | (a) | (a) | (a) | | | | | |
| Principal Exports(b)—continued. Hides and Skins £m. f.o.b. | 0.9 | 1.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.3 | 6.0 | 17.1 | 25.4 |
| Meats ,, | 0.5 | 2.6 | 4.3 | 5.5 | 6.4 | 14.1 | 35.5 | 55.2 |
| Fruit(c) ,, | | 0.2 | 0.5 | 3.0 | 4.8 | 4.0 | 19.5 | 34.8 |
| Sugar ,, | ـند ا | (d) | (d) | (d) | 2.5 | 2.6 | 6.9 | 35.0 |
| Gold " | 5.7 | 14.3 | 12.0 | 3.5 | 11.9 | 9.2 7.4 | 7.0 32.1 | 6.4 29.1 |
| Silver and Lead(e) ,, Ores and Concentrates ,, | 1.9 | (d) | 3.2 | 0.8 | 0.2 | 1.3 | 20.4 | 15.9 |
| Principal Imports— |] | (a) | (a) |] ••• | J | | | |
| Vegetable foodstuffs, etc. ,, | 1) | 3.6 | 3.7 | 4.0 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 25.0 | 26.6 |
| Apparel, etc " | 11 | 10.9 | 16.2 | 31.0 4.7 | 15.4 5.5 | 32.7 16.2 | 203.6 87.5 | 108.3 101.7 |
| Oil, etc ,, Metals, etc ,, | \ \mathcal{O} | 7.8 | 1.6 | 22.8 | 7.4 | 71.8 | 392.9 | 282.4 |
| Rubber, etc. | 11 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 0.8 | 3.2 | 35.1 | 16.6 |
| Paper, etc ,, | IJ | (1.6 | 2.6 | 4.4 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 68.8 | 45.1 |
| TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATION— | | | | | | | | |
| Shinning | (a) | (a) | (a) | | j | | | |
| Oversea Vessels, No | 3,778 | 4,028 | 4,174 | 3,111 | 3,057 | 2,544 | 4,136 | 5,265 |
| Entrances and Mo. clearances and mill. tons | 4.7 | 6.5 | 10.0 | 9.1 | 11.4 | 10.8 | 18.2 | 24.6 |
| Oversea Cargo— | l٦ | | ſ | | i | | | l |
| Discharged mill. tons(g) | H | | ll vo | 2.4 | 3.0 | 5.5 | 14.4 | 16.6 |
| Shipped ,, (g) | 11 | | (V) | 5.8 | 6.7 | 4.2 | 5.7 | 8.9 |
| Interstate Vessels, No. | 120 | (f) | ₹ 9,605 | 9,782 | 7,957 | 9,100 | 7,524 | 8,103 |
| Clearances and smill. tons | 11 | | 13.1 | 12.8 | 11.1 | 12.9 | 15.8 | 20.0 |
| Interstate Cargo Shipped | | | 11 | | | | | |
| mill. tons(g) | " | | (C) | 5.5 | 4.0 | 10.0 | 9.0 | 13.8 |
| Government Railways— Route-miles '000 | (h) 10.4 | (h) | (h) | 23.5 | 27.0 | 27.2 | 26.8 | 26.4 |
| Route-miles '000 Passenger-journeys mill. | 84 | 12.8 | 16.8 | 335 | 303 | 475 | 501 | 494 |
| Goods and livestock carried | ļ | 113 | 1 - | 555 | 505 | | | |
| mill. tons | 9.4 | 15.5 | 25.5 | 31.5 | 26.1 | 38.9 | 44.3 | 45.2 |
| Train-miles run mill. | 29.7 | 38.2 | 55.2 | 56.1 | 63.8 | 88.5 | 93.4 | 90.3 |
| Tramways and Omnibuses— Passenger-journeys— | İ | | 1 | | | | | |
| Trams mill. | 1.0 | (6) | r 360 | 569 | 589 | 874 | 689 | 479 |
| Omnibuses(i) " | }v | (f) | (v) | (f) | (f) | 193 | 330 | 323 |
| Motor vehicles on the register— | _ | | | | c | 400 | | 1,676 |
| Cars '000 Commercial vehicles | } | | (J) | 102 | { 420 96 | 451 251 | j 1,026 j 585 | 735 |
| Civil Aviation (Internal)— | ין | 1 | 1 | | (30 | 231 | 1 202 | ,,,, |
| Plane-miles flown mill. | l | | | | 2.5 | 7.8 | 41.8 | 40.5 |
| Passengers carried '000 | | | | | 57 | 152 | 1,829 | 2,123 |
| Passenger-miles mill. | | | | | (X). | .76 | 722 | 899 70.0 |
| Freight car- \ '000 short tons ried mill. ton-miles | | | • • • | ••• | (f) | 1.2 0.9 | 57.5 26.7 | 33.0 |
| ried \(\) mill. ton-miles Postal— | (a) | (a) | (a) | • | , (,, | 0.7 | 20.7 | |
| Postal matter dealt with(k) | 1 | () | (4) | | | | | |
| mill. articles | 286 | 365 | 680 | 778 | 887 | 1,124 | 1,482 | 1,895 |
| Telegrams and cablegrams mill. | 10.0 | 9.9 | 13.3 | 16.8 | 13.9 | 26.1 | 29.8 | 22.9 |
| Telephones— Instruments '000 | 7 | 29 | 103 | 259 | 485 | 739 | 1.301 | 1,937 |
| Lines | (f) | 25 | 85 | 196 | 364 | 531 | 1,301 927 | 1,362 |
| Calls—Trunk mill. | (8) | 88 | (f) | 14.0 | 28.9 | 45.3 | 69.4 | 112.6 |
| Local ,, Broadcast Listeners' Licences '000 | (0) | (/) | (() | (<i>l</i>) 221 | 369 369 | 664 1,320 | 968 1,961 | 1,295 2,138 |
| PUBLIC FINANCE— | | | | | | - | | |
| Commonwealth— | 1 | | · . | | l | | | |
| Consolidated Revenue Fund— | 1 | (h) | (h) 21 | i | ł | | 1 | |
| Revenue £m. | • • • | 11 | 21 | 64 | 72 | 210 | 1,017 | 1,324 |
| Expenditure ,, | | 4 | 15 | 64 | 72 | 210 213 | 1,017 55 | 1,324 |
| Net loan fund expenditure ,, Taxation collections ,, | 1 :: | و`` ا | 16 | 50 | 54 | 180 | 934 | 1,162 |
| | | | | | | | | |

⁽a) Year ended previous December.

(b) Australian produce except gold, which includes reexports.

(c) Excludes fruit juices.

(d) Less than .05.

(e) Includes concentrates.

(f) Tons weight plus tons measurement.

(h) Year ended 30th June.

(f) Government and municipal only.

(j) Excludes the Northern Territory.

(k) Letters, postcards, lettercards, newspapers, packets, parcels and registered articles.

(l) Year 1923-24.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA—continued. Note.—See headnotes on page 1159.

| | 1 | Year ended 30th June— | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Item. | 1 | 1892. | 1902. | 1912. | 1922. | 1932. | 1942. | 1952. | 1958. |
| PUBLIC FINANCE—continued. | _ - | | | | | | | | |
| State— Consolidated Revenue Fun | ds— | | 1 | | i | | | - 1 | |
| Revenue | £m. | (a) | 28 | 41 | 85 | 100 | 152 | 388 | 603 |
| Expenditure Net loan expenditure(b) | " | (a) (a) | 29 9 | 41 16 | 87 34 | 121 | 149 8 | 392 198 | 612 157 |
| Taxation collections | " | (a) | 3 | 5 | 18 | 33 | 57 | 63 | 128 |
| Public Debt(c)— | _ | ``` | - | | | i | | | |
| Commonwealth State | £m. | d) 155 | 213 | 279 | 354 519 | 319 789 | 638 911 | 1,869 | 1,735 2,248 |
| Total | | 1) 155 | 213 | 285 | 873 | 1,108 | 1,549 | 3,265 | 3,983 |
| Overseas | " | (a) | (a) | 194 | 412 | 522 | 516 | 406 | 429 |
| In Australia | ,, | (a) | (a) | 91 | 461 | 586 | 1,033 | 2,859 | 3,554 |
| Private Finance— | | | | | | | 402 | 202 | 388 |
| Commonwealth Note Issue(e) All cheque-paying banks— | £m. | (a) | (a) | 8 | 54 | 51 | 103 | 303 | 388 |
| Advances(f) | (6 | d) 125 | 94 | 109 | 183 | 261 | 324 | 817 | 1,009 |
| Deposits (f) | ., (c | d) 98 | 91 | 143 | 289 | 319 | 483 | 1,353 | 1,649 |
| Bank clearings(d) Savings bank deposits(g) | " (| (a) | 338 31 | 662 59 | 1,702 154 | 1,581 198 | 2,828 274 | 12,160 892 | 15,978 1,297 |
| Life Assurance(d)(h)— | ,, (2 | d) 15 | 31 | 39 | 134 | 190 | 214 | 094 | 1,271 |
| Ordinary— | | | | | | | | | |
| Policies | ,000 | | f 414 | 484 | 730 | 871 | 1,340 | 2,553 | 3,446 |
| Sum assured Industrial | £m. | | 108 | 109 | 181 | 285 | 463 | 1,212 | 2,533 |
| Policies | '000 \ | (3) | 236 | 467 | 973 | 1,550 | 2,780 | 3,843 | 3,615 |
| Sum assured | £m. | (a) | 5 | 10 | 30 | 67 | 127 | 254 | 323 |
| Total— Policies | ,000 | | 650 | 951 | 1,703 | 2,421 | 4,120 | 6,396 | 7,061 |
| Sum assured | £m. | | 1113 | 119 | 211 | 352 | 590 | 1,466 | 2,856 |
| SOCIAL STATISTICS— | | | ` | | | | | , i | |
| Commonwealth Social Service | ces- | | | | | | | | |
| | 00(c) | • • | •• | 90 | 144 | 256 | 336 | 420 | 574 |
| | m. 100(c) | • • | • • • | 2.2 | 5.4 | 11.1 | 19.3 488 | 59.8 1,205 | 121.6 1,415 |
| | m. | • • | | :: | • • • | | 11.3 | 46.6 | 58.7 |
| Total Commonwealth H | ealth | | | | | | | | |
| and Social Services(i) | £m. | | | 2.2 | 6.1 | 11.5 | 30.9 | 137.6 | 247.5 |
| |)00(c) | • • | • • • | ••• | 225 | 274 | 220 | 525 | 628 50.3 |
| חי ל | m. 000(c) | • • • | :: | :: | 7.0 | 7.4 | 7.5 | 31.8 17 | 42 |
| £ £ | m. | :: | | 1 | | | 0.6 | 1.8 | 5.6 |
| State Social Services(j)— | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Education(d)— Government Schools— | | | | ŀ | | | | | |
| Schools | *000 | 6.2 | 7.0 | 8.0 | 9.4 | 10.1 | 9.5 | 7.6 | 7.7 |
| Staff | ,, | 12.6 | 14.5 | 17.0 | 26.1 | 33.8 | 32.1 | 36.7 | 49.1 1,410 |
| Students Non-government Schools | s" | 561 | 638 | 639 | 819 | 937 | 887 | 1,013 | 1,410 |
| Schools | 000 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 2.1 |
| Staff | ,, | 6.0 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 8.8 | 10.0 | 11.4 | 13.3 | 15.7 |
| Students Universities(k)— | ** | 125 | 149 | 161 | 199 | 221 | 257 | 326 | 453 |
| Number | | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 |
| Staff(l) | | (a) | (a) | 249 | 482 | 703 | 1,416 | 3,082 | 3,769 |
| Students Public Hospitals— | .000 | 1.6 (d) | 1.8 (d) | 3.4 (d) | 8.0 (d) | 9.8 (d) | 13.9 | 31.7 | 36.9 |
| Number | | (a) | 285 | 355 | 404 | 513 | 566 | 675 | ן |
| Staff-Medical | '000 | (a) | (a) | 1.1 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 3.9 | 6.9 | \ (m) |
| Nursing | " | (a) | (a) (a) 91 | 5.1 | 6.8 215 | 9.3 371 | 15.4 595 | 24.6 896 | \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ |
| In-patients, cases treated | " ' | n o 54 | (o) 91 | 134 | 213 | 3/1 | 373 | 070 | , |
| Police AND Prisons(d)— Police | °000 | 5.3 | 5.8 | 6.4 | 6.9 | 8.6 | 9.7 | 12.3 | 14.1 |
| Prisons | | (a) | (a) | 104 | 91 | 85 | 70 | 69 | 73 |
| Prisoners | *000 | (a) | 4.3 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 4.2 | 3.2 | 4.4 | 6.6 |
| PRICES(d)— | (| | | 1,000 | 1.000 | 1 440 | 1.672 | 12 m | (9)4,259 |
| "C" Series Retail Price Inde | ex (p) | • • | l •• | 1,000 | 1,680 | 1,448 | 1,673 | 3,124 | (q)4,259 (r)4,257 |

⁽a) Not available. (b) Loan Expenditure on works, services, etc. (c) At 30th June. (d) Year ended previous December. (e) At end of June. (f) Figures for 1892 are averages of weekly balance for the December quarter; the remainder are for the June quarter. (g) 1891 at 31st December, thereafter at 30th June. (h) Existing business in Australia. (i) Excludes war and service pensions. (j) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (k) Excludes Australian National University. (l) Teaching and research staff. Includes part-time. (m) Not yet available. (n) Year 1891–92 for Victoria. (o) South Australian cludes Adelaide Hospital only. (p) Base: 1911=1,000. (q) Excludes price movement of potatoes and onions. (r) Includes price movement of potatoes and onions.