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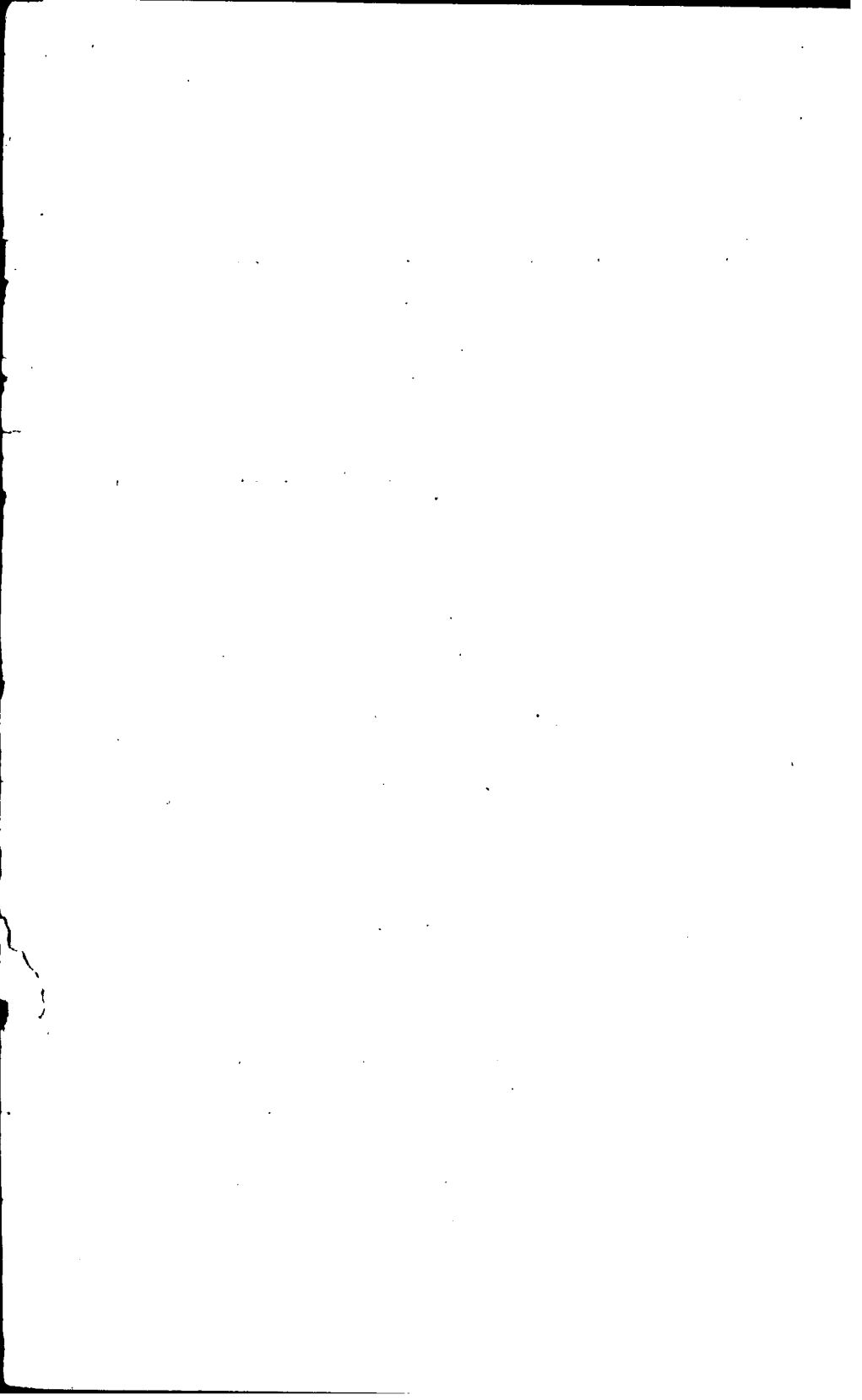
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PREFACE.

THE general plan adopted in previous issues has been followed on the present occasion; but additional chapters have been added, and the scope of several others greatly enlarged. The new chapters are the Discovery of Australia, the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the Constitutions of the States, Chronological Table of Principal Occurrences in Australia and New Zealand, Industrial History, and Commonwealth Finance. Owing to the necessity for printing off the chapters as they were compiled, no attempt has been made to arrange them in their natural order of sequence, but the voluminous index provided will save the reader inconvenience on this score.

In all cases the figures have been revised to accord with the latest information, and as a rule they refer either to the year 1901 or to the year 1902; in some instances, however, owing to the undue delay in publishing the official statistics, I have been compelled to use figures relating to 1900, but the instances where this was necessary were neither many nor important.

Care has been taken to correct errors which have escaped notice in previous editions, and to keep this edition free from them. Should any such have remained undetected, as in the multitude of references is quite possible, it would be deemed a favour if their nature and position were pointed out.

I desire to return thanks to the Statisticians of the States and New Zealand, and to the various officers of the Commonwealth and States who have so readily on all occasions supplied me with information asked for.

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