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The Sedco 135E semi-submersible offshore drilling rig operating in the Otway Basin off southern Victoria.

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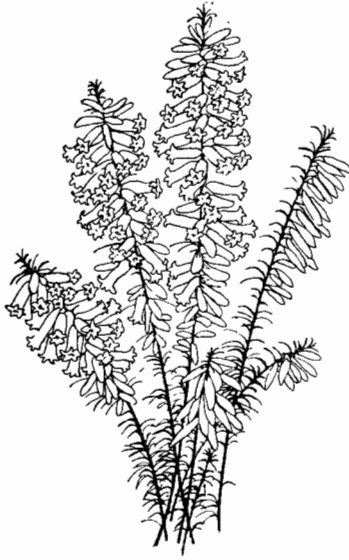
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PREFACE

This eighty-third edition of the *Victorian Year Book* again aims to present a comprehensive and faithful account of life in Victoria today. In attempting to achieve this objective, the *Year Book* reports upon important State activities and in particular upon the major social, political, and economic developments and trends of the State. In view of the national importance of the discoveries of natural gas and oil, a special tabular history of drilling is included in Part 6, which, while these developments continue, will be updated each year.

As far as possible continuity, especially of statistical information, is preserved so that the *Year Book's* function as a tool of reference can be maintained unimpaired. Consistent with its basic purpose, the coverage of the book is wide and hence, of necessity, its treatment is broad. Therefore, the statistical tabulations, which are supplemented by descriptive text, graphs, maps, and photographs, are comprehensive rather than detailed. The specialist reader will, however, frequently wish to pursue a subject further and hence to refer to other publications issued by this Office. These are listed in Appendix H and, as opportunity presents itself, are expanded to incorporate a steadily increasing amount of statistical information. They are available on application to the Victorian Office of the Bureau which also provides library facilities where the public may consult references.

The statistical tables in the *Year Book* give the latest facts available at the time the book goes to press. However, because of the time required for various phases of editing and printing, later information on a particular topic is often available in mimeographed publications. Readers should be aware that rounded figures sometimes cause small discrepancies between totals and the sums of components.

This edition again contains a number of new articles and hence some of the material published previously has been omitted. To help in tracing such omissions, references retrospective to 1961 are given both in the places where the articles last appeared and, in the case of major articles, in Appendix D. These references show the year of publication only: the page number can be found in the index of the appropriate edition.

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

Readers requiring the main statistical information of the *Year Book* in a concise form are referred to the *Victorian Pocket Year Book* which is usually published in July of each year. Copies can be obtained from the Victorian Office of the Bureau.

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Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works
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State Rivers and Water Supply Commission

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Forests Commission
Grain Elevators Board
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Australian Broadcasting Commission

Australian Broadcasting Control Board

Australian Red Cross Society (Victoria)

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Catholic Education Office

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