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(Front endpaper) Knotts River in the head waters of the La Trobe River near Powelltown.

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(Back endpaper) The Poverty Point Bridge on the Thompson River, 6 km west of Walthalla. Completed in 1900 and renovated in 1976 as part of the Alpine Walking Track.

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PREFACE

Although the circumstances of life are now changing in many directions which are not as yet clear, the task of the Year Book remains very much the same as it has been in the past. It is to present an accurate, comprehensive, and balanced account of Victoria as a whole and in this ninety-second edition, the book seeks to give readers not only a continuing account of life in the State, but also an insight into areas of special significance.

The present economic difficulties have drawn attention to the need for conserving resources and in this edition the number of pages has been slightly reduced, but careful referencing will show the reader where material has had to be omitted. Future editions will enable such material to reappear in a revised form as and when appropriate, and the references to past entries will be retained. Special articles which appear infrequently are indexed in Appendix D.

Now that the layout of the chapters has become permanent, the Editor continues to make every effort to maintain a structural continuity of text and figures. Thus the basic editorial aim of each edition should be attained: to produce a volume self contained in its own right as well as being a part of an ongoing series.

This volume contains the third major article in the series on Victoria's Environment and Man, on the subject of Victoria's Forests and Man. The topic is treated in Chapter 1 and in other chapters where it is particularly relevant. Thus the effects of forestry on government administration are explained on pages 152-4, on roads on pages 569-72, on agriculture on pages 358-66, and the timber industry on pages 434-7.

The changing times which cast a reflection on every chapter of this book are chronicled in text and tables. Among topics of contemporary significance are the articles on arbitration and wage indexation (pages 237-41), married women in the work force (pages 268-70), and the changes in the direction of tertiary (as well as other forms of) education. The Social Welfare Chapter (Chapter 27) reflects the quick pace of changes in community benefits and the Health Chapter (Chapter 26) has now been brought back to normal size after the special extended treatment accorded to it last year.

Since 1976 the book has featured an annual summary of the Victorian Budget. It is proposed to continue this series which will trace and illuminate the economic and social changes now under way. Similar summaries on manufacturing and banking have appeared regularly for several years and seek to fulfil a similar role.

Select bibliographies at the end of each chapter are now a regular feature of the Year Book. They are intended to complement the retrospective references published each year, with the exception of the 1973 centenary edition, in the new series of Year Book which began in 1961, and thus provide a background for virtually every topic in the series.

The material in the Year Book has been carefully checked throughout but I shall be grateful to hear from readers who wish to offer suggestions or have noticed defects. The preparation of this Year Book would not have been possible but for the willing co-operation of many individuals and institutions. First, I wish to thank the staff in the Victorian Office of the Australian Bureau of Statistics who, under the overall direction of the Assistant Deputy Commonwealth Statisticians, Mr J. F. Clark, B. Com., and Mr I. M. Cowie, B. Com., have again brought to the preparation of the Year Book a sense of responsibility and concern to ensure that the Year Book continues to reflect accurately conditions in Victoria. I would also like to thank Mr J. M. Ryder, F.I.A., F.S.S., A.S.A., the Government Statist and Actuary, who also holds an appointment as Assistant Deputy Commonwealth Statistician, for the consultant advice he is always ready to give. My special thanks are again due to the Editor, Mr H. L. Speagle, M.A., B. Ed., and to his staff in the Publications Section. I wish also to thank the Victorian Government Printer and his staff for their fine work in printing the Year Book, the Surveyor General of Victoria and his staff for their help in revising the maps in the Year Book, and Mr. Norman Quaintance for his typographical advice.

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Rural Finance and Settlement Com-
mission

Small Business Development Corporation
Small Claims Tribunal
Social Welfare Department
Soil Conservation Authority
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State Bank
State College of Victoria
State Electricity Commission
State Insurance Office
State Library of Victoria
State Rivers and Water Supply Commis-
sion
State Superannuation Board
State Taxation Office
Stock Exchange of Melbourne
Supreme Court
Surveyor-General

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mittee
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M males; F females

The following abbreviations are used for the titles of the Australian States and Territories and Australia: N.S.W. (New South Wales), Vic. (Victoria), Qld (Queensland), S.A. (South Australia), W.A. (Western Australia), Tas. (Tasmania), N.T. (Northern Territory), A.C.T. (Australian Capital Territory), and Aust. (Australia).

Yearly periods shown as, e.g., 1976 refer to the year ended 31 December 1976, those shown as, e.g., 1975–76 refer to the year ended 30 June 1976. Other yearly periods are specifically indicated.

Values are shown in Australian dollars (\$) or \$A) or cents (c) unless another currency is specified.

All data is presented in metric terms.

Where figures have been rounded discrepancies may occur between totals and sums of components.