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**T**HIS is the first Year-Book that has been issued since that of 1895-8. It deals principally with Victorian matters relating to the year 1902, but an endeavour has been made to connect the tables back to those of the previous Year-Book. Tables of Australasian Statistics will be found in the Appendix, relating for the most part to population, shipping, posts and telegraphs, production, law and crime, education, railways and tramways, and public finance.

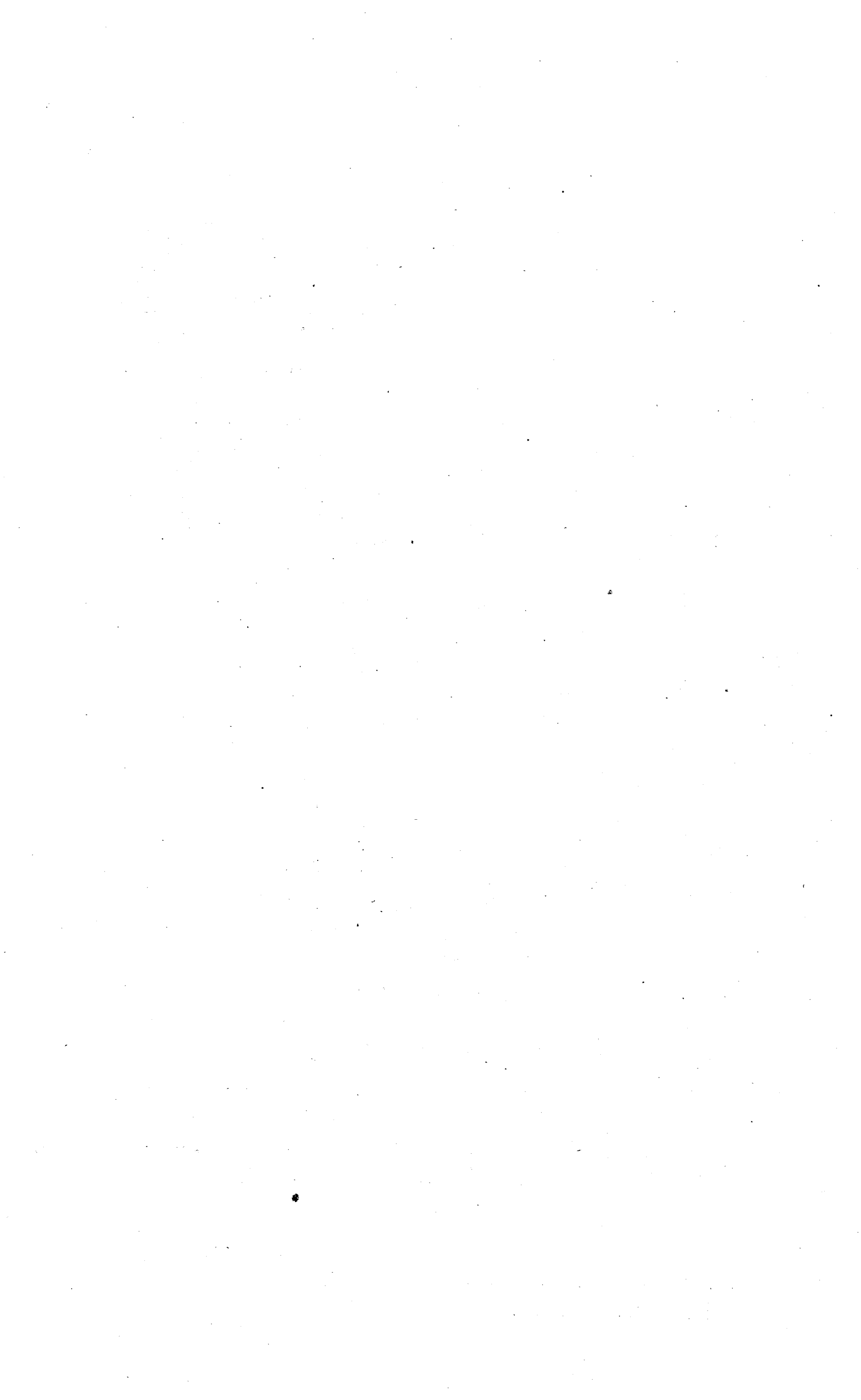
In the part relating to Vital Statistics appears a special report from the Chairman of the Board of Health, dealing chiefly with tubercular diseases, and furnishing much interesting and valuable tabular information on the subject.

The part relating to Agriculture contains a special report from the Government Astronomer, dealing mainly with the meteorological conditions of the State in the year 1902, and giving many interesting particulars in regard thereto. Following the tabular matter relating to live stock will be found a report from the Chief Inspector, in which he calls attention to many matters relating to the live stock of the State during the phenomenally dry season of 1902, and the steps which were taken for their preservation—succeeded by one from the Inspector of Food for export, on the subject of Diseases in Stock. Following the tables relating to fruit, is a report from the Government Entomologist, showing the steps that have been taken to establish an entomological and ornithological branch of the Department of Agriculture.

Owing to the limited time available for the preparation of this work, and to meet the wish of the Government that the expense of its production should be as low as possible, only those matters which are of first importance have been dealt with. Future issues will be annual; will be published at a much earlier date; and will deal with matters which have unavoidably been omitted from this issue.

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