

# APPENDIX.

[Recent information and returns which have come to hand since the various chapters were sent to press are given hereunder.]

## CHAPTER I.

### DISCOVERY, COLONIZATION, AND FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA.

#### § 9. Commonwealth Administration and Legislation.

##### 2. Governors-General and Ministries.—

Minister for Home and Territories	..	HON. SIR THOMAS WILLIAM GLASGOW, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., V.D., (from 18/6/1926).
Minister for Markets and Migration	..	HON. THOMAS PATERSON (from 18/6/1926).
Vice-President of the Executive Council	..	RT. HON. GEORGE FOSTER PEARCE, P.C. (from 18/6/1926).
Honorary Ministers	..	{ HON. CHARLES WILLIAM CLANAN MARR, D.S.O., M.C., V.D. HON. THOMAS WILLIAM CRAWFORD.

#### 3. STATE MINISTRIES.

##### VICTORIA (p. 36.)

*Premier and Minister of Water Supply and Minister of Railways*—HON. J. ALLAN.

*Attorney-General and Solicitor-General*—HON. F. W. EGGLESTON.

##### SOUTH AUSTRALIA (p. 37.)

*Premier, Treasurer and Minister of Education*—HON. L. L. HILL.

*Commissioner of Public Works, Minister of Railways and Industry*—HON. J. McINNES.

## CHAPTER III.

### GENERAL GOVERNMENT.

#### § 2. Parliaments and Elections.

4. Federal Referenda (p. 79)—*Industry and Commerce and Essential Services Referendum 1926.* On the 4th September, 1926, two proposals were submitted to the electors for the alteration of the Constitution in relation to the extension of legislative powers of the Commonwealth, in regard to (a) Industry and Commerce and (b) Essential Services. In each case the majority of the votes was not in favour of the proposed alteration. The following table shows the number of votes cast for and against each proposed law in the various States :—

#### COMMONWEALTH REFERENDUM, 1926.—RESULTS OF VOTING.

State.	Industry and Commerce.		Essential Services.	
	Votes in Favour.	Votes Not in Favour.	Votes in Favour.	Votes Not in Favour.
New South Wales .. ..	566,973	533,284	545,270	536,734
Victoria .. ..	310,261	546,138	296,548	537,560
Queensland .. ..	202,691	186,374	188,473	184,320
South Australia .. ..	78,983	190,396	81,966	179,740
Western Australia .. ..	46,469	112,185	39,566	113,222
Tasmania .. ..	41,711	51,278	43,679	46,217
Totals .. ..	1,247,088	1,619,655	1,195,502	1,597,793

In the Commonwealth as a whole there was a majority of votes against each of the proposed laws, namely, Industry and Commerce—372,567, Essential Services—402,291.

In four of the States, viz., Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania, a majority of votes was recorded *Not in Favour* of each of the proposed laws, whilst in two States—New South Wales and Queensland—a majority of votes was recorded *In Favour* of each of the proposed laws, as shown by the following statements:—

State.	Industry and Commerce.		Essential Services.	
	Majority of Votes—		Majority of Votes—	
	In Favour of the Proposed Law.	Not in Favour of the Proposed Law.	In Favour of the Proposed Law.	Not in Favour of the Proposed Law.
Victoria .. ..	..	235,877	..	241,012
South Australia .. ..	..	111,413	..	97,774
Western Australia .. ..	..	65,716	..	73,656
Tasmania .. ..	..	9,567	..	2,538
New South Wales .. ..	33,689	..	8,536	..
Queensland .. ..	16,317	..	4,153	..
Total majority .. ..	..	372,567	..	402,291

The percentage of electors who voted on the former question was 88.08, and on the latter 85.83, although ballot papers were issued to 91.07 per cent. of the voters enrolled.

7. The Parliament of Queensland, p. 80.—The elections for the 23rd Parliament were held on 8th May, 1926, when the voting, &c. was as follows:—

Electors enrolled in six uncontested electorates ..	Males	20,602
	Females	11,602
	Total	32,204
Electors enrolled in 66 contested electorates ..	Males	236,164
	Females	215,844
	Total	452,008
Electors who voted .. .. .	Males	209,139
	Females	191,916
	Total	401,055
Percentage of electors who voted in contested electorates .. .. .	Males	88.56
	Females	88.91
	Total	88.73

## CHAPTER VI.

### OVERSEA TRADE.

#### § 4. Oversea Trade.

1. **Total Oversea Trade, p. 200.**—The following particulars have been compiled from preliminary returns relating to the Oversea Trade of Australia during the year 1925–26 :—

#### OVERSEA TRADE.—AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Recorded Value.			Value per Inhabitant.			Per-centage of Exports on Imports.
	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	Imports.	Exports.	Total.	
1925–26	£1,000. 151,558	£1,000. 148,419	£1,000. 299,977	£ s. d. 25 5 10	£ s. d. 24 15 5	£ s. d. 50 1 3	% 97.9

## CHAPTER VIII.

### FINANCE.

#### A. COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

#### § 2. Consolidated Revenue Fund.

##### Division II.—Revenue.

1. **Total, p. 330.**—Revenue for year 1925–26 amounted to £70,203,572.
2. **Revenue per Head, p. 331.**—The revenue per head of population for 1925–26 was £11 14s. 4d.

##### Division III.—Expenditure.

2. **Total Expenditure, p. 337.**—For the year 1925–26 the total expenditure was £75,109,437, and the expenditure per head of population £12 10s. 9d.

#### § 4. Commonwealth Loan Funds and Public Debt.

7. **Commonwealth Public Debt.**—(ii) *Place of Flotation*, p. 350. At the 30th June, 1926, the debt stood as follows :—

	£
Payable in London .. .. .	155,883,499
Payable in New York .. .. .	15,411,487
Payable in Australia .. .. .	276,083,523
Value of Transferred Properties .. .. .	11,065,129
<b>Total .. .. .</b>	<b>458,443,638</b>

- (iv) *Amount of Interest Payable*, p. 351. At the 30th June, 1926, the interest payable on the debt amounted to £23,827,571, of which £7,949,760 was payable in London, £770,575 in New York and £15,107,236 in Australia.

**B. STATE FINANCE.****§ 1. General.****3. Inter-relation of Commonwealth and State Finance, (p. 361.)**

A satisfactory conclusion was not reached at the Conference of Commonwealth and State Ministers held in May, 1926. The Commonwealth Government, however, proposes to legislate for the withdrawal of the present capitation payments and for the discontinuance of Commonwealth taxes on land, entertainments, estate duties, and portion of the income tax, thus enabling the State Governments to recoup themselves for the loss of the capitation payments by raising extra taxation in the fields surrendered by the Commonwealth.

The Commonwealth Government proposes to bring the scheme into operation during 1926-27, thus giving the State Governments a year in which to formulate plans for raising the necessary revenue.

**CHAPTER XVII.****AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION.****§ 4. Wheat.**

**7. Voluntary Wheat Pools, p. 641.**—Voluntary wheat pools again operated in the States of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia during the 1924-25 season. The system adopted is a co-operative one, controlled by committees appointed by the growers, the whole of the proceeds, less administrative expenses, being distributed amongst contributors of wheat to the pool. The marketing of wheat in Queensland was conducted on the compulsory basis by the State Wheat Board, consisting of five representatives of the growers with a Government appointee as Chairman. The quantities of wheat received by the different pools were as follows :—

**WHEAT RECEIVED BY VOLUNTARY POOLS, 1925-26.**

Particulars.	Unit.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.
Wheat received ..	Bushel	740,600	3,618,026	5,395,733	6,000,000

The requisite financial accommodation was furnished by the Commonwealth and Associated Banks supported by guarantees by the various State Governments. In Western Australia funds were again made available by the Co-operative Wholesale Society Ltd. of Great Britain. Initial advances of from 3s. 3d. to 4s. per bushel were made available to growers on the delivery of their wheat at country stations, and further advances have been made in all the States, the average amount received per bushel to August, 1926, ranging from 5s. 8d. to 5s. 11d., less rail freight. The disposal of the remaining stocks will make available further small sums for distribution among the wheat-growers.

In Queensland the Commonwealth and Associated Banks provide the financial assistance necessary to make advances on wheat delivered, the State Government guaranteeing the Wheat Board's accounts with the banks. At the 30th June, 1926, 1,799,263 bushels of wheat had been delivered to the pool, of which 1,669,151 bushels had been disposed of, leaving a balance of 130,112 bushels on hand. Advances amounting to 5s. per bushel for milling wheat and 4s. per bushel for feed wheat were paid, while a further advance of 10d. per bushel was declared and made payable on 7th July, 1926. It is estimated that a further final advance of approximately 5d. per bushel will be made on the realization of existing stocks.

## CHAPTER XXI.

### MINERAL INDUSTRY.

#### § 1. The Mineral Wealth of Australia.

3. Value of Production during 1925, p. 720.—The following table gives the value of Australian mineral production for the year 1925 :—

MINERAL PRODUCTION.—VALUE, 1925.

Minerals.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Ter.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Gold ..	82,499	200,901	197,120	3,534	1,874,318	14,969	1,938	2,375,279
Silver and Lead ..	5,320,976	291	240,684	1,655	114,960	302,961	..	5,981,527
Copper ..	30,215	..	254,074	35,878	..	436,661	..	756,828
Iron ..	525,415	..	..	674,649	..	..	..	1,200,064
Tin ..	250,944	11,592	161,500	..	15,392	297,515	15,966	752,909
Zinc ..	1,022,016	..	2,350	..	..	110,691	..	1,135,057
Coal ..	9,302,515	762,521	1,042,816	..	363,203	70,424	..	11,541,479
Other ..	119,042	25,401	118,774	312,582	26,014	244,651	3,467	849,931
Total ..	16,653,622	1,000,706	2,017,318	1,028,298	2,393,887	1,477,872	21,371	24,593,074

## CHAPTER XXIV.

### POPULATION.

#### § 3. Distribution and Fluctuation of Population.

1. Present Number, p. 852.—The estimated population at the 30th June, 1926, was 6,043,924, distributed as follows :—

AUSTRALIA.—ESTIMATED POPULATION, 30th JUNE, 1926.

States and Territories.	Males.	Females.	Persons.
New South Wales .. .. .	1,180,663	1,137,077	2,317,740
Victoria .. .. .	842,892	851,587	1,694,479
Queensland .. .. .	464,497	414,899	879,396
South Australia .. .. .	288,195	270,283	558,478
Western Australia .. .. .	201,076	174,082	375,158
Tasmania .. .. .	104,115	105,263	209,378
Northern Territory .. .. .	2,634	1,139	3,773
Federal Capital Territory .. .. .	3,570	1,952	5,522
Total, Australia .. .. .	3,087,642	2,956,282	6,043,924

The corresponding figures for Australia for the year ended 30th June, 1925, were 3,027,990 males and 2,901,298 females, or a total of 5,929,288 persons. There was thus a total increase during the year ended 30th June, 1926, of 114,636, made up of 59,652 males and 54,984 females.