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PREFACE.

By the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Australia, the Parliament of the Commonwealth is empowered "to make laws for the peace, order, and good government of the Commonwealth, with respect to Census and Statistics." In the exercise of the power so conferred, a "Census and Statistics Act" was passed in 1905, and in the year following the "Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics" was created. The first Official Year Book was published early in 1908. The publication here presented is the twenty-first Official Year Book issued under the authority of the Commonwealth Government.

The synopsis on pp. VII. to XXII. immediately following shows the general arrangement of the work. In addition to the ordinary Chapters, each issue contains special articles dealing with some particular subject or subjects of more or less permanent interest. These cannot of course be repeated year after year, but in some instances a brief condensation is given in subsequent issues. While portion of the matter contained in Year Books Nos. 1 to 20 has been reduced to synopses or deleted in the present issue, the special index provided at the end of the volume will assist in tracing it in previous issues.

The present issue contains a specially-contributed article, dealing with the "Private Wealth of Australia, 1925," placed at the end of Chapter VIII., "Finance."

Amongst the new matter contained in the various Chapters, mention may be made of the sub-sections dealing with the "Financial Agreement," in Chapter VIII. "Finance"; the "International Comparison of Real Wages"; the "Basic Wage"; and "Child Endowment in Australia" in Chapter XIII., "Labour, Wages and Prices"; "Wool Realization Scheme" in Chapter XVI., "Pastoral Production"; while a new Bibliography appears in Chapter XXVI., "Miscellaneous."

The full text of the Commonwealth Constitution Act and Amendments appears on pages 17 to 34.

Recent information or returns which have come to hand since the various Chapters were sent to press will be found in the Appendix, p. 1018.

The material contained in each issue is always carefully examined, but it would be idle to hope that all error has been avoided. The Commonwealth Statistician desires to express appreciation of the opportunity afforded him of improving the Year Book, by those who have been kind enough to point out defects or make suggestions.

My best thanks are due to the State Statisticians, to the responsible officers of the various Commonwealth and State Departments, and to others, who have kindly, and often at considerable trouble, supplied information for this issue.

I wish to express my keen appreciation of the valuable work performed by Mr. J. Stonham, M.A., the editor of the Year Book, and by Mr. H. J. Exley, M.A., who capably filled the position of acting-editor during a period of three months' absence on sick leave by Mr. Stonham. I also appreciate highly the services rendered by the officers in charge of the various branches of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, upon whom has devolved the duty of revising, or in some cases of re-writing, the Chapters relative to their respective branches.

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Heading.		Years.						
		1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1926-27.
Population ..	Males	928,918	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,798,727	(f) 3,189,823
	Females	771,970	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,710,346	(f) 3,045,931
	Total	1,700,888	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,509,073	(f) 6,234,854
Births ..	No.	63,625	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	(f) 133,698
	Rate	33.00	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	(f) 21.67
Deaths ..	No.	22,175	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	(f) 58,282
	Rate	13.24	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	(f) 9.45
Marriages ..	No.	11,623	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	(f) 49,033
	Rate	6.94	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	(f) 7.95
Agriculture—								
Wheat ..	Area, acs.	1,279,778	3,002,064	3,335,528	5,115,965	7,427,834	9,719,042	11,687,919
	Yld., bshl.	11,917,741	21,443,862	25,675,265	38,561,619	71,636,347	129,088,806	160,761,886
	Av. "	9.31	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	13.75
Oats ..	Area, acs.	225,492	194,816	246,129	461,430	616,794	733,406	844,114
	Yld., bshl.	4,251,630	4,795,897	5,726,256	9,789,854	9,561,833	12,147,433	12,571,203
	Av. "	18.85	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.89
Barley ..	Area, acs.	48,164	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	293,910	370,943
	Yld., bshl.	726,158	1,353,380	1,178,560	1,519,819	2,056,836	6,085,685	6,930,953
	Av. "	15.08	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.68
Maize ..	Area, acs.	142,078	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	286,178
	Yld., bshl.	4,576,635	5,726,266	9,261,922	7,034,786	8,939,855	7,840,438	6,970,273
	Av. "	32.21	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	24.36
Hay ..	Area, acs.	303,274	768,388	942,166	1,688,402	2,518,351	2,994,519	2,699,631
	Yld., tons	375,871	767,194	1,067,255	2,024,608	2,867,973	3,902,189	3,487,352
	Av. "	1.24	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.29
Potatoes(a) ..	Area, acs.	67,911	76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	139,445
	Yld., tons	212,896	243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	373,176
	Av. "	3.13	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.68
Sugar Cane(d) ..	Area, acs.	11,576	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,356	199,440
	Yld., tons	176,682	349,627	737,573	1,367,802	1,682,250	2,436,890	3,155,916
	Av. "	15.25	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	15.87
Vineyards ..	Area, acs.	16,253	14,570	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,120
	Wine, gal.	2,104,000	1,488,000	3,535,000	5,816,087	4,975,147	8,562,573	20,456,341
Total value all agricultural production		£ 8,941,000	15,519,000	16,988,000	23,835,000	38,774,000	81,890,000	98,294,503
Pastoral, dairying, etc.—								
Live Stock	Sheep No.	40,072,955	65,092,719	106,421,068	72,040,211	96,886,234	86,119,068	104,267,101
	Cattle "	4,277,228	8,010,991	11,112,112	8,491,428	11,828,954	14,441,309	11,963,278
	Horses "	701,530	1,088,029	1,584,737	1,620,420	2,278,226	2,438,182	2,122,516
	Pigs "	586,017	703,188	845,888	931,309	1,110,721	960,885	989,009
Wool prod., lb. greasy		179,000,000	332,759,000	631,587,000	543,131,661	721,298,288	721,678,346	924,410,553
Butter production lbs.		(c)	(c)	42,314,585	103,747,295	212,073,745	267,071,340	252,531,059
Cheese "		(c)	(c)	10,130,945	11,845,153	15,886,712	32,653,003	26,679,197
Bacon and ham "		(c)	(c)	16,771,886	34,020,629	53,335,092	58,626,469	73,634,888
Total estimated value of pastoral and dairying production		£ 20,736,000	29,538,000	39,256,000	36,890,000	72,883,000	119,399,000	(e) 158,148,000
Mineral production—								
Gold ..		£ 7,916,627	5,194,390	5,281,861	14,017,538	10,551,624	4,018,685	(g) 2,159,073
Silver and lead ..		£ 36,046	45,622	3,736,352	2,248,598	3,022,117	1,539,992	(g) 3,773,756
Copper ..		£ 830,242	714,003	367,373	2,215,431	2,564,278	803,957	(g) 607,038
Tin ..		£ 24,020	1,145,889	560,502	448,234	1,209,973	418,418	(g) 842,430
Zinc ..		£ 369	200	2,979	4,067	1,415,169	283,455	(g) 1,178,119
Coal ..		£ 330,510	637,865	1,912,353	2,602,733	3,927,360	10,983,757	(g) 12,259,769
Total value all mineral production		£ 9,190,330	7,820,290	12,074,106	21,816,772	23,302,878	19,977,384	(g) 23,085,011
Forestry production—								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn								
1,000 sup.ft.		(c)	(c)	(c)	452,131	604,794	590,495	613,131
Manufactories—								
No. of factories						14,455	18,023	21,579
Hands employed						311,710	395,425	467,247
Wages paid ..		(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	27,528,377	68,050,861	90,575,166
Value added in process of manufacture						51,259,004	121,674,119	162,325,273
Total value of output						133,022,090	320,331,765	408,692,838

(a) Partly estimated 1871 and 1881.

(b) Owing to variation in classification and lack of information effective comparison is impossible.

(c) Information not available.

(d) Area of productive cane.

(e) 1926 figures.

(f) 31st December, 1927.

(g) 1927 figures.

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Heading.	Years.						
	1871.	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1926-27.
Shipping—							
Oversea vessels (No. ent. & cleared ton.)	2,748 1,312,642	3,284 2,549,364	3,778 4,726,307	4,028 6,541,991	4,174 9,984,801	3,674 9,503,018	3,261 11,163,975
Commerce (c)—							
Imports	£ 17,017,000	£ 29,067,000	£ 37,711,000	£ 42,434,000	£ 66,967,488	£ 103,066,436	£ 164,716,594
" per head	£ 10/3/3	£ 12/16/2	£ 11/16/0	£ 11/3/11	£ 14/18/2	£ 18/14/1	£ 26/19/1
Exports	£ 21,725,000	£ 27,528,000	£ 36,043,000	£ 49,669,000	£ 79,482,258	£ 127,846,535	£ 144,895,183
" per head	£ 12/19/6	£ 12/2/8	£ 11/5/6	£ 13/2/2	£ 17/13/10	£ 23/4/1	£ 23/14/3
Total oversea trade	£ 38,742,000	£ 56,595,000	£ 73,754,000	£ 92,130,000	£ 146,449,746	£ 230,912,971	£ 309,611,777
" per head	£ 23/2/9	£ 24/18/10	£ 23/1/6	£ 24/6/1	£ 32/12/0	£ 41/18/2	£ 50/13/4
Customs and excise duties	(e)	£ 4,809,326	£ 7,440,869	£ 8,656,530	£ 13,515,005	£ 27,565,199	£ 43,462,981
" per head	(e)	£ 2/2/5	£ 2/6/7	£ 2/5/8	£ 2/19/2	£ 5/0/1	£ 7/2/3
Principal Oversea Exports (d)—							
Wool { lbs. (greasy) £	176,635,800	328,369,200	619,259,800	518,018,100	720,364,900	927,833,700	827,799,662
Wheat { cents £	9,459,629	13,173,026	19,940,029	15,237,454	26,071,193	47,977,044	60,053,358
Flour { tons £	479,954	3,218,792	5,876,875	12,156,035	33,088,704	59,968,334	44,355,189
Butter { lbs. £	193,732	1,189,762	1,938,864	2,774,043	9,641,608	28,644,155	20,785,414
Skins and hides	£ 12,968	£ 49,549	£ 33,363	£ 96,814	£ 175,891	£ 359,734	£ 493,464
Tallow ..	£ 170,415	£ 519,535	£ 328,423	£ 589,600	£ 1,391,529	£ 5,519,581	£ 6,254,316
Meats ..	£ 1,812,700	£ 1,298,800	£ 4,239,500	£ 34,607,400	£ 101,722,100	£ 127,347,400	£ 76,516,497
Timber (undressed)	£ 45,813	£ 39,383	£ 206,868	£ 4,637,362	£ 7,968,078	£ 5,447,224	£ 5,447,224
Gold	£ 100,123	£ 316,878	£ 873,695	£ 1,250,938	£ 3,227,236	£ 3,136,810	£ 8,547,198
Silver and lead	£ 914,278	£ 644,149	£ 571,069	£ 677,745	£ 1,935,836	£ 1,441,795	£ 1,415,888
Copper	£ 566,780	£ 362,965	£ 460,894	£ 2,611,244	£ 4,303,159	£ 5,542,162	£ 5,193,812
Coal	£ 42,586	£ 118,117	£ 33,446	£ 731,301	£ 1,023,966	£ 1,158,166	£ 1,422,922
Govt. Railways—							
Lgh. of line open, mls.	970	3,832	9,541	12,579	16,078	23,296	25,523
Capital cost	£ 19,269,786	£ 42,741,350	£ 99,764,090	£ 123,223,779	£ 152,194,603	£ 237,479,693	£ 303,785,368
Gross revenue	£ 1,102,650	£ 3,910,122	£ 8,654,085	£ 11,038,468	£ 17,847,837	£ 35,936,900	£ 48,592,836
Working expenses	£ 608,332	£ 2,141,735	£ 5,630,182	£ 7,133,617	£ 10,945,727	£ 20,969,954	£ 39,990,887
Per cent. of work'g expenses on earnings %	55.17	54.77	65.06	64.63	61.33	83.39	82.30
Postal—							
Letters and postcards dealt with	No. 24,382,000	No. 67,640,000	No. 157,297,000	No. 220,853,000	No. 453,063,000	No. 569,343,456	No. 796,145,400
" per head	14.54	29.61	49.07	58.28	100.90	104.36	130.29
Newspapers dealt with	No. 3,336,000	No. 38,063,000	No. 85,280,000	No. 102,727,000	No. 141,638,000	No. 130,882,425	No. 188,715,200
" per head	7.95	16.66	26.61	27.10	31.54	24.18	30.88
Cheque-paying Banks—							
Note circulation	£ 2,456,487	£ 3,978,711	£ 4,417,269	£ 3,406,175	£ 876,428b	£ 211,187	£ 200,943
Coin & bullion held	£ 6,168,869	£ 9,108,243	£ 16,712,923	£ 19,737,572	£ 30,024,225	£ 22,092,371	£ 24,475,262
Advances	£ 26,039,573	£ 57,732,824	£ 129,741,583	£ 89,167,499	£ 116,769,133	£ 233,214,626	£ 253,180,484
Deposits	£ 21,856,959	£ 53,849,455	£ 98,345,338	£ 90,965,530	£ 147,103,081	£ 278,866,737	£ 343,075,508
Savings Banks							
Number of accounts open ..	100,713	250,070	614,741	964,553	1,600,112	3,327,456	4,461,904
Total deposits	£ 3,193,285	£ 7,854,480	£ 15,536,592	£ 30,882,645	£ 59,393,682	£ 154,396,051	£ 204,573,963
Aver. per account	£ 31/14/2	£ 31/8/2	£ 25/5/6	£ 32/0/4	£ 37/2/4	£ 46/8/0	£ 45/17/0
" head of population	£ 1/18/9	£ 3/10/5	£ 4/18/7	£ 8/3/0	£ 13/8/5	£ 28/0/4	£ 33/3/5
State Schools—							
Number of Schools ..	2,502	4,494	6,231	7,012	8,060	9,445 (d)	10,203
Teachers ..	No. 4,641	9,028	12,564	14,500	16,971	26,120 (d)	29,633
Enrolment ..	236,710	432,320	561,153	638,478	638,850	819,042 (d)	883,925
Aver. attendance ..	137,767	255,143	350,773	450,246	463,709	666,498 (d)	730,571

(a) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports.

(b) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue.

(c) Figures for Commerce for year 1921 relate to year ended 30th June following.

(d) 1926 figures.

(e) Not available.

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NOTE.—The Government was centralized in Sydney, New South Wales, up to 1825, when Tasmania (Van Diemen's Land) was made a separate colony. In the Table, the names now borne by the States serve to indicate the localities.

Year.

- 1788 N.S.W.—Arrival of "First Fleet" at Botany Bay. Land in vicinity being found unsuitable for settlement, the expedition moved to Sydney Cove (now Port Jackson). Formal possession of Port Jackson taken by Captain Phillip on 26th January. Formal proclamation of colony on 7th February. Branch settlement established at Norfolk Island. French navigator Lapérouse visited Botany Bay. First cultivation of wheat and barley. First grape vines planted.
- 1789 N.S.W.—First wheat harvest at Parramatta, near Sydney. Discovery of Hawkesbury River. Outbreak of small-pox amongst aborigines.
- 1790 N.S.W.—"Second Fleet" reached Port Jackson. Landing of the New South Wales Corps. Severe suffering through lack of provisions. First circumnavigation of Australia by Lieut. Ball.
- 1791 N.S.W.—Arrival of "Third Fleet." Territorial seal brought by Governor King.
- 1792 N.S.W.—Visit of *Philadelphia*, first foreign trading vessel.
- 1793 N.S.W.—First free immigrants arrived in the *Bellona*. First Australian church opened at Sydney. Tas.—D'Entrecasteaux discovered the Derwent River.
- 1794 N.S.W.—Establishment of settlement at Hawkesbury River.
- 1795 N.S.W.—Erection of the first printing press at Sydney. Descendants of strayed cattle discovered at Cowpastures, Nepean River.
- 1796 N.S.W.—First Australian theatre opened at Sydney. Coal discovered by fishermen at Newcastle.
- 1797 N.S.W.—Introduction of merino sheep from Cape of Good Hope.
- 1798 Tas.—Insularity of Tasmania proved by voyage of Bass and Flinders.
- 1800 N.S.W.—First export of coal. First Customs House in Australia established at Sydney. Flinders' charts published.
- 1801 N.S.W.—First colonial manufacture of blankets and linen.
- 1802 Vic.—Discovery of Port Phillip by Lieut. Murray. S.A.—Discovery of Spencer's and St. Vincent Gulfs by Flinders. Q'land.—Discovery of Port Curtis and Port Bowen by Flinders.
- 1803 N.S.W.—First Australian wool taken to England by Capt. Macarthur. Issue of "The Sydney Gazette," first Australian newspaper. Vic.—Attempted settlement at Port Phillip by Collins. Discovery of Yarra by Grimes. Tas.—First settlement formed at Risdon by Lieut. Bowen.
- 1804 N.S.W.—Insurrection of convicts at Castle Hill. Vic.—Abandonment of settlement at Port Phillip. Tas.—Foundation of settlement at Hobart by Collins, and at Yorktown by Colonel Paterson.
- 1805 N.S.W.—First extensive sheep farm established at Camden by Capt. Macarthur. Portion of convicts from Norfolk Island transferred to Tasmania.
- 1806 N.S.W.—Shortage of provisions. Tas.—Settlement at Launceston.
- 1807 N.S.W.—Final shipment of convicts from Norfolk Island. First shipment of merchantable wool (245 lbs.) to England.
- 1808 N.S.W.—Deposition of Governor Bligh.
- 1809 N.S.W.—Isaac Nichols appointed to supervise delivery of overseas letters.
- 1810 N.S.W.—Post-office, officially established at Sydney, Isaac Nichols first postmaster. First race meeting in Australia at Hyde Park, Sydney. Tas.—First Tasmanian newspaper printed.
- 1813 N.S.W.—Passage across Blue Mountains discovered by Wentworth, Lawson, and Blaxland. Macquarie River discovered by Evans.
- 1814 N.S.W.—Australia, previously known as "New Holland," received present name on recommendation of Flinders. Creation of Civil Courts.

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- 1815 N.S.W.—First steam engine in Australia erected at Sydney. Lachlan River discovered by Evans. Tas.—Arrival of first immigrant ship with free settlers. First export of wheat to Sydney.
- 1816 N.S.W.—Botanic Garden formed at Sydney.
- 1817 N.S.W.—Oxley's first exploration inland. Discovery of Lakes George and Bathurst and the Goulburn Plains by Meehan and Hume. First bank in Australia opened at Sydney.
- 1818 N.S.W.—Cessation of free immigration. Liverpool Plains, and the Peel, Hastings, and Manning Rivers discovered by Oxley, and Port Essington by Captain King.
- 1819 N.S.W.—First Australian Savings Bank opened at Sydney.
- 1820 Tas.—First importation of pure merino sheep.
- 1821 Tas.—Establishment of penal settlement at Macquarie Harbour.
- 1823 N.S.W.—First Australian Constitution. Discovery of gold at Fish River by Assistant-Surveyor McBrien. Qld.—Brisbane River discovered by Oxley.
- 1824 N.S.W.—Erection into Crown Colony. Executive Council formed. Establishment of Supreme Court at Sydney, and introduction of trial by jury. First Australian Enactment (Currency Bill) passed by the Parliament at Sydney. Proclamation of freedom of the press. First manufacture of sugar. Vic.—Hume and Hovell, journeying overland from Sydney, arrived at Corio Bay. Qld.—Penal settlement founded at Moreton Bay (Brisbane). Fort Dundas Settlement formed at Melville Island, N. Terr.
- 1825 N.S.W.—Extension of western boundary to 129th meridian. Tas.—Separation of Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania). Qld.—Major Lockyer explored Brisbane River to its source, and discovered coal.
- 1826 N.S.W.—Settlement in Illawarra District. Vic.—Settlement at Corinella, Western Port, formed by Captain Wright.
- 1827 N.S.W.—Colony became self-supporting. Feverish speculation in land and stock. Qld.—Darling Downs and the Condamine River discovered by Allan Cunningham. W.A.—Military Settlement founded at King George's Sound by Major Lockyer. First official claim of British Sovereignty over all Australia.
- 1828 N.S.W.—Second constitution. First Census. Sturt's expedition down Darling River. Cotton first grown in Sydney Botanical Gardens. Gas first used at Sydney. Richmond and Clarence Rivers discovered by Captain Rous. Vic.—Abandonment of settlement at Western Port. Qld.—Cunningham discovered a route from Brisbane to the Darling Downs, and explored Brisbane River.
- 1829 N.S.W.—Sturt's expedition down Murrumbidgee River. W.A.—Foundation of settlement at Swan River. Foundation of Perth.
- 1830 N.S.W.—Insurrection of convicts at Bathurst. Sturt, voyaging down Murrumbidgee and Murray Rivers, arrived at Lake Alexandrina. Tas.—Trouble with natives. Black line organized to force aborigines into Tasman's Peninsula, but failed. Between 1830 and 1835, however, George Robinson, by friendly suasion, succeeded in gathering the small remnant of aborigines (203) into settlement on Flinders Island.
- 1831 N.S.W.—Crown lands first disposed of by public competition. Mitchell's explorations north of Liverpool Plains. Arrival at Sydney of first steamer, *Sophia Jane*, from England. S.S. *Surprise*, first steamship built in Australia, launched at Sydney. First coal shipped from Australian Agricultural Company's workings at Newcastle, N.S.W. First assisted immigration to N.S.W. S.A.—Wakefield's first colonization committee. W.A.—Appointment of Executive and Legislative Councils.
- 1832 N.S.W.—Savings Bank of N.S.W. established.
- 1833 N.S.W.—First School of Arts established at Sydney.
- 1834 N.S.W.—First settlement at Twofold Bay. Vic.—Settlement formed at Portland Bay by Henty Bros. Qld.—Leichhardt reached Gulf of Carpentaria. S.A.—Formation of the South Australian Association. W.A.—Severe reprisals against natives at Pinjarrah.

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- 1835 Vic.—John Batman arrived at Port Phillip; made treaty with the natives for 600,000 acres of land; claim afterwards disallowed by Imperial Government. John Pascoe Fawcner founded Melbourne.
- 1836 N.S.W.—Mitchell's overland journey from Sydney to Cape Northumberland. Vic. "Squatting" formally recognized. Vic.—Proclamation of Port Phillip district as open for settlement. S.A.—Settlement founded at Adelaide under Governor Hindmarsh.
- 1837 N.S.W.—Appointment in London of Select Committee on Transportation. Vic.—Melbourne planned and named by Governor Bourke. First Victorian post-office established in Melbourne. First overlanders from Sydney arrived at Port Phillip.
- 1838 N.S.W.—Discontinuance of assignment of convicts. Qld.—Settlement of German missionaries at Brisbane. S.A.—"Overlanding" of cattle from Sydney to Adelaide along the Murray route by Hawden and Bonney. Settlement at Port Essington, Northern Territory, formed by Captain Bremer.
- 1839 N.S.W.—Gold found at Vale of Clwydd by Count Strezlecki. S.A.—Lake Torrens discovered by Eyre. Port Darwin discovered by Captain Stokes. W.A.—Murchison River discovered by Captain Grey.
- 1840 N.S.W.—Abolition of transportation to New South Wales. Land regulations—proceeds of sales to be applied to payment for public works and expenditure on immigration. Vic.—Determination of northern boundary. Qld.—Penal settlement broken up and Moreton Bay district thrown open. S.A.—Eyre began his overland journey from Adelaide to King George's Sound.
- 1841 N.S.W.—Gold found near Hartley by Rev. W. B. Clarke. Separation of New Zealand. W.A.—Completion of Eyre's overland journey from Adelaide to King George's Sound. Tas.—Renewal of transportation.
- 1842 N.S.W.—Incorporation of Sydney. Vic.—Incorporation of Melbourne. S.A.—Discovery of copper at Kapunda.
- 1843 N.S.W.—First Representative Constitution (under Act of 1842). First manufacture of tweed. Qld.—Moreton Bay granted legislative representation.
- 1844 S.A.—Sturt's last expedition inland. Qld.—Leichhardt's expedition from Condamine River to Port Essington.
- 1845 N.S.W.—Mitchell's explorations on the Barcoo. Qld.—Explorations by Mitchell and Kennedy. S.A.—Discovery of the Burra copper deposits. Sturt discovered Cooper's Creek.
- 1846 N.S.W.—Initiation of meat preserving. Qld.—Foundation of settlement at Port Curtis. S.A.—Proclamation of North Australia. W.A.—Foundation of New Norcia Mission.
- 1847 N.S.W.—Iron smelting commenced near Berrima. Overland mail established between Sydney and Adelaide. Vic.—Melbourne created a City. Qld.—Explorations by Leichhardt, Burnett, and Kennedy.
- 1848 Qld.—Leichhardt's last journey. Kennedy speared by the blacks at York Peninsula. Chinese brought in as shepherds.
- 1849 N.S.W.—Indignation of colonists at arrival of convict ship *Hashemy*. Exodus of population to goldfields of California. Vic.—Randolph prevented from landing convicts. Qld.—Assignment of convicts per *Hashemy* to squatters on Darling Downs. W.A.—Commencement of transportation to Western Australia.
- 1850 N.S.W.—Final abolition of transportation. First sod of first Australian railway turned at Sydney. Vic.—Gold discovered at Clunes by Hon. W. Campbell. Representative government granted. S.A.—Representative government granted. W.A.—Pearl oysters found by Lieut. Helpman at Saturday Island Shoal. Tas.—Representative government granted.
- 1851 N.S.W.—Payable gold discovered by Hargraves at Lewis Ponds and Summerhill Creek. Telegraph first used. Vic.—Separation of Port Phillip—erected into independent colony under the name of Victoria. Discovery of gold in various localities. "Black Thursday," 6th Feb., a day of intense heat, when several persons died and a vast amount of damage to property was occasioned by fires. W.A.—Proclamation of Legislative Council Act.

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- 1852 N.S.W.—Arrival of the *Chusan*, first P. and O. mail steamer from England. S.A.—First steamer ascends the Murray River to the junction with the Darling. Tas.—Meeting of first elective Council protests against transportation. Payable gold discovered at The Nook, near Fingal, and at Nine Mile Springs.
- 1853 Tas.—Abolition of transportation.
- 1854 Vic.—Opening of first Victorian railway—Flinders-street to Port Melbourne. Riots on Ballarat gold-fields. Storming of the Eureka Stockade, 3rd Dec.
- 1855 N.S.W.—Opening of railway—Sydney to Parramatta. Mint opened. Gregory's expedition in search of Leichhardt.
- 1856 N.S.W.—Pitcairn Islanders placed on Norfolk Island. W.A.—A. C. Gregory's expedition in search of Leichhardt.
Responsible Government in N.S.W., Vic., S.A., and Tas. (Act of 1855).
- 1857 N.S.W.—Wreck of the *Dunbar* (119 lives lost), and *Catherine Adamson* (21 lives lost), at Sydney Heads. Select Committee on Federation. Vic.—Manhood suffrage and vote by ballot. S.A.—Passage of Torrens' Real Property Act.
- 1858 N.S.W.—Establishment of manhood suffrage and vote by ballot. Telegraphic communication between Sydney, Melbourne, and Adelaide. Qld.—Canoona gold rush.
- 1859 Qld.—Proclamation of Queensland as separate colony. Tas.—First submarine cable, via Circular Head and King Island to Cape Otway.
- 1860 Vic.—Burke and Wills left Melbourne and crossed to Gulf of Carpentaria. S.A.—Copper discoveries at Wallaroo and Moonta.
- 1861 N.S.W.—Anti-Chinese riots at Lambing Flat and Burrangong gold-fields. Opening of first tramway in Sydney. Regulation of Chinese immigration. Vic.—Burke and Wills perished at Cooper's Creek, near Innamincka, S.A.
- 1862 N.S.W.—Abolition of State aid to religion. Real Property Act. S.A.—Stuart crossed the Continent from south to north. W.A.—First export of pearl-shell.
- 1863 Vic.—Intercolonial Conference at Melbourne. S.A.—Northern Territory taken over. W.A.—Initiation of settlement in the North-west district. Henry Maxwell Lefroy discovered and traversed area now comprised in the Coolgardie-Kalgoorlie gold-field.
- 1864 Qld.—First railway begun and opened. First sugar made from Queensland cane. Tas.—First successful shipment of English salmon ova.
- 1865 N.S.W.—Destruction by fire of St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney.
- 1866 N.S.W.—Passage of Public Schools Act of (Sir) Henry Parkes. S.A.—Introduction of camels for exploration, etc.
- 1867 Vic.—Imposition of protective tariff. Qld.—Discovery of gold at Gympie.
- 1868 N.S.W.—Attempted assassination of the Duke of Edinburgh at Clontarf, near Sydney. W.A.—Arrival of the *Hougmont*, last convict ship. Tas.—First sod of first railway (Launceston and Western) turned by Duke of Edinburgh.
- 1869 W.A.—First telegraph line opened from Perth to Fremantle.
- 1870 N.S.W.—Intercolonial Exhibition opened at Sydney. Imperial troops withdrawn. Vic.—Intercolonial Congress at Melbourne. S.A.—Commencement of transcontinental telegraph.
- 1871 N.S.W.—Permanent military force raised. W.A.—Passage of Elementary Education Act. Forrest's explorations. Tas.—Discovery of tin at Mount Bischoff. Launceston-Western railway opened for traffic.
- 1872 N.S.W.—International Exhibition at Sydney. Vic.—Mint opened. S.A.—Cable from Java to Port Darwin. Completion of transcontinental telegraph line.
- 1873 N.S.W.—Intercolonial Conference at Sydney. First volunteer encampment. Inauguration of mail service with San Francisco.
- 1874 N.S.W.—Triennial Parliaments Act passed. Intercolonial Conference. W.A.—John and Alexander Forrest arrived at Overland Telegraph from Murchison.
- 1875 Qld.—Transfer of Port Albany Settlement to Thursday Island.
- 1876 N.S.W.—Completion of cable—Sydney (La Perouse) to Wellington (Wakapuaka). W.A.—Giles crosses colony from east to west. Tas.—Death of Truganini, last representative of Tasmanian aborigines.

Year.

- 1877 W.A.—Opening of telegraphic communication with South Australia.
- 1878 Qld.—Restriction of Chinese immigration.
- 1879 N.S.W.—First artesian bore at Killara. International Exhibition at Garden Palace, Sydney. First steam tramway. W.A.—A. Forrest's explorations in the Kimberley district, and discovery of the Fitzroy pastoral country.
- 1880 N.S.W.—Public Instruction Act passed. Vic.—Opening of first Victorian International Exhibition at Melbourne.
Federal Conference at Melbourne and Sydney.
- 1881 N.S.W.—Further restrictions on Chinese immigration.
Visit to Australia of T.R.H. Prince Albert Victor and Prince George.
- 1882 N.S.W.—Garden Palace destroyed by fire. W.A.—Nugget of gold found between Roebourne and Cossack.
- 1883 N.S.W.—Discovery of silver at Broken Hill. Completion of railway between New South Wales and Victoria. Qld.—Annexation of New Guinea—repudiated by Imperial authorities.
Federal Conference held at Sydney. Federal Council created.
- 1884 Federation Bill passed in Victoria and rejected in New South Wales. British protectorate declared over New Guinea.
- 1885 N.S.W.—Military contingent sent to the Sudan. Opening of the Broken Hill Proprietary Silver Mines. W.A.—Gold found by prospectors on the Margaret and Ord Rivers in the Kimberley district. Tas.—Silver-lead discovered at Mount Zeehan.
- 1886 Tas.—Discovery of gold and copper at Mount Lyell.
First session of Federal Council met at Hobart on the 26th January.
- 1887 N.S.W.—Disaster at Bulli coal mine (81 lives lost). Peat's Ferry (Hawkesbury River) railway accident. S.A.—International Exhibition at Adelaide. W.A.—Cyclone destroyed nearly the whole pearling fleet off the Ninety-Mile Beach—200 lives lost. Gold discovered at Southern Cross.
Australasian Conference in London. Australasian Naval Defence Force Act passed.
- 1888 N.S.W.—Centennial celebrations. Restrictive legislation against Chinese, imposing poll-tax of £100. Vic.—Second Victorian International Exhibition held at Melbourne. Qld.—Railway communication opened between Sydney and Brisbane.
Conference of Australian Ministers at Sydney to consider question of Chinese immigration. First meeting of the Australasian Association for the Advancement of Science held in Sydney.
- 1889 Qld.—Direct railway communication established between Brisbane and Adelaide. W.A.—Framing of new Constitution.
- 1890 W.A.—Responsible Government granted.
Meeting at Melbourne of Australasian Federation Conference.
- 1891 N.S.W.—Election to Legislative Assembly of 35 Labour members. Arrival of Australian Auxiliary Squadron. Cessation of assisted immigration. W.A.—Discovery of gold on the Murchison.
Federal Convention in Sydney: draft bill framed and adopted.
- 1892 W.A.—Discovery of gold by Messrs. Bayley and Ford at Coolgardie.
- 1893 N.S.W.—Departure by the *Royal Tar* of colonists for "New Australia."
Financial crisis, chiefly affecting the eastern States.
- 1895 N.S.W.—Free-trade tariff. Land and income taxes introduced.
Conference of Premiers at Hobart *re* Federation.
- 1896 N.S.W.—People's Federal Convention at Bathurst.
- 1897-8 Sessions of Federal Convention at Adelaide, Sydney, and Melbourne.
- 1898 N.S.W.—First surplus of wheat for export.
Draft Federal Constitution Bill submitted to electors in Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia, and Tasmania. Requisite statutory number of votes not obtained in New South Wales.

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- 1899 First contingent of Australian troops sent to South Africa. Conference of Premiers in Melbourne to consider amendments to Federal Constitution Bill. Referendum—Bill accepted by New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania.
- 1900 N.S.W.—Old-age pensions instituted.
Contingents of naval troops sent to China. Commonwealth Constitution Act received Royal Assent, 9th July. Proclamation of Commonwealth signed, 17th September. Mr. (afterwards Sir) Edmund Barton formed first Federal Ministry.
- 1901 Vic.—Old-age Pensions instituted.
Proclamation of the Commonwealth at Sydney. First Federal Parliament opened at Melbourne by the Duke of Cornwall and York. Interstate freetrade established.
- 1902 N.S.W.—Disastrous explosion at Mount Kembla Colliery—95 lives lost. W.A.—Opening of pumping station at Northam in connexion with Gold-fields water supply. Completion of Pacific Cable (all-British).
First Federal Tariff.
- 1903 Vic.—Railway Strike (Enginemen). W.A.—Coolgardie and Kalgoorlie Water Supply Scheme completed.
Inauguration of the Federal High Court.
- 1905 N.S.W.—Re-introduction of assisted immigration.
- 1906 Wireless telegraphy installed between Queenscliff, Vic., and Devonport, Tas. Papua taken over by Commonwealth.
- 1907 N.S.W.—Telephone, Sydney to Melbourne, opened.
Imperial Conference in London.
- 1908 Vic.—Railway accident at Braybrook Junction (Sunshine)—44 killed, 412 injured; compensation paid, £126,000.
Canberra chosen as site of Federal Capital.
- 1909 Imperial Defence Conference in London—Commonwealth ordered two destroyers and one first-class cruiser for fleet unit. Visit of Lord Kitchener to report and advise on Commonwealth military defence. Loss of the *Waratah* with 300 passengers and crew.
- 1910 Vic.—Railway accident at Richmond—9 killed, over 400 injured; compensation paid, £129,000.
Referendum on financial relations between the Commonwealth and the States. Penny postage. Arrival of the *Yarra* and *Parramatta*, first vessels of Australian navy. Australian Notes Act passed and first Commonwealth notes issued. Admiral Sir R. Henderson visited Australia to advise on naval defence.
- 1911 First Federal Census. Transfer of Northern Territory to Commonwealth. Introduction of compulsory military training. Launch of Commonwealth destroyer *Warrego* at Sydney. Establishment of penny postage to all parts of British Empire.
- 1912 Opening of Commonwealth Bank. First payments of Maternity Bonus. First sod turned at Port Augusta of Trans-Australian Railway (Port Augusta to Kalgoorlie). Gift of £1,000,000 to charities by Mrs. Walter Hall, Sydney, N.S.W.
- 1913 Arrival of battle cruiser *Australia*, and cruisers *Melbourne* and *Sydney*. Federal Capital named Canberra and foundation stone laid. Appointment of Interstate Commission.
- 1914 Visit of General Sir Ian Hamilton to report on military defence scheme. Double dissolution of Federal Parliament. Visit of British Association for the Advancement of Science.
European War. Australian Navy transferred to Imperial Navy. Australian troops offered to, and accepted by Imperial Government. Captured vessels added to Australian fleet. Submarine AE1 lost at sea whilst on service in the vicinity of New Britain. German Pacific possessions seized by Australian expeditionary force (military and naval). German Cruiser *Emden* destroyed at North Cocos Island by H.M.A.S. *Sydney*.

Year.

- 1915 Opening of Broken Hill Proprietary's Ironworks at Newcastle, N.S.W. Navy Department created.
Australian troops landed at Gallipoli on 25th April. Loss of Submarine AE2 in operations at the Dardanelles. Census taken of Wealth and Income, and of males in Australia between ages of 17 and 60. Australian troops withdrawn from Gallipoli on 19th December.
- 1916 Record wheat harvest (180,000,000 bushels). Australian mounted troops operate in Egypt; afterwards join Desert Mounted Column. Other Australian troops transferred to France. Visit of Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, P.C., K.C., Prime Minister, to Canada, Great Britain, and South Africa, and to troops in England and France. Acquisition of steamships by the Commonwealth. First Military Service Referendum.
- 1917 National Ministry formed. General strike. Kalgoorlie-Port Augusta railway completed. Second Military Service Referendum.
- 1918 Population of Australia reaches 5,000,000. Australian troops in France formed into an Army Corps, commanded by Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Monash. Cessation of hostilities and surrender of Germany. Repatriation Department created. Australia House (Strand, London) opened by the King. Deaths of Sir G. H. Reid and of Lord Forrest of Bunbury.
- 1918-1919 Visit to America and Europe of Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, P.C., K.C., Prime Minister, representative at Peace Conference.
- 1919 Epidemic of influenza. Aerial flight England to Australia by Capt. Sir Ross Smith and Lieut. Sir Keith Smith. Death of Hon. Alfred Deakin. Visit to Australia of General Sir W. Birdwood. Visit of Admiral Lord Jellicoe.
- 1920 Visit to Australia of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Aerial flight England to Australia by Lieuts. Parer and McIntosh. Deaths of Rt. Hon. Sir Edmund Barton and of Rt. Hon. Sir Samuel Griffith.
- 1921 Visit to Imperial Conference of Rt. Hon. W. M. Hughes, P.C., K.C., Prime Minister. Second Commonwealth Census. Germany's Indemnity fixed (Australia's share approximately £63,000,000). Visit of Senator Pearce (Minister for Defence) to Disarmament Conference at Washington. Colliery disaster at Mt. Mulligan, Queensland—75 lives lost. Mandate given to Australia over Territory of New Guinea. First direct wireless press message, England to Australia.
- 1922 Economic Conference at Sydney. First lock on River Murray opened at Blanchetown, South Australia. Queensland Legislative Council abolished.
- 1923 Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce, P.C., M.C., Prime Minister. Premiers' Conference, Melbourne. First sod, site of Federal Parliament House at Canberra, turned. Pan-Pacific Science Congress, Melbourne. Police dispute in Melbourne, with accompanying riots.
- 1923-24 Visit of Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce, P.C., M.C., Prime Minister, to Imperial Conference, London, and afterwards to European and Gallipoli battlefields (September, 1923, to March, 1924).
- 1924 H.M.A.S. *Australia* sunk. Sea-plane flight round Australia by Wing-Commander Goble and Lieut. McIntyre. British Empire Exhibition at Wembley. First sale of land leases at Canberra. Visit of British cruiser squadron. Directorate of Commonwealth Bank appointed. Loan by British Government of £34,000,000 for Imperial migration.
- 1925 Visit of American fleet. Solar Observatory established at Canberra. De Pinedo's flight, Rome to Australia and return. Brisbane-Kyogle railway commenced. North Shore (Sydney) Bridge commenced. Department of Markets and Migration established.
- 1926 Population of Australia reached 6,000,000. Referendum—Industry and Commerce, Widening State Powers: proposals rejected. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research established. Cobham's flight, London to Australia and return. North-West Australia Commission established.

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- 1926-27 Visit to Imperial Conference of Rt. Hon. S. M. Bruce, P.C., M.C., Prime Minister; return via America. Equality in Dominion Status; new title for King.
- 1927 Transfer of Seat of Federal Government from Melbourne to Canberra. New Parliament House opened by H.R.H. the Duke of York.
- 1928 Aerial flights from England to Australia, by Mr. Bert Hinkler; from America to Australia, and from Australia to New Zealand and return by Messrs. Kingsford-Smith and Ulm, with navigator and wireless operator.
Referendum on financial relations between the Commonwealth and the States.