CHAPTER XXVII.

STATISTICAL ORGANIZATION AND SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

§ 1. General.

- 1. Development of Australian Statistics.—(i) General. Previous issues of this Year Book include an outline of the history and development of statistics in Australia, particular reference being made to the Crown Colony Blue Bocks, Statistical Registers, Prominent State Statisticians, Statistical Conferences, the Foundation of the Federal Bureau, and Uniformity of Control. It is not proposed to repeat this information in this issue. (See Year Book No. 19, p. 988.)
- (ii) Present Organization. The organization in respect of the collection, tabulation, etc., cf statistical data as between the State and Federal Statistical Bureaux, and State and Federal Government Departments was described in Official Year Book No. 19, p. 990. Limits of space preclude its repetition in this issue.

§ 2. Statistical Publications of Australia.

- 1. General.—The official statistical publications of Australia may be divided bibliographically into two main divisions, viz.:—(1) Commonwealth publications dealing both individually and collectively with the several States of the Commonwealth, and (2) State publications dealing with individual States only. Besides these there are many other reports, etc., issued regularly, which though not wholly statistical, necessarily contain a considerable amount of statistical information. The more important of these published to November, 1929, are indicated below.
- 2. Commonwealth Publications.—Commonwealth publications may be grouped under two heads, viz.:—(i) Publications issued by the Commonwealth Statistician, and (ii) Parliamentary and Departmental Reports and Papers.
- (i) Publications issued by the Commonwealth Statistician. The following is a list of the principal statistical publications issued from the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics since its inauguration up to November, 1929:—

Australian Life Tables, 1901-1910. Australian Joint Life Tables, 1901-1910.

Census (1911) Bulletins.

Census (1911) Results.—Vols. I., II., and III., with Appendix "Mathematical Theory of Population."

Census (1921) Results.—Bulletins, Nos. 1 to 26. Parts I. to XVI., forming Vol. 1., and Parts XVII. to XXIX., forming, with the Statistician's Report, Vol. II. Note.—Part XXVIII., Life Tables.

Finance—Bulletins, 1907 to 1916-17 annually; 1917-18 and 1918-19 (one vol.); 1919-20 and 1920-21 (one vol.); 1921-22 to 1927-28 annually.

Labour and Industrial Statistics.—Memoranda and Reports, various, to 1913.

Labour Report, annually, 1913 to 1928.

Local Government in Australia-July, 1919.

Official Year Book of the Commonwealth of Australia—Annually, 1907 to present issue (1929).

Oversea Trade, annually, 1906 to 1927-28.

Pocket Compendium of Australian Statistics (formerly Statistical Digest), 1913, 1914, 1916, and 1918 to 1929 annually.

Population and Vital Statistics Bulletins—Reports, various. Commonwealth Demography, 1911 to 1928 annually.

Production-Bulletins, annually, 1906 to 1927-28.

Professional Papers—Various. A full list will be found in Official Year Book No. 13, p. 3.

- Quarterly Summary of Australian Statistics—first issue, No. 70, December, 1917, replacing Monthly Summary of Australian Statistics (Bulletins 1 to 69), and incorporating data from earlier publications relating to Finance, Labour, Shipping, Trade, Vital Statistics, Oversea Migration, etc.
- Social Insurance—Report to the Hon. the Minister of Trade and Customs, 1910.
- Social Statistics-Bulletins, 1907 to 1915 annually, and 1918.
- Superannuation for the Commonwealth Public Service—Report to the Hon. the Minister for Home Affairs, 1910.
- Transport and Communication—Bulletins, 1906, 1908 to 1916 annually; 1919 to 1928 annually.
- Wealth-The Private Wealth of Australia and its Growth as ascertained by various methods, together with a Report of the War Census in 1915.
- (ii) Commonwealth Parliamentary and Departmental Reports and Papers. Lists of the principal official reports and other documents containing statistical information issued from the inauguration of the Commonwealth were given in Year Books up to No. 15, but limits of space preclude the incorporation of this information in the present volume.
- 3. State Publications.—The chief statistical publications of each State are set out hereunder. Limits of space preclude a further enumeration of the various Departmental Reports, statements of accounts, etc., issued by officials, boards, local government bodies, etc., in each State.
 - (a) New South Wales-Statistical Register (annual); Official Year Book of New South Wales (annual); Statesman's Year Book (annual); Vital Statistics (monthly and annual); Statistical Bulletin (monthly to December, 1919, thereafter quarterly).
 - (b) Victoria—Statistical Register (annual to 1916, then discontinued); Victorian Year Book (annual); Statistical Abstracts (quarterly to 1917).
 - (c) Queensland—Statistical Register (annual); Official Year Book, 1901; A.B.C. of Queensland Statistics (annual); Vital Statistics (annual and monthly).
 - (d) South Australia—Statistical Register (annual); Official Year Book, 1912 and 1913; Statesman's Pocket Year Book (annual).
 - (e) Western Australia—Statistical Register (annual); Statistical Abstracts (quarterly, previously issued monthly to July, 1917); Pocket Year Book of Circular (monthly), containing Principal Western Australia (annual); Statistics.
 - (f) Tasmania—Statistical Register (annual); Statesman's Pocket Year Book (annual); Statistical Summaries (annual); Vital Statistics and Migration (annual and monthly).

§ 3. Selected List of One Hundred Representative Works Dealing with Australia.

It is not claimed that this list is completely respresentative, as special consideration has been given to recent publication, also as to whether the book is still in print.

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