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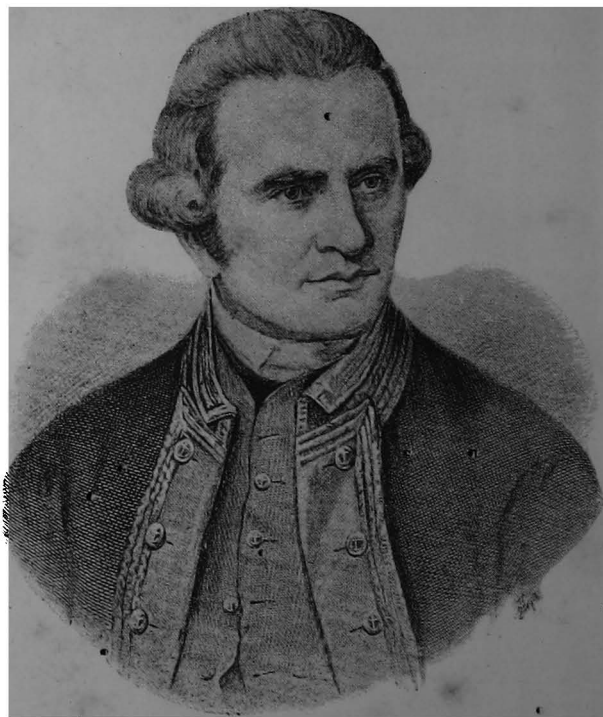
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PREFACE.

THE writer of Australian history is confronted with peculiar difficulties. The clamour of the strife which accompanied the birth of free institutions has scarcely died away and the greater part of the literature dealing with past events is so tainted by the heated feelings of partizans that it is necessary to use it with the greatest caution. Then, again, sufficient time has not elapsed to allow the incidents of former years to disclose their full significance, and matters which are really still producing grave changes in social and political life are apt to appear of little consequence, while others of a less far-reaching character assume an unmerited importance. In the following pages the desire has been to adhere as closely as possible to the story of the seven colonies without entering into questions which are still the subject of contention ; but there are many things in connection with the marvellous progress of these young communities which it has been impossible to mention here. The gradual formation of a new society—a new nation—in a New World cannot fail to be a spectacle of absorbing interest, but to trace

each step in the process of its evolution would require far more space than is available. So many books, public documents, and records have been consulted that it is impossible to acknowledge each separately, but the writer is indebted in some degree to most of the accepted authorities on Australasian affairs. This little volume has been written amidst many disadvantages, and under very great pressure of official work ; but it is hoped that it may induce some to make a better acquaintance with this Great South Land, which Governor Phillip in 1788 so fitly described as "the most valuable acquisition Great Britain ever made."

SYDNEY.





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STATISTICS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, 1890-91.

Colony.	Horses.	Horned Cattle.	Sheep.	Wool Exported.	Area under Crop.
	No.	No.	No.	£	Acres.
New South Wales	444,163	1,909,009	55,986,431	9,232,672	852,704
Victoria	436,459	1,782,978	12,736,143	5,933,603	2,031,955
Queensland	365,812	5,558,264	18,007,234	2,524,742	224,993
South Australia ..	199,605	574,032	7,050,544	1,876,240	2,093,515
Western Australia	44,384	130,970	2,524,913	261,352	69,676
Tasmania	31,165	162,440	1,019,256	419,173	157,376
New Zealand	211,040	831,831	18,117,186	4,150,599	1,636,179
Australasia ..	1,732,628	10,949,524	116,041,707	24,398,381	7,066,398

Colony.	Population.	Shipping Inwards and Outwards.	Total Trade.	Exports of Domestic Produce.	Length of Telegraph Line.	Railways. Length of Line.
	No.	Tons.	£	£	Miles.	Miles.
New South Wales	1,165,300	4,761,872	44,660,941	17,232,725	11,231	2,263
Victoria	1,157,804	4,363,341	36,220,237	10,291,821	6,958	2,763
Queensland	410,345	910,779	13,621,212	8,412,244	9,830	2,195
South Australia ..	325,766	2,337,674	17,295,765	4,550,139	5,623	1,829
Western Australia ..	53,285	904,861	1,546,260	659,661	2,892	585
Tasmania	152,619	951,247	3,384,504	1,430,806	2,004	399
New Zealand ...	634,058	1,312,474	16,072,215	9,428,761	5,060	1,956
Australasia ..	3,899,177	15,542,248	132,801,164	52,006,157	43,598	11,990

STATISTICS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA, 1890-91.

Colony.	Gold Produce.	Deposits in Banks.	Public Revenue.	Public Debt.
	Oz.	£	£	£
New South Wales	127,761	40,390,159	10,047,152	51,010,433
Victoria	588,560	45,261,932	8,343,588	43,610,265
Queensland	610,587	11,720,112	3,350,223	29,434,734
South Australia	26,086	9,933,135	2,732,222	21,657,300
Western Australia	22,256	1,398,417	497,670	1,617,445
Tasmania	23,451	4,378,448	758,100	6,432,800
New Zealand	193,193	15,806,847	4,193,942	38,802,350
Australasia	1,591,894	128,889,050	29,922,897	192,565,327

OCCUPATION OF LANDS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF 1891.

Colony.	Area of Colony.	Area Alienated or in process of Alienation.	Area Leased.	Area neither Alienated nor Leased.
	Acres.	Acres. *	Acres.	Acres.
New South Wales	198,848,000	44,758,151	148,122,194	5,907,655
Victoria	56,245,760	22,359,054	21,589,767	12,296,939
Queensland	427,838,080	17,819,982	285,703,680	124,314,418
South Australia ..	578,361,600	11,908,168	235,980,400	330,473,032
Western Australia ..	678,400,000	5,154,673	104,921,357	568,323,970
Tasmania	16,778,000	4,695,022	666,193	11,416,785
New Zealand	66,710,320	20,182,239	13,425,393	33,102,778
Australasia ..	2,023,181,760	126,877,289	810,408,894	1,085,895,577

ALIENATION OF LANDS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF 1891.

Colony.	Area Alienated in Fee Simple.	Area in process of Alienation.	Area Alienated or in process of Alienation.	Area neither Alienated nor in process of Alienation.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres. *	Acres.
New South Wales....	26,278,033	18,480,118	44,758,151	154,089,849
Victoria	16,091,880	6,267,174	22,359,054	33,886,706
Queensland.....	10,258,657	7,561,325	17,819,982	410,018,098
South Australia.....	7,002,339	4,905,829	11,908,168	566,453,432
Western Australia....	5,154,673	—	5,154,673	673,245,327
Tasmania	4,695,022	—	4,695,022	12,082,978
New Zealand	*19,666,916	515,323	20,182,239	46,528,081
Australasia	89,147,520	37,729,769	126,877,289	1,896,304,471

* Includes 81,621 acres held under perpetual lease.

† Return not available.



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