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Book review - New west Australian year book
A PUBLICATION which deserves to be a West Australian "best-seller" is now available from the Government Printer, Perth, at the amazingly low price of 10s., or 11s. 1d. posted. It is the new "Official Year Book of Western Australia"—publication of which has now been resumed after a lapse of 52 years.

It is a large book—six inches by ten—with nearly 400 pages, fully cloth-bound in an attractive shade of green, and contains 11 full-page plates—three of them in colour. A map of the State, also in colour and measuring 32 by 22½ inches, folds into the back of the book and there are a number of smaller maps, graphs and diagrams in the text.

Its scope is tremendous. Commencing with an historical review of the discovery and development of Western Australia it deals with the geography, climate and geology of the State, the plants and trees which grow here, the animal life and the activities and social patterns of the people.

Population trends, primary and secondary production, land settlement and tenure, constitution and government, public and private finance, employment, wages and prices, trade, transport and communications are among the various subjects dealt with—many in statistical summaries covering progress since the foundation of the Swan River Colony.

As a source of authentic information on almost every feature of West Australian life, this book will be invaluable to students, farmers, business men—in fact to all West Australians.

If one wishes to know the number of post offices in West Australia; the quantity of wheat produced in any one year; the State basic wage in any year from 1926 onward; the number of whales processed or the tonnage of pearl-shell produced; the acreage of the State Forests or the number of motor vehicles licensed; the number of births, deaths, and marriages, or the date of William Dampier's first visit to Western Australia—the answers to all these and thousands of other queries are readily available in the Year Book, with a comprehensive index to facilitate rapid and easy reference.

The work of preparing the first issue of a book of this nature must necessarily extend over a period of years so that some material has been in type for a long time before the last pages can be written and printed. By its very nature, a Year Book cannot present the latest statistics but in most cases the figures given include the 12 months ending June 30 or December 31, 1956. Later particulars are given in publications appearing at shorter intervals and these are listed in the Year Book.

The new Year Book is a publication of which the Government Statistician and all those concerned with its production have every reason to be proud.

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