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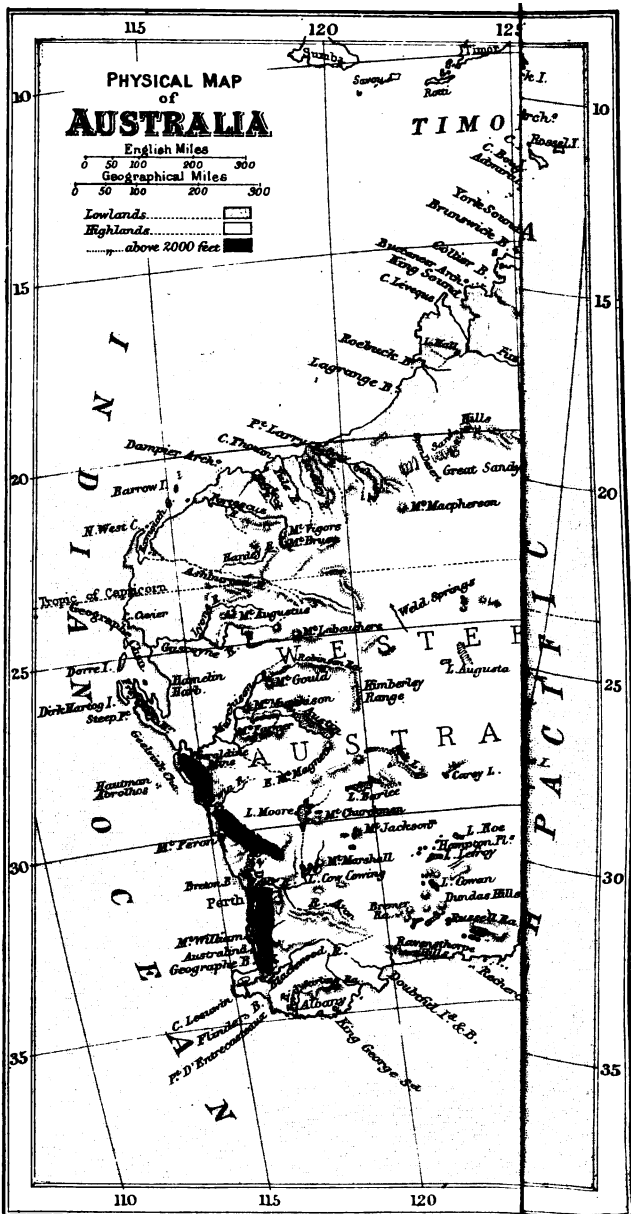
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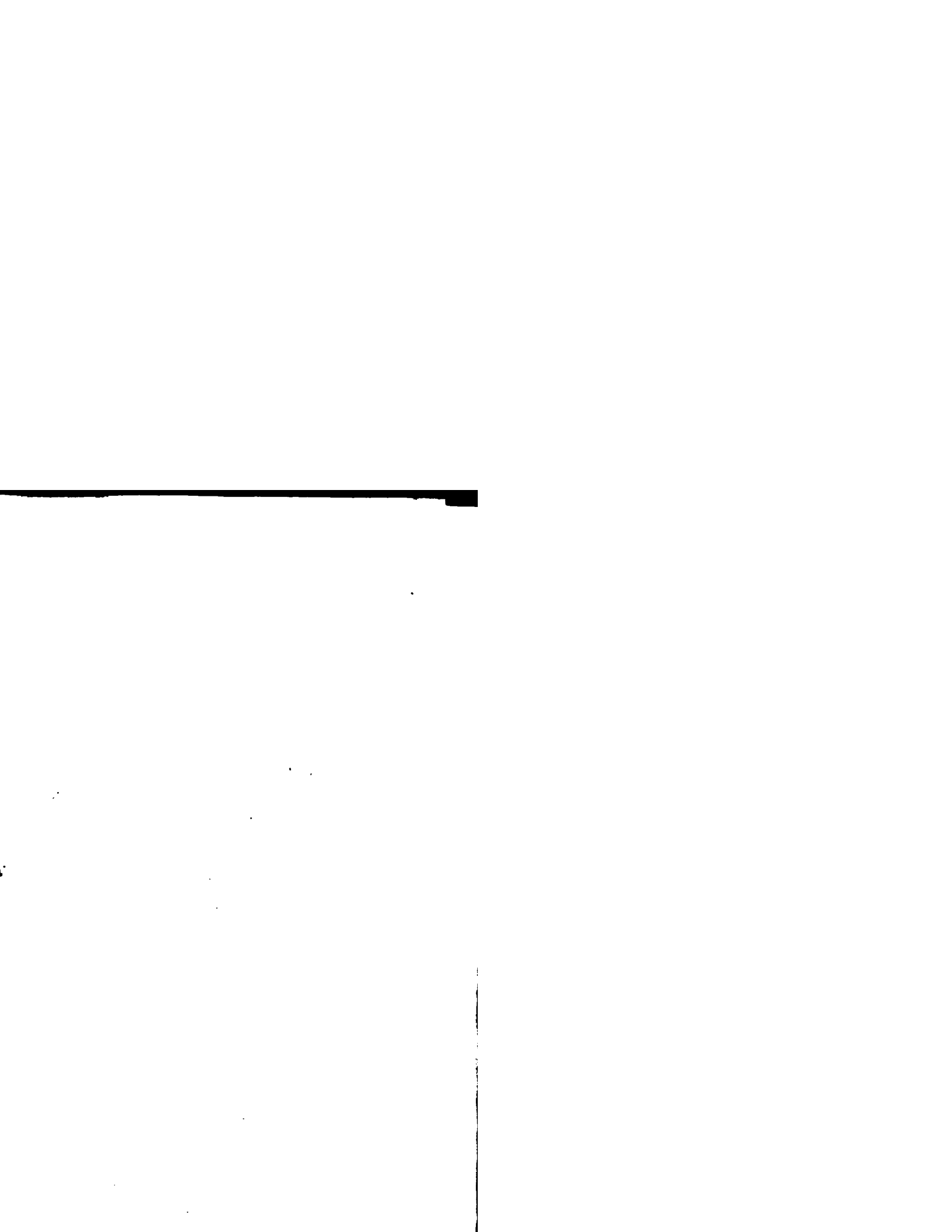
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PREFACE.

IN compiling the following pages, the author has been much indebted to the copious statistical returns of the various colonial governments. The *Victorian Year Book*, drawn up by Mr. H. H. Hayter, is a model for statisticians throughout the world ; most of the figures in this book are derived from that source unless the contrary is mentioned. It will be observed that the author has been able to add some later figures in the Appendix than those that had arrived when the book itself was written ; this may account for any seeming discrepancies.

He has been under much obligation to Sir Joseph Hooker's work on the Flora of Australia, and to Mr. Alfred Wallace's exhaustive volume on Australasia.

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