

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1962

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC HISTORY

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Formation of Department

This Department was formed by Standing Committee of Council to take effect from 14th December, 1962. Most of the activities described were, therefore, carried out by members of the Department while part of the Department of Economics.

New Appointments

Mr. B. D. Haig, of the Commonwealth Bureau of Census and Statistics, was appointed to a Fellowship in Economic History in December 1962.

Visitors

Mr. A. Kelley, of Stanford University, arrived in June to spend a year working on long swings in Australian economic growth.

Scholars

Mr. P. N. Lamb (supervisor Dr. Barnard) continued his thesis on N.S.W. Public Finances. A new scholar, Mr. J. Dowie (supervisor Professor Butlin) was enrolled to investigate New Zealand capital formation and economic growth. Dr. Barnard also supervised Mr. D. Crew, a candidate for a Masters of Arts degree in the School of General Studies.

Teaching Activities & Lectures

A seminar series on Australian economic growth was held throughout the year. Several lectures were delivered in the School of General Studies. Dr. Barnard delivered a paper to the A.N.Z.A.A.S. Meeting in Sydney and another to the Textile Institute of Australia (Victoria Branch).

Research Activities

Dr. Barnard completed his editing of The Simple Fleece - Studies in the Australian Wool Industry and saw the book through the press; he also continued with the preparation of a manuscript on the history of Goldsbrough Mort & Co. Mr. A. Kelley undertook a detailed statistical inquiry into the existence and nature of long swings in Australian economic growth. Professor Butlin completed, for publication by Cambridge University Press, the proof correction of two books and continued work on recent social accounting statistics of the period 1945-60.

A more coherent plan of research was planned for the new Department. Apart from more conventional industrial and institutional history, the central objective is to define the rate and character of Australian and New Zealand economic growth over the past century and up to the present day and to explore

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the conditions of growth and the structural and institutional changes accompanying this development. This programme envisages the completion of major statistical series, attempts at measurement of a number of basic economic relationships and interpretation of behaviour in terms of rates and stability of growth, structural trends, investment and institutional behaviour. Detailed study of Australia and New Zealand is planned within a context of comparative studies of several other countries; and it is envisaged that, in moving towards the present day, the research will become increasingly detailed.

Publications

BARNARD, A.

- The Simple Fleece - Studies in the Australian Wool Industry (M.U.P. - A.N.U.) pp. 640 + XV (edited).
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- "A Century and a Half of Wool Marketing" Chapter in The Simple Fleece pp.475-489.
- "Specialisation and Separatism", Article in The Textile Journal of Australia, April 1962.
- "Company History and Sociology" in Business Archives and History, Vol.II, No.2, August 1962.

BARNARD, A.,
BUTLIN, N. G.

- "Pastoral Finance & Capital Requirements 1860-1960" Chapter in The Simple Fleece pp.383-400

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- "Distribution of the Sheep Population: Preliminary Statistical Picture, 1860-1957" Chapter in The Simple Fleece pp.281-307
- "The Growth of Rural Capital 1860-1900" Chapter in The Simple Fleece pp.322-339.
- Australian Domestic Product, Investment & Foreign Borrowing 1861-1938-39 (Cambridge University Press) pp.475 + XVIII.

LAMB, P. N.

- Geoffrey Eagar and the Colonial Treasury of New South Wales pp.24-41 Australian Economic Papers Vol.I No.I.