

I've had my share of pastime, and I've done my share
of toil,
And life is short—the longest life a span ;
I care not now to tarry for the corn or for the oil,
Or for wine that maketh glad the heart of man.

For good undone, and gifts misspent, and resolutions
vain,
'Tis somewhat late to trouble. This I know—
I should live the same life over, if I had to live again ;
And the chances are I go where most men go.

The deep blue skies wax dusky, and the tall green trees
grow dim,
The sward beneath me seems to heave and fall ;
And sickly, smoky shadows through the sleepy sunlight
swim,
And on the very sun's face weave their pall.

Let me slumber in the hollow where the wattle blossoms
wave,
With never stone or rail to fence my bed ;
Should the sturdy station children pull the bush-flowers
on my grave,
I may chance to hear them romping overhead.

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KNOW YOUR COUNTRY

OURS IS A MIGHTY STATE

This State of ours, New South Wales, is a mighty place with an area of 309,433 square miles. But how many of us know very much about it? This article will tell us all just a few of the things about the State in which we live.

New South Wales, which has 907 miles of coast, has 38.1 per cent. of the entire population of our Commonwealth or 3,423,887 people. 1,861,685 of these people live in the capital, Sydney, which is also easily the largest city in Australia, and one of the largest white cities in the British Commonwealth. The next largest city in New South Wales is Newcastle with 178,086 people, then Wollongong with 90,811.

Every year there are approximately 28,000 weddings and approximately 36,000 children are born. There are approximately 401,629 children attending public schools and another 134,521 enrolled at private schools. Last year we exported 2,031,000 pounds of butter, 6,005,000 dozen eggs, 7,905,000 bushels of wheat, 534,369,000 lbs. of flour and 65,677 cwt. of fresh vegetables. Enough to supply the average householder for quite a long while! We also exported 5,723 tons of sugar, 4,325,000,000 lbs. of wool, 378,138 tons of coal and 29,515,000 super feet of timber.

There are 527,396 telephones in New South Wales—and thousands of people waiting for new phones—while 769,478 people have radio licences. We are getting so many vehicles on the road these days it looks as if we will soon have to build double-decker roads. We have 393,591 motor cars and 42,451 cycles. Unfortunately, the more vehicles we have the greater the number of accidents and it is terrible to realise that last year 728 people were killed in road accidents in New South Wales and another 14,660 injured. That casualty rate is terrible. Indeed, more people are killed in road accidents these days than in warfare.

More and more people are becoming air-minded, and this is borne out by the fact that last year 1,061,013 people travelled by air in New South Wales compared with 278,904 rail passengers. There is an acute housing shortage in our State, although many thousands of new houses are being built every year. We already have a total of 732,510 dwellings in this State, 2,026 hotels, 508 schools and 567 hospitals. According to the

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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Quayle of Wilcannia ponder over a difficult problem. However, we'll bet Jack found a solution.