

ies in making returns. As these returns are ordered by statute there should be greater punctuality.

Free use has been made of the Statistical Abstracts compiled by Mr. Giffen, Secretary of the Imperial Board of Trade, of the Victorian Year Book, by Mr. H. H. Hayter, and of the Statesmen's Year Book. Numerous other works have been referred to, all of which it is believed have been duly acknowledged.

As the liability to error, among such a mass of figures, always exists, it is again requested that any mistakes, if such exist, when detected, may be reported to this office.

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