

DECEMBER 31, 1958

ASSETS

Commonwealth Government Inscribed Stock (face value)	£970	0	0
Loan—Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works ..	100	0	0
	£1,070	0	0

The Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia statements have been examined. The certificates, received direct, of the Inscribed Stock and of debentures registered in the name of the Union and in the names of the Trustees, are in agreement with the face value of the investments shown in the Balance Sheet and Trust Account.

Audited and found correct,

HUGH C. E. STEWART,
Hon. Auditor.

'Rare' Birds in the Geelong District.—The following notes of Geelong 'visitors' and others may be of interest. Major Mitchell or Pink Cockatoo (*Kakatoë leadbeateri*). This year (1958), for the first time, these birds have been recorded in our district, first at the You Yangs, then at the Anakies, and last, but most important, ten appeared in the Moorabool valley near Bannockburn. Of this party two paired, excavated a nest eighty feet up in an old elm tree, and were apparently incubating when I personally saw them at the site of the nest, emerging when we arrived. They had a good look around and then the hen bird re-entered the hole and was not again seen during the visit (September 14).

Galah or Rose-breasted Cockatoo (*Kakatoë roseicapilla*). Two years ago several pairs were observed visiting the same locality in the Moorabool valley and they bred in hollows in the red-gums on the river. On September 14, 1958, a small party was observed feeding, and Mr. R. Madden, a keen observer, said they were nesting again this season a few hundred yards down the river from the previous site, evidently now being residents.

Brolga (*Grus rubicundus*). Up to the last six years these birds were unknown in our district, then a pair appeared at 'Jelna', Mr. R. Gillett's property at Anakie. These bred and the birds are permanent residents there, breeding on or near the property every year. Sometimes quite large parties assemble there and Mrs. Gillett has seen dancing displays from the garden at the rear of the residence. They are becoming more and more common on all sides of Geelong, especially near Rokewood and the surrounding plains.

Although I have been resident here over a long lifetime, none of these three birds—Major Mitchells, Galahs and Brolgas—have I seen before, and they are not mentioned in that reliable book of Sir Chas. Belcher's, *The Birds of the District of Geelong*.—P. J. WOOD, Geelong, Vic., 18/12/58.