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This thesis is based on my original research and contains no material which has been used for the award of any other degree or diploma.

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PREFACE

Originally it was planned to intensively study the spatial aspects of selected migration topics by means of a sample survey in areas chosen in the light of an analysis of census data. This idea has been transformed into a general study of the geography of migration in Tasmania between 1921 and 1961. It soon became clear in the preliminary investigation of the demographic and migratory 'background' that a general survey was necessary to identify the problems that require intensive study and to provide a general frame of reference.

Perhaps a word is called for about the large number of tables included in the second volume of the thesis: they arise from the writer's belief that the analysis of quantitative data is seriously impaired if the basic material is not available for examination. Not only do the 181 tables discussed in the text and the three appendix tables contain considerable information that has had to be neglected in order to keep the study within reasonable limits but also the tables that have not been included in the thesis. These tables are available and readers interested in greater detail should contact the writer, care of the Department of Geography in the University of Tasmania.

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