

**Industries**—The chief industries are sheep-farming and agriculture; there is some mining.

**Productions**—The principal productions are *wool, coal, silver, gold, wheat, maize*, etc.

**Towns**—*Sydney*, on Port Jackson, one of the finest harbors in the world, has the largest graving dock in the world. *Newcastle*, on Port Hunter, owes its importance to the existence of immense coal deposits in the neighborhood.

### 3.—QUEENSLAND.

**Position**—Queensland occupies the north-eastern part of the continent.

**Extent**—It is 1,300 miles in greatest length and 800 miles in greatest breadth.

**Surface**—The main features of the surface are the low-lying coastal plains, the plateaus and mountains which cross it at a distance of 100 to 200 miles from the coast, and the great plains of the interior.

**Climate**—The coast-lands are hot and moist; the interior is hot and dry. The rain is scanty in the interior.

**Industries**—The principal industries are sheep and cattle rearing, agriculture, and farming. *Sugar-cane, maize, wheat, and rice* are the chief agricultural products; *gold and coal*, the chief mining products.

**Exports**—The principal are wool, sugar, gold, tallow, hides, etc.

**Towns**—*Brisbane*, the capital, situated on the Brisbane River, 12 miles from its mouth, has a large trade.

### 4.—SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

**Position**—South Australia is the great central portion of Australia. It extends across the continent from the Southern to the Indian Ocean.

**Extent**—It is from 1,500 to 1,900 miles from north to south, and from 600 to 700 miles from east to west.

**Surface**—The greater part of the state is a tableland about 1,000 feet in elevation. In the south-east the land is low. The tableland is mainly desert, treeless, waterless, and arid. In the southern part of the state are a number of salt lakes, some of which dry up during a period of drought.

**Climate**—The climate is hot and very dry; the air is pure and healthy; the rainfall is altogether insufficient for agriculture, except in the south-east and in the extreme north.