



### **Coghlan Prize**

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Sir Timothy Coghlan (1855-1926), statistician and public servant, is perhaps best known for his books, *The Wealth and Progress of New South Wales*, *a Statistical Account of the Seven Colonies of Australia*, and *Labour and Industry in Australia*. These also reflected his theories about population growth, prosperity and the influence of economic factors upon populations. He earned a national and international reputation for his work, becoming a fellow of the Royal Statistical Society in 1893. He provided advice to governments on banking, finance and electoral reform, public service administration, and taxation. He contributed to several Royal Commissions and became NSW's agent-general in London in 1905. He held this post, frequently in an acting capacity and with interruptions for over 20 years. It was in London he wrote and published *Labour and Industry*. He was knighted in 1914. See his *Australian Dictionary of Biography* Entry on which this is based at <http://www.adb.online.anu.edu.au/biogs/A080053b.htm>