

INTRODUCTION.

The Year-book for 1894, like that for 1893, consists of two parts, 1st, the "Record," and 2nd, the "Abstract."

The "Record" contains chapters on the Early History of Canada ; the Constitution and Government of the Country ; its Physical Features ; Land and Land Regulations ; Forest Wealth ; Results of the Census, with a short history of early census-takings in Canada ; an examination into (*a*) the development of Mechanical and Manufacturing Industries on the basis of output ; (*b*) the relative positions of the Sexes engaged in those industries ; (*c*) the relative positions of Capital and Labour, and (*d*) a comparison of the development of the Industries of Canada and the United States.

It also contains a chapter on Railways, being the second of a series "on subjects of importance to Canadians" ; an account of the United States of America, being the second of a series on "Countries with which Canada does business" ; and a chapter devoted to events of the year, such as the Colonial Conference, the Manitoba School Case, the Copyright Question, Expeditions to the outer edges of Canada, the National Council of Canadian Women, and short biographical notices of prominent public men of Canada who have died during the year.

The chapter on the Early History and that on the Constitution and Government have been expanded—the first by giving increased space to the early years and by enlarging very considerably the chronological statement of principal events ; the second by (*a*) a carefully prepared statement of the acts done and the words said or written, which had their influence in preparing the way for the Confederation of the Provinces (the recent interesting publication of Confederation documents by Mr. Joseph Pope came too late to be of use in this connection), and (*b*) by a digest of all the treaties, made by the Mother Country with other countries, in which Canada is specially interested.

The "Record" part occupies more space in this issue than in that for 1893, the reasons being, 1st, that the Earl of Jersey's report on the Colonial Conference is given in full, and 2nd, that the Marquess of Ripon's replies have been published, though properly belonging to the year 1895. It was thought that it would be better to give the documents in full and together.