

INTRODUCTION.

The Year-book of Canada for 1895, like its predecessors for 1893 and 1894, consists of two parts, 1st, the "Record," and 2nd, the "Abstract."

The "Record" contains, in addition to the usual chapters, the first of a series of biographical notes of advocates of the principle of Confederation, the third of a series on "Countries with which Canada deals," and an extended analysis of the industrial, mechanical and manufacturing returns of the Census (by Provinces). A digest of the treaties Canada has made with her Indian tribes is appended to the synopsis of the treaties made by the Mother Country, in which Canada is specially interested.

The "Abstract" contains gleanings from and analyses of the returns made to the Government through the several Departments, the whole being arranged so as to give, first, an idea of the wealth derived from the soil and the waters—agriculture, fisheries and minerals (forest having been dealt with in the "Record"); then, second, the trade and commerce created by the distribution of these products of mother earth; third, the means by which these products are transferred from producer to consumer—money and banks; fourth, the modes of transportation Canada possesses—railways, canals and shipping, and, fifth, the facilities provided for communication—post offices, telegraphs and telephones.

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