

## PREFACE.

The leading article in the Canada Year Book of 1920, is on the subject of Reconstruction. It is divided into three parts, the first dealing with the internal war-time activities of Government and people, the second with the re-establishment of the returned soldier and the third with reconstruction among the general population.

The organization of the official statistics of Canada by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has rendered possible various changes and improvements in the Year Book, among them being the addition of a statistical summary of education in Canada, (pp. 130-133); an increase in agricultural statistics, more especially in the analysis of agricultural prices; the compilation of statistics of Canadian trade according to the improved classification of commodities over a period of four years, (pp. 350-407); an analysis of the statistics of passenger and freight railway services and receipts, (p. 468); and a valuable summary of the financial statistics of cities of 10,000 and over, (pp. 570-581). More especially must attention be drawn to the re-organization and expansion of two sections, namely the Climate and Meteorology section, made possible by the generous co-operation of the Dominion Meteorological Service, and the Labour and Prices Section, to which a subsection on wages has now been added, as well as short articles on the occupations of the people and on organized labour in Canada.

In all the sections is given the latest information available, the tables including, where possible, the figures of 1920. The titles of articles published in previous editions of the Year Book and not repeated here, are given for purposes of reference in the Retrospective Index on page xv.

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