

been made in recent years have been described in the preface for each edition. The present is marked by the omission of any leading topical article, effort having been concentrated during the past year on the general improvement of the several sections and their arrangement in logical form and sequence. Especially thorough has been the revision of the sections on population and on the different phases of production.

Among other features of the edition to which the special attention of the reader may be directed are: the contributions by Sir Frederick Stupart, Director of the Meteorological Service of Canada, on the factors which control Canadian weather and on the development of the Meteorological Service; the expanded treatment of parliamentary representation in Canada and of provincial governments and ministries; the summary of the principal data collected at the census of 1921 and the first detailed treatment of vital statistics; the addition to the production section of a general survey of production and of a sub-section on construction, and the development of the other sub-sections under this heading; the more adequate treatment of internal trade; the insertion of sub-sections on roads and highways and on aerial navigation in the transportation and communications section; the publication of the Bureau's new index number of wholesale prices and of its statistics of retail prices; the introduction into the finance section of a discussion of national wealth and national income; the adding to the administration section of an entirely new sub-section on "public health and public benevolence," also of a select bibliography of leading books relating to Canadian history.

Throughout the volume, the latest available information is included in each section, the tables in many cases including figures for the fiscal year 1922-23, and the letter-press supplying supplementary figures extending in some cases to the end of the calendar year 1923.

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