

PREFACE

The *Canada Year Book* had its beginning in the first year of the Dominion when the semi-official "Year Book and Almanac of British North America"—being (to quote its sub-title) "an Annual Register of political, vital, and trade statistics, customs tariffs, excise and stamp duties, and all public events of interest in Upper and Lower Canada, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, and West Indies"—was founded.

Subsequently, after the reorganization of statistics that followed the report of the Royal Commission on Statistics of 1912 and the establishment of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in 1918, the Year Book experienced many metamorphoses under the editorship of E. H. Godfrey and especially of S. A. Cudmore, now Assistant Dominion Statistician.

The editorial task of keeping the contents of each edition of the Year Book within convenient limits is becoming more difficult each year. It is no longer possible to cover the entire field of information in a single edition. The plan adopted, therefore, has been to economize text-space by the publication, at intervals of from 5 to 10 years as circumstances warrant, of special articles dealing with subjects of broad interest that are not subject to change from year to year. Current text may thus be limited in large measure to necessary statistical analyses. No single edition can therefore be regarded as complete in relation to subject matter and the Year Book must be looked upon as a series of publications rather than as a single volume. The classified list of special articles given at pp. vii to xi serves as an index to such special articles as have appeared in past editions.

This second edition of the Year Book to be published during the present war shows in clearer perspective than the 1940 Year Book the cumulative effects of the struggle on the Canadian economy, since many of the statistical series now cover the early part of the war period and the special articles published have been planned to show war-time changes and developments. There are eight such special articles in the present edition as follows: The National Registration 1940, prepared under the direction of Hon. Justice T. C. Davis, Associate Deputy Minister of National War Services (pp. 70-71); Some Effects of the War on Canadian Agriculture, prepared under the direction of Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Deputy Minister of Agriculture (pp. 138-144); The Effects of Government War-Time Expenditures on the Construction Industry, prepared by H. Carl Goldenberg, Associate Director General of the Department of Munitions and Supply (pp. 366-368); Pre-War Civil Aviation and the Defence Program, prepared by J. A. Wilson, Controller of Civil Aviation (pp. 608-612); The War-Time Functions of a Central Bank (pp. 802-804); War-Time Control under the Foreign Exchange Control Board, by R. H. Tarr, Secretary of the Foreign Exchange Control Board (pp. 833-835); Recent Advances in the Field of Education in Canada, prepared under the direction of Dr. J. E. Robbins, Chief of the Education Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics (pp. 876-883); and a Special War Chronology appearing as Appendix I at the end of the volume.

The profound changes going on in the economic life of the nation are indicated by these special articles and by the chapter revisions. A very noticeable shifting of the national balance is taking place that will definitely change the post-war course of events and the lives of present and future generations of Canadians. It is necessary that these changes be closely watched and recorded, so that they may be studied in proper perspective in the years to come. It is the purpose of those responsible for the editing of the Year Book to see that this is accomplished.