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The subjects newly included are principally these :—

A chapter on the Boundaries of British North America, giving the text of the treaties and the decisions of Commissioners in relation thereto.

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Lists of Land Surveyors, Customs Officers, &c., &c.

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