

The most important publication of the General Statistics Branch of the Bureau is the *Canada Year Book*, which is a compendium of official data on the physiography, history, institutions, population, production, industry, trade, transportation, finance, labour, administration, and general social and economic conditions and life of the Dominion—the whole conceived from a wide point of view and presenting the more salient statistics of the country against a background of interpretative matter designed to bring out their significance. It will be appreciated that a work of this character is dependent upon completion of the basic organization of statistics; it has been necessary, therefore, to develop the *Year Book* gradually, as the improved materials under the Bureau became available.

In the present volume the new features to which special attention may be directed include the following: a summary treatment of natural resources in the physiography section; a discussion of the effect of redistribution in the sub-section on parliamentary representation; a summary of the literacy and school attendance statistics collected at the census of 1921; improvements in the treatment of vital statistics; an expanded article on fruit production and a discussion of the cost of grain production in the sub-section on agriculture; a description of the rise and present position of cotton manufacturing and automobile manufacturing in Canada; an analysis of Canadian external trade at the commencement of the Trade and Commerce section; an analysis of the child labour legislation of the provinces and a detailed description of the methods used in compiling the Bureau's new index number of wholesale prices, in the Labour, Wages and Prices section; a new table showing per capita ordinary receipts and expenditures of provincial governments for various years since 1881; and the first analysis by provinces of the national wealth of Canada. The education section includes accounts of the Royal Society of Canada and the Royal Canadian Institute, while the sub-section on public health and benevolence, commenced in the last edition, has been expanded into a section, filling a long-experienced want for information on Canadian charitable institutions. In the administration section, new statistics are presented, showing the growth of the civil service of Canada since 1912.

Throughout the volume, the latest available information is included in each section, the tables in many cases including figures for the fiscal year 1923-24, and the letter-press supplying supplementary figures extending, in some cases, to the end of the calendar year 1924.

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