

Section 9 of Chapter XVII dealing with Merchandising and Service Establishments has been entirely revised and rewritten to cover the estimates of retail trade made since the 1931 Census; a new series of monthly indexes of retail sales, 1929-35, is also included as well as principal statistics of chain stores and the motion picture industry. Some revision has been considered necessary in Chapter XXI by the inclusion of new material on the important subject of municipal taxation and the estimate of national wealth, 1933, with revised comparable figures for 1929—the latter estimate gives a picture at the peak of domestic prosperity while the 1933 figures reflect the writing down of values resulting from the depression. Several of the statistical series in Chapter XXII have become broken by the creation of the Bank of Canada, but since it will be some time before other series can be begun on the new basis, a compromise has been temporarily made. Improvement has been effected in the presentation of the financial statistics of the provincially controlled schools of Canada by the collection of data on a more comparable basis from all provinces. These are presented in Chapter XXV, Tables 8 and 9. Chapter XXVI has been revised; sections dealing with the public health activities of Dominion and of provincial health authorities and a brief sketch of the origin and growth of the different classes of institutions in Canada have been included.

The death of His Majesty King George V on Jan. 20, 1936, received with deep sorrow throughout the Empire and with world-wide regret, and the succession of King Edward VIII to the Throne, have been appropriately marked by the reproduction, as frontispiece, of the official Proclamation of the Government of Canada made on Jan. 21, 1936, accompanied by the latest official photographs, obtained through the courtesy of the respective Court photographers.

A list of special articles appearing in past editions is given on page vi immediately preceding the map of Canada.

All parts of the volume have been carefully revised by the most competent authorities and include the latest information appearing to the date of going to press.

In the absence of the Editor, S. A. Cudmore, B.A. (Tor.), M.A. (Oxon.), F.S.S., F.R. Econ. Soc., (seconded to the Government of Palestine), the present volume has been edited under the immediate direction of the Dominion Statistician by A. E. Millward, B.A., B.Com., W. H. Lanceley, and R. F. Clarke, M.C., D.L.S., of the editorial staff of the General Statistics Branch of the Bureau. With one or two exceptions, charts, graphs and layouts have been made by, or under the supervision of, J. W. Delisle, draughtsman of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Grateful acknowledgments are hereby tendered to the numerous officials of the Dominion and Provincial Governments who have assisted in the collection of information. An effort has been made to apportion due credit to the various individuals and services concerned by means of footnotes to those chapters and sections which have been contributed, or in the compilation of which co-operation has been received.

While the greatest care has been taken in preparation, there are doubtless imperfections and, with a view to the improvements of future editions, the Dominion Statistician will be glad to hear of any errors which may have escaped notice, and to receive any suggestions with regard to omissions or to method of treatment.

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