

with these phases of administration. The necessity for maintaining statistical continuity with the past makes difficult such wholesale recasting. In the present instance statistical series have, in certain cases, been definitely broken and a new departure was unavoidable, but, as far as possible, continuity has been maintained in the changes that have been made. Chapter XVIII—Transportation and Communications—for instance, has been entirely recast and it is felt that the treatment now gives a clearer picture of the relationships of the different services involved. A section on "The Press" is included at the close of the chapter.

In the Public Finance Chapter, an attempt has been made on pp. 811-817 to give, in condensed tabular form, a summary of the Dominion Government Tax System as of July, 1936. The important section on Subsidies and Loans to the Provinces, has also been expanded.

The operations of the Bank of Canada are now established in the financial system of the country and it has therefore been considered advisable this year to recast Chapter XXII—Currency and Banking. Adjustments will, no doubt, be necessary from time to time but it is felt that the main features of the new outline will serve for some time to come. A special article on "The Bank of Canada and Its Relationship to the Canadian Financial System" appears at pages 881 to 885. This should contribute to a clear understanding of the position and functions of the Bank on the part of the general public.

A list of special articles appearing in past editions from the year 1918 to 1935 will be found at page vi immediately preceding the map of Canada.

The accession of King George VI to the Throne and the Coronation of the new King on May 12 are marked by the reproduction as frontispiece of an official photograph of the ceremony in Westminster Abbey, by official portraits of King George and Queen Elizabeth, and an excerpt from His Majesty's address to his peoples, delivered after the Coronation on May 12, 1937.

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.

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