

The Introduction to the present volume has been extended to present a co-ordinated résumé of the war effort up to the date of going to press. This is followed by a review of economic conditions in general.

The following are among the more important changes introduced in the chapter material:—

Chapter I has been cut down in respect to standard information, where reference could be made to earlier editions; space has been also saved in Chapter III, by omitting the standard chronology for the period prior to Confederation, and in Chapters XVI and XVIII on External Trade and Transportation, respectively. Chapter XVII on Internal Trade has been reorganized; Section 6 is a transfer of material dealing with the Co-operative Movement in Canada that formerly appeared in the Labour Chapter, since it is felt to be more directly connected with the subject of internal trade and merchandising. Commercial failures falls in the same category and this subject now appears as Part III of the Internal Trade Chapter.

The reorganization of the Labour and Wages Chapter, begun last year, has been carried a stage further. New matter on unemployment insurance lays the foundation for what is destined to be a very important section of this chapter as time goes on. The Unemployment Insurance Act became effective on July 1, 1941, and, therefore, statistics regarding its administration will not appear before 1942, but the Amendment of the B.N.A. Act under which the Dominion was given exclusive jurisdiction in this field, and the principles, conditions, rates of contribution, etc., which apply are summarized at pp. 675-677.

Chapter XXI on Public Finance is introduced by comparative statistics of finance for all governments—Dominion, Provincial and Municipal—of Canada. These statistics are the results of special studies that have been made of this subject by research organizations set up for the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations and for the Dominion-Provincial Conference. It is expected that this series will be continued and strengthened in later editions. In addition, the treatment of income tax is considerably extended; this tax is of increasing importance in wartime and there is a greater public demand for particulars regarding its application. Another feature is the introduction of tables showing the yields of gasoline tax and the succession duties from the dates of their inception. Since the Dominion Government has now entered these fields, the tables provide a background for the later study of these sources of revenue on a national basis.

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While every care has been taken in preparation, there are doubtless imperfections and, with a view to the improvement of future editions, the Bureau will be glad to hear of any errors that may have escaped notice, and to receive suggestions with regard to omissions or to methods of treatment.

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