

PREFACE.

The present issue of the Canada Year Book contains the following special articles: (1) Local Government of Canada by various writers; (2) Economic Geology in Canada, 1915; (3) Flora of Canada; (4) Faunas of Canada.

Following the general rule adopted last year, articles and tables in the edition of 1914 not requiring alteration or bringing up to date have been omitted. A selected list of articles and tables in previous issues is given on pages 694 and 695.

In Section III (Area and Population), tables relating to the foreign-born population, the population of military age and the occupations of the people, as derived from the Census returns of 1911, replace other Census tables previously given. Statistics of the universities and of higher education generally have been added to the tables of elementary and secondary education in Section IV (Education). Amongst other new statistics in Section VI (Production), are tables of grain prices and of ocean freight rates over long series of years and of the numbers of farm live stock in the principal countries of the world. This Section includes also a description of the Dominion and Provincial Agricultural Experiment Stations. To Section VII (Trade and Commerce) have been added tables showing the increase or decrease due to variation in quantity and in price of the exports and imports of Canada, by principal classes of products, for the year 1915 as compared with 1914. In Section X (Finance) the results are given of further efforts to collect municipal statistics, the new tables presenting (a) statistics of a general character and (b) financial statistics. Section XI (Administration) includes an outline of the work of the Commission of Conservation and finally Section XII (Principal Events of the Year) summarizes the Acts of the Provincial Legislatures in addition to those of the Dominion Parliament as heretofore.

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