

PREFACE.

The outstanding feature of the Canada Year Book of 1921 is an increase in the scope of the publication, especially in the letter-press. Historical details have been added to many sections and sub-sections, and historical tables have been inserted to illustrate progress since Confederation.

To particularize, it was felt that the Constitution and Government of Canada required treatment in the light of the altered status of the Dominion, and that the evolving governments of the Provinces should also be described, especially as previous Year Books containing information on these matters are out of print. The same applies to the treatment of the physical characteristics of Canada in section IV. In section V, on Population, are included the results of the census of 1921, as far as available, while vital statistics for the country as a whole are published for the first time. An interesting contribution on the development of agriculture in Canada, by the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, introduces the section on Production, which for the first time includes statistics of the fur trade and closes with an article showing the development of Canadian water powers. In the Trade and Commerce section a new table shows the trade of Canada by main groups, compiled on a classification according to purpose. The development of different means of transportation is outlined in the various sub-sections of the Transportation and Communications section. The Labour, Wages and Prices section has been considerably expanded, through the generous assistance of the Department of Labour; special mention may be made of the article "Canada and the International Labour Organization" (pp. 607-609), contributed by the Assistant Deputy Minister of Labour. The Finance section has been improved by a comprehensive treatment of Dominion Finance since Confederation, and by the publication of a historical table and five-year detailed tables of Provincial Public revenue and expenditure, compiled on a comparable basis by the Finance Statistics Branch of the Bureau, which is also responsible for the compilation of the municipal financial statistics presented. In this section attention may be drawn to the table on pages 717 and 718, showing the development of Canadian banking since Confederation, and to the table on page 754, showing the expansion of life insurance since that date; it is thought that the statistics of insurance are presented in a more intelligible form than previously. To the Administration section has been added, through the courtesy of the Department of Indian Affairs, an authoritative account of the Indians of Canada, as well as a summary treatment of the activities of the new Department of Health, the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment and the Soldiers' Settlement Board.

In accordance with the general demand for presentation of statistics in graphic form, additions have been made to the graphs contained in the Labour, Wages and Prices section. Also, in response to a general desire for statistics in tabloid form of the progress of Canada during the past half-century, the Statistical Summary of the Progress of Canada has been enlarged so as to include historical as well as current trend statistics.

In all the sections is given the latest information available, the tables in many cases including figures for the fiscal year 1921-22. The titles of articles published in previous editions of the Year Book and not now revised, are given for purposes of reference in the Retrospective Index on page xvii.

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