

INTRODUCTION.

The present issue of the Statistical Year Book (formerly the Statistical Abstract and Record) is the fifth since commencement of the work, and contains, as usual, all leading tables of former issues brought down to the end of the fiscal or calendar year, according to circumstances. Considerable additions have also been made to almost every year, and it is believed that a larger amount of general information has been given.

The publication of the book was delayed by the protracted session, and the unusually heavy amount of Parliamentary business, and consequently information has in many cases, been brought down to the date of 31st May, 1890.

The consequence of general elections recently held in the Provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and British Columbia, and considerable changes, made too late for insertion, have taken place in the *personnel* both of the Governments and of the Legislatures of those Provinces.

During the Session of 1890 a large number of alterations were made in the Tariff, which will be found in an appendix, not having yet allowed of the conversion of the whole Tariff, as revised, into alphabetical form.