

INTRODUCTION.

The Year-Book for 1901 consists of two parts,-1st, the 'Record,' and 2nd, the 'Abstract.'

Every effort has been made to secure accuracy and to introduce new features as the development of the country supplies additional material.

The estimate of the population in the middle of each year is based upon the assumption that the rate of increase which prevailed in the intercensal period immediately preceding has since been maintained. Since the census of 1901 afforded the needed data to make corrections, the estimates of the Decade 1891-1901 have been revised, just as the estimates for the several years of the decennial period 1881-1891 were revised after the taking of the Census of 1891. The per capita calculations have been revised in accordance with the usual custom.

Owing to the early publication of the Blue Books of the several Departments of the Federal Government and the active co-operation of the Provincial Governments, the Year-Book for 1901 is published two months in advance of last year's issue.

I have pleasure in recording the good work done by Messrs. J. Wilkins and J. Skead in connection with the compilation.

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