

P R E F A C E

The present edition of the Canada Year Book opens with an illustrated article on the Natural Resources of the Dominion of Canada, and includes also an article on the Economic Geology of Canada in 1916.

Following the rule previously adopted, articles and tables 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 706-708.

In Section III (Area and Population) are new tables showing the principal results of the Census of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, as taken in 1916. Section IV (Education) has been revised and brought up to date with the assistance of the Provincial Deputy Ministers and Superintendents of Education. It includes a comprehensive description of the public educational system of Canada, from the elementary schools to the universities, and statistical tables dating from the beginning of the century. In Section VI (Production) the statistics and estimates of the areas, yields and values of field crops, and of the numbers and values of farm live stock, have been revised to agree with the finally ascertained results of the Census of the Prairie Provinces for 1915 and 1916. Tables have been compiled from previous issues to compare the average monthly prices of agricultural produce for recent years. The description given last year of the Dominion and Provincial Agricultural Experiment Stations has been revised and brought up to date. Tables of the world's production of gold and silver have been added to the statistics of Canadian mineral production. In this Section are also included the principal results of the Census of Manufactures, taken in 1916 for the year 1915. Section VII (Trade and Commerce) has been re-arranged into three divisions consisting of (1) historical tables of imports and exports over a long series of years, mostly from Confederation; (2) main tables showing the current trend of trade with the United Kingdom, the United States and All Countries, so printed as to effect a considerable saving of space, combined with greater convenience of comparison; and (3) analytical tables showing the trade of Canada with particular countries and for particular articles. To Section VIII (Transportation and Communications) have been added a digest of the provincial laws relating to motor vehicles, with statistics of their registration in recent years, and Tables of British Shipping. In Section X (Finance) the statistics of fire and life insurance have been expanded to include companies doing business under provincial license. A description of the new Honorary Advisory Council of Scientific and Industrial Research is given in Section XI (Administration).

In all sections is given the latest information available up to the time of printing, and all the tables include, wherever possible, the figures of 1917 as well as those of 1916.

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