

by the Dominion Government to alleviate the conditions brought about by the incidence of the recent agricultural crisis in the West, and to provide for permanent improvements in areas suffering from drought and soil-drifting.

All the space that could be spared in Chapter XIX—Labour and Wages—has been given to a summary review of Labour Legislation in Canada, which appears at pp. 787–796, and to an extended treatment of Mothers' Allowances by individual provinces.

In addition to the special features mentioned, some progress has been made in filling in the new framework of Chapter XVIII—Transportation and Communications—as it was recast last year, but unfortunately certain of the statistical series are not yet complete. The section of Chapter XXI—Public Finance—which deals with Capital Investments in Canada and Canadian Investments Abroad, has been completely revised and a new series of historical statistics on a comparable basis, which entirely replaces all earlier figures, is now presented for the years 1926 to 1935 at pp. 896–899. In Chapter XXIII—Currency and Banking—the tables concerning Loan and Trust Companies have been recast, statistics regarding Small Loans Companies separated therefrom, and a separate section on Small Loans Companies added: the business of these companies has now reached considerable proportions and, in view of the special legislation governing their incorporation and operation, this separation is desirable. The review of life insurance given in Chapter XXIII has been rounded out by the inclusion of text and tables covering the business of Canadian companies abroad and Chapter XXV—Education—has been recast, both in regard to textual treatment and tabular presentations.

The list of special articles appearing in past editions from 1922 to 1937 will be found at p. vi, immediately preceding the Map of Canada.

In addition to the above-noted features, all parts of the volume have been carefully revised and brought up to date by the most competent authorities; the latest information appearing to the date of going to press is included.

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While every care has been taken in preparation, there are doubtless imperfections and, with a view to the improvements of future editions, the Dominion Statistician will be glad to hear of any errors that may have escaped notice, and to receive suggestions with regard to omissions or to method of treatment.

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