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The extra space given to these special features this year more than accounts for the increase in the total number of pages in the volume. Indeed, the regular chapter material has been substantially condensed, without impairment of the treatment, by rearrangement and close editing. On the other hand, the statistical series of several chapters have been broadened by the inclusion of tables showing special census analyses that, it is considered, will be found useful to readers.

All parts of the volume have been carefully revised and brought up to date; the latest information appearing to the date when each section was sent to press is included. Under Section 1 of Chapter VIII—Agriculture—a special subsection explains the loaning operations of the Canadian Farm Loan Board since its inception in 1930. Further progress has been made this year in completing the framework of Chapter XVIII—Transportation and Communications—especially in regard to Part VII that deals with Radio Communications. Chapter XX—Prices—has been revised, especially in relation to Subsection 2 dealing with Retail Prices and Cost of Living, under which heading a new subsection summarizes the latest results of a special study on family living expenditures, now being undertaken by the Bureau as a phase of the Nutrition Survey. The material of Chapter XXVII—Judicial and Penitentiary Statistics—has been recast and certain statistics reclassified in line with the procedure now adopted by the Judicial Statistics Branch of this Bureau.

In commemoration of the Royal Visit to Canada, May 17 to June 15, 1939, colour plates of Their Majesties King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, together with official pictures of incidents connected with the unveiling of the National Memorial and of the Royal Assent to legislation of the 1939 Session of Parliament, appear as frontispiece. At pp. 1155-1160 a short account of the Royal Tour across Canada together with a condensed itinerary is given.

In the absence, during part of the year, of the Editor, S. A. Cudmore, B.A. (Tor.), M.A. (Oxon.), F.S.S., F. R. Econ. Soc., Chief of the General Statistics Branch and Editor, Canada Year Book, the present volume has been edited under his direction by A. E. Millward, B.A., B.Com., assisted by W. H. Lanceley, and R. F. Clarke, M.C., D.L.S. Charts, graphs, and layouts, except as otherwise credited, have been made by, or under the supervision of, J. W. Delisle, Senior Draughtsman of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

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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 Bureau 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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