

at pp. 181-185, a review of Provincial Agricultural Colleges and Schools at pp. 190-198, and a treatment of Special Types of Farming in the Prairie Provinces at pp. 230-234. In Chapter XVIII—Transportation and Communications—several of the *lacunæ* that formerly could not be bridged have been more completely linked up and a special section on the National Harbours Board is presented at pp. 679-682. In Chapter XIX—Labour and Wages—the more logical arrangement now followed will, it is hoped, be found helpful by the reader.

The Currency and Banking Chapter contains at pp. 888-892 a pertinent article on the Royal Canadian Mint, and the insurance field—Chapter XXIII—is broadened in scope by a summary treatment of Insurance as it Affects the Balance of International Payments. The chapter on Education—Chapter XXV—has been supplemented by a special article on the Background of Scientific and Industrial Research in Canada. In former editions, research has been dealt with under the subject headings of each chapter: the result has been that a complete picture of research effort was impossible. Moreover, effort in the research field is so interlocked and interrelated that it can no longer be dealt with satisfactorily in such a piecemeal fashion. It is felt to be more useful to introduce a complete article, along the lines of that which now appears at pp. 979-1012, at intervals of about five years, than to continue the former disjointed method of treatment.

Since Chapter III—Constitution and Government—went to press, information on votes polled, etc., at the Dominion General Election of Mar. 26, 1940, has been issued by the Chief Electoral Officer; this is published in tabular form as Appendix III. On July 8, 1940, the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, gave details to the House of Commons regarding the reorganization of the Dominion Cabinet. The constitution as at that time is shown in Appendix VII. The Report of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations (the Rowell-Sirois Report) was tabled in the House of Commons on May 16. The recommendations made therein are far-reaching and are charged with significance for all Canadians. A summary of the principal recommendations is given in Appendix V and certain summary financial statistics of all governments in Canada in Appendix VI.

In many other respects changes have been introduced with the object of making the Year Book more useful both as a general reference work and as a compendium of information on the institutions and social and economic conditions of Canada.

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While every care has been taken in preparation, there are doubtless imperfections and, with a view to the improvement 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 methods of treatment.

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