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PREFACE

This little volume has been written especially for those Canadian High School students who take a course in commercial history as part of their work in industrial or commercial education. Perhaps the book may also be of use to university students who are making their first acquaintance with economic history, theory, or description. For such students the only books available have been those published in Great Britain or the United States, and the treatment given therein to Canada is extremely meagre. I have therefore tried to make a rapid bird's eye survey of general economic history, and then to devote the last one-third of the book to the story of Canada's material development.

With such a large field to be covered, I have had to omit any mention of many topics, give only a thumb-nail sketch of others, and compress accounts of some important and interesting events into a few lines. In the Canadian chapters I have tried to pick out the "high spots", and deal only with those conditions and trends which have played the most important part in making the Canada of today. I hope therefore that teachers using the book will fill in the gaps, and expand the topics I have introduced. For that work the books mentioned at the end of each chapter will be found useful. I would also like to urge that in teaching the modern part of the subject, students be sent frequently to read relevant sections in some volume of descriptive or theoretical economics, and for the Canadian part of the story students should be expected to handle *The Canada Year Book* continuously.

I should be glad to receive from teachers *and students* any criticisms or suggestions which would help to make

the book more useful in the event of a second edition being required. For help readily given I wish to thank colleagues in Queen's University, Kingston, and the University of Minnesota.

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