

FOREWORD

In 1907, the Bureau of American Ethnology published Part I (972 pages) of the *Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico* and, in 1910, published Part II (1221 pages). This work which can be correctly characterized as monumental, was begun in 1873, and was completed in 1910, *thirty-seven years later*. The history of the undertaking is set forth in the Preface and need not be repeated here.

As it contained an enormous amount of information relating to the Indians of Canada, geographical as well as ethnological, it was decided that the Geographic Board would republish this portion. Mr. F. W. Hodge having courteously accorded permission to reprint, the undersigned volunteered to supervise the publication.

In publishing this work some changes have been made to bring the orthography into accord with English usage. Thus the 'u' has been inserted in such words as *colour, favour, labour*, etc. The forms *discs, boulder, draughtsman*, etc., were substituted for disks, bowlder, draftsman, etc.

As, in the original publication, the articles respecting *Treaties, Dept. of Indian Affairs* and *Indian Reserves* dealt almost altogether with the United States, new articles relative to Canadian conditions have been inserted, also a list of Indian reserves in Canada. Where in the original, minor errors of geographical description were noted, the corrections were inserted without special note but historical statements that the editor deemed erroneous are corrected in foot-notes.

A new map showing the territory occupied by the Aborigines of Canada, Alaska and Greenland has been compiled by the editor. It is a revision of the map prepared for the *Atlas of Canada, 1906*, but was printed before Mr. Stefansson's return from the Arctic. The information furnished by him, has, therefore, been noted in red by an over-printing.

Maps showing the areas in which the Indian title has been quieted by treaties with the native inhabitants have been compiled for this volume.

It is hoped that this work will form the basis of a more comprehensive publication which will deal with the Indians of Canada in greater detail than the scope of the present work permits.

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