

BOOK NOTICE.

LANDS, FISHERIES, GAME AND MINERALS: Commission of Conservation, Canada.

This most valuable publication has recently been issued by the Dominion Commission of Conservation. It is a book representing a great deal of exacting research work, and will be found exceedingly instructive and entertaining to everyone interested in this great country of ours. The volume is a large one of some 525 pages, substantially bound in cloth and fully illustrated throughout with maps, diagrams and two-colour photo engravings.

The section devoted to Lands describes the agricultural survey of one hundred representative farms in each province, made by the Commission of Conservation in order to ascertain just what the condition of agriculture is in Canada. Some of the subjects on which information was obtained are: rotation of crops, use of manures, prevalence of weeds and insect pests, water and fuel supply and the use of selected seed. One of the striking facts revealed is that not more than nine per cent. of the farmers of Canada follow any intelligent and effective rotation of crops. By the adoption of more scientific methods which could readily be put into effect, it is estimated that the field crops of the country could be doubled in twenty years. The report is replete with agricultural information, valuable because it is not hearsay, but a statement of actual facts scientifically obtained by men in the field. An article on Agricultural Production in Canada indicates just what each province has produced of field crops, fruit and live stock since 1891, and also gives crop areas and comparative crop yields.

The part on Fisheries and Game is a valuable compendium of facts and conclusions by various experts. On account of the frequent disputes over jurisdiction in the case of fisheries between the Provinces and the Dominion, an analysis is given of the clauses of the British North America Act referring to fisheries, showing what powers each authority has. Following this is a digest of the Federal and Provincial fisheries laws and regulations.

Mr. James White, Secretary of the Commission, has an important article on the North Atlantic Fisheries Dispute in which he traces the historical development of the case leading up to the late Hague arbitration, gives the terms of settlement and recounts the advantages accruing therefrom to Canadian fishing interests.

The Canadian Oyster Industry is dealt with by Mr. J. Patton, Assistant Secretary of the Commission. The statement is made that Canada pays out annually over \$350,000 for oysters