

## PREFACE

Since Confederation, the Canada Year Book has been the annual official statistical record of the development of Canada.

This publication is designed to co-ordinate all essential elements of progress against an analytical background that gives perspective to the chapter material. Outstanding developments are dealt with by means of special articles, each carefully prepared and sponsored by the appropriate Government Department.

When Newfoundland entered Confederation as a new Province on Mar. 31, 1949, the area of Canada was extended overnight by 154,700 square miles and the population was increased by 348,000. The planning and editing of this edition of the Year Book has, in consequence, involved the incorporation of statistical data for Newfoundland. But since latest figures available are mainly from the 1945 Newfoundland Census, and are not in any sense comparable with data for other provinces, the problem has had to be met by the introduction of special sections for Newfoundland in appropriate chapters. For instance: a section on the Constitutional Development of Newfoundland is included in Chapter III—"Constitution and Government"; Population Statistics for Newfoundland are given at the end of Chapter IV—"Population"; Vital Statistics for Newfoundland appear at the end of Chapter VI; the background of Crime and Delinquency in Newfoundland is given in Chapter VIII; the educational system of Newfoundland is reviewed in Chapter IX—"Education and Research"; statistics of the Newfoundland Census of Agriculture, 1945, are given in Chapter XI; and statistics of Newfoundland's fisheries appear in Chapter XIV.

Naturally, such double treatment—first for the older provinces collectively and then for Newfoundland—has required more space than will be necessary after the Canada-wide Census of 1951 is completed, when all ten provinces can be shown together.

In addition to the Newfoundland material, feature articles carried in this edition include: Part II of the Climate of Canada article at pp. 33-70 (Part I is given at pp. 41-62 of the 1948-49 Year Book) consisting of detailed tables showing long-term averages of climatic data for representative stations; the Influence of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the Opening Up of Western Canada, pp. 317-331; up-to-date articles on the Iron-Ore Resources of the Quebec-Labrador Region and the Titanium Deposits of Quebec, at pp. 505-513; a summary of the Special Report on the Royal Commission on Prices, at pp. 978-982; and a study of the Distribution of Investments and their Influence on the Capital Market, pp. 1088-1095.

The value of a volume such as this depends, to no small degree, on an index of items, well classified and cross-referenced, to enable information to be located quickly. Such an index is to be found at the end of the book which, with the synopsis of contents at the head of each chapter and the general table of contents at p. vii, will give assistance in this direction. An interpretation of the symbols used in the tables throughout will be found facing p. 1.