

PREFACE

The 1957-58 edition of the Canada Year Book continues a series of annual publications giving official statistical and other information on almost every measureable phase of Canada's development. As the economy of the country has expanded, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics has extended its program of statistical compilation and analysis and the Canada Year Book has endeavoured to present the story of this development, summarizing a great mass of detailed statistical information concisely within the covers of one volume and supplementing it with data from other Departments of the Federal Government and from the provinces.

Special feature articles are presented in each edition of the Year Book. Those in the current issue include: "The International Geophysical Year" (pp. 35-38); "Developments in Canadian Immigration" (pp. 154-176); "Health in Canada" (pp. 232-235); "The Philosophy of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police" (pp. 332-334); "Postwar Agriculture" (pp. 392-396); "The Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada" (pp. 489-491); "Canada's Mineral Industry 1956-57" (pp. 495-518); "Groundfish Species in the Canadian Fisheries" (pp. 591-595); "The Changing Pattern of Canada's Housing" (pp. 732-734); "History of the Labour Movement in Canada" (pp. 795-802); "The Telecommunications Branch of the Department of Transport" (pp. 894-896); and "A History of Canadian Journalism 1752 (circa)-1900" (pp. 920-934).

In addition, other features have been introduced and extensive revisions made in the textual and statistical material of the various chapters. Among these are analyses of the Population and Agriculture Census of 1956; an expanded treatment of the executive and legislative branches of the Federal Government and a revised summary and chart on the administrative functions of its various departments and agencies; a brief outline of Canada's international activities during 1955-57; a new survey of formal education and an initial account of the Canada Council in support of the arts, letters and social sciences; a further instalment on the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway and Power Project and of oil and gas pipelines, as well as the up-dating of basic material dealing with such subjects as immigration, vital statistics, public health and welfare, scientific, medical and industrial research, forestry, water power development, mineral production, manufacturing, the labour force, prices, public finance, banking, insurance, transportation and communication by various media, the domestic marketing of commodities, foreign trade, national income and expenditure and Canada's international investment position. Numerous charts graphically portray significant trends in the developing Canadian economy, while the Introduction (pp. xi-xix) describes briefly the state of the economy during 1957.

The concluding chapter, entitled "Sources of Official Information and Miscellaneous Data", presents handy reference material listing Government information services, special material published in earlier Year Books, federal legislation of recent sessions of Parliament, a Canadian chronology of events, a register of official appointments, and a statistical summary of the progress of Canada since 1871.

In the Appendix certain material on Government (Chapter II) is brought up to the date of going to press, including a listing of the personnel of the Eighteenth Ministry of Canada and the names and addresses of the Members of the House of Commons elected on Mar. 31, 1958, together with the Fifteenth Ministry of Manitoba.

Enclosed in the pocket on the inside back cover of the volume are two maps: a detailed map depicting the principal mineral areas and a map showing the distribution of population based on the 1956 Census, specially printed on transparent paper to facilitate its use as an overlay on the mineral map.