

PREFACE

The 1960 edition of the Canada Year Book continues a series of annual publications giving official statistical and other information on almost every measurable phase of Canada's development. As the economy of the country has expanded, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics 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 Geological Survey of Canada" (pp. 13-19); "Climatic Tables"—supplementing the study on The Climate of Canada appearing in the 1959 edition—(pp. 31-77); "Hospital Services and Hospital Insurance in Canada" (pp. 281-290); "The Revolution in Canadian Agriculture" (pp. 434-439); "Canada's Commercial Fishery Resources and Their Conservation" (pp. 625-630); "The St. Lawrence Seaway in Operation" (pp. 851-860); and "The Board of Grain Commissioners" and "The Canadian Wheat Board and Its Role in Grain Marketing" (pp. 957-960).

Extensive revisions have been made in the textual and statistical material of the various chapters, particularly with regard to the machinery of government, the native peoples of Canada, public health and welfare, scientific, medical and industrial research, power generation and utilization, mineral production, manufacturing, transportation and communications, the domestic marketing of commodities, foreign trade, national income and expenditure and Canada's investment position. In addition, new features have been introduced covering such subjects as the national parole system, space research, and controls over the pricing and marketing of farm products other than grain. The Introduction (pp. xi-xv) describes briefly the state of the economy during the first half of 1960.

The concluding chapter, entitled "Sources of Official Information and Miscellaneous Data", presents reference material listing government information services, special material published in earlier Year Books, federal legislation of the 1960 session 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 recent election results in the provinces and changes in the Eighteenth Ministry of Canada.

Enclosed in the pocket on the inside back cover of the volume is a detailed political map.

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