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For over 120 years the *Canada Year Book* has recorded the economic, social and political life of Canada.

Like its predecessors, the *Canada Year Book 1990* brings together in a single volume a wealth of information from various sources to provide a composite portrait of Canada in all its diversity and richness. Over the years, it has become the standard statistical reference source on Canada, widely consulted by librarians, parliamentarians, teachers, diplomats, journalists and others.

To mark the opening of the last decade of this century the 1990 edition features a variety of computer-generated maps, illustrating key social and economic trends.

Readers with an interest in following up in more detail on a particular topic will be pleased with another innovation to the 1990 edition. A selected list of related publications has been added to the end of each of the twenty-three chapters. In addition, the index has been significantly expanded and improved to provide more ready access to the wealth of information contained herein.

The content for the *Canada Year Book* is drawn from over 300 contributors, making it impossible to acknowledge each individually. Nevertheless, our gratitude to each remains, as does our gratitude to the Canadian public for responding to the surveys and providing the data that are the foundation of this nation's statistical system.

As were the publishers of the first edition of the *Year-Book*, we are . . .

“witnesses of the extreme care taken to ensure accuracy, and believing the contents of the *Year-Book* to be of general usefulness, feel sanguine that the work will meet with public favour.”

Ivan P. Fellegi  
Chief Statistician of Canada  
Ottawa

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