

PREFACE

The 1961 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 Drainage Basins of Canada" (pp. 16-18); "Amendment of the Canadian Constitution" (pp. 51-57); "Federal Food and Drug Legislation in Canada" (pp. 242-248); "The National Agricultural Program" (pp. 399-402); "Canadian Metallurgical Development" (pp. 513-522); "The Fur Industry" (pp. 618-622); "The Construction Industry in Canada" (pp. 684-689); "Taxation in Canada" (pp. 1038-1050); and "Commercial Banking in Canada" (pp. 1115-1120). Included also is a newly prepared treatise on Geology of Canada; this subject, because of its unchanging character, is not covered in detail in each edition.

All chapters include the latest data available at the time of printing. The most extensive revisions occur in the information on machinery of government, public health and welfare, scientific, medical and industrial research, the primary industries, manufacturing, capital expenditures, transportation, foreign trade and national income. 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 1960-61 session of Parliament, a Canadian chronology of events, a register of official appointments, and a statistical summary of the progress of Canada since 1871.

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

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