

PREFACE

The 1962 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: "Economic Regions of Canada" (pp. 17-23); "Social Welfare Expenditures in Canada" (pp. 217-222); "Recent Changes in Canadian Agriculture" pp. (377-380); "The Petrochemical Industry in Canada" (pp. 609-615); and "Revolution in Canadian Transportation" (pp. 753-758). Certain of the feature articles appearing in previous editions of the Year Book, such as those on Taxation in Canada and the Marketing of Agricultural Products other than Grain, have been considered of continuing importance and have been incorporated into the Year Book as standard material.

All chapters include the latest data available at the time of printing. In this edition, summary population statistics from the 1961 Census, which were not available at the time Chapter III was prepared, appear in Appendix II. Appendix I lists the members of the Eighteenth Ministry as at July 1962 and the Members of the House of Commons as elected at the twenty-fifth General Election of June 18, 1962. The concluding chapter, entitled "Sources of Official Information and Miscellaneous Data", presents special material published in earlier Year Books, federal legislation of the 1961-62 session of Parliament, a Canadian chronology of events from January 1961 to the end of August 1962, and a register of official appointments. The detailed directory of sources of official information and the statistical summary of the progress of Canada normally carried in this Chapter have been omitted from this edition for reasons of economy. Enclosed in the pocket on the inside cover of the volume is a recently completed 140-mile-to-the-inch political map.

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