

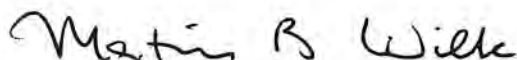
Preface

Canada Year Book 1980-81 is the latest edition in a series of books which record developments in the country's economic, social and political life. Like its predecessors dating back to 1905, this edition brings together information from a broad spectrum of sources to present a composite picture of Canada.

Since 1867, which saw publication of the first *Year-Book and Almanac of British North America*, the value of presenting such a wealth of information in a single volume has been recognized. Departments, agencies and organizations across the structure of the federal and provincial governments and the private sector have provided the information for this volume and their contributions are gratefully acknowledged.

The scope of information included in the *Canada Year Book* makes it a unique reference work. It is widely used as an authoritative information source by parliamentarians, researchers, teachers, librarians and many others.

This edition includes a new chapter on social security with comprehensive tables not available in earlier volumes. In the appendices, an economic chronology replaces the former general chronology. A political update records executive changes in federal, provincial and territorial governments. For each of the book's 23 chapters, sources are listed at the end of the text and tables to direct readers to the most timely information.



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