

## PREFACE

The Canada Year Book, the official annual compendium of information on the economic and social development of the nation, presents extensive statistical material and analytical commentary designed to describe and co-ordinate essential elements in the progress of Canada.

The six-months postponement of the publication of the current edition, resulting in the issue of the Canada Year Book 1952-53 early in 1953, has occasioned considerable revision of the organization of the volume and of its chapter material and permitted the incorporation of certain basic statistics from the 1951 Census. The former chapter on "History and Chronology" has been deleted and the section on "Chronology" transposed to the concluding chapter, while the various subjects formerly dealt with under "Miscellaneous Administration" have been incorporated elsewhere in the volume. For example, "Public Lands" appears in Chapter I and "The Indians and Eskimos" in Chapter III on "Population", while "The Department of the Secretary of State" and "The Civil Service of Canada" are dealt with in Chapter II on "Constitution and Government". This latter chapter has also been augmented by a new feature providing a succinct analysis of the administrative functions of the various Departments of the Federal Government. The chapter, "National Accounts and Related Economic Statistics", has been transposed to the latter part of the volume to consolidate in summary fashion the economic developments depicted in the earlier portion; the "Survey of Production" remains well up in the volume as an introduction to the various chapters portraying Canada's primary and secondary industries. The survey of "Veterans Health and Welfare Services" appears as Part IV of Chapter VI, "Public Health, Welfare and Social Security". Special articles published in former editions of the Canada Year Book are listed in the concluding chapter along with "Sources of Official Information", a "Register of Official Appointments", classified "Federal Legislation, 1951-52" and "Canadian Chronology, 1867-1952".

Basic demographic statistics, compiled from the Ninth Census (1951)—Canada's comprehensive decennial stock-taking, appear in the chapter on "Population", while more detailed analyses of the Census, bearing on population, agriculture and industry, will be developed in the 1954 edition of the Year Book.

Other special features of the current edition include the following articles: "Game Fish in Canada's National Parks" (pp. 34-36); "Canada's External Relations" (pp. 101-124), surveying the nation's growth in international status and its international activities during the years 1950-52; "The Development of Public Health, Welfare and Social Security in Canada" (pp. 224-229); "Report of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences" (pp. 342-345); "The National Research Council" (pp. 359-365); "The Pulp and Paper Industry in Canada" (pp. 467-475); "Post-War Expansion in Canada's Mineral Industry" (pp. 476-495); "Canadian Crude Petroleum Situation" (pp. 524-527); "The International Civil Aviation Organization and Canada's Participation Therein" (pp. 820-827); the "Grain Trade—Marketing Problems and Policies, 1949-1952" (pp. 865-869); and "Review of Foreign Trade" (pp. 922-929).

The regular chapter material has been revised considerably and brought up to date, and new statistical data covering two additional years have generally been included. In some cases, new features have been added as, for example, a list of