

Preface

The 1974 edition of the *Canada Year Book* continues the series of annual reviews of social, economic and political developments in Canada. This series began in 1905 but an earlier series was published between 1885 and 1904, based on the original *Year-Book and Almanac of British North America for 1867*.

This edition maintains the basic pattern of the 1973 edition. Important data on family incomes and expenditures form the basis of a new chapter on Incomes and Social Security which emphasizes income support rather than welfare. The Research chapter now incorporates extensive data collected by Statistics Canada on federal expenditures on the natural and human sciences, and covers the full range of activities in these fields conducted by federal and provincial organizations including economic planning agencies. The Energy chapter has been further revised to reflect the latest developments in this important area and the Housing chapter has been re-written to describe recent changes in federal housing programs. Finally, an expanded section on federal-provincial fiscal relations, in the Government Finance chapter, describes in more detail the tax sharing agreements and transfer payments between these levels of government.

New tables and charts of current interest have been added, continuing series brought up to date, and less timely data curtailed or eliminated. The text relates to conditions at the time of preparation while the statistical tables summarize the data available at that time. More recent and more detailed information may be obtained from the sources listed at the end of the text and tables of each chapter.

A popular extension of the *Canada Year Book* program is the reprint service. The *History* chapter of the 1973 edition has not been repeated but may be obtained as a separate publication. *Books about Canada*, the *Chronology* and *Canadian Honours* are reprinted annually. Another reprint for general distribution is the *Demography* chapter — a useful compendium of population, vital statistics and migration data. Other chapters are reprinted occasionally for special audiences. The 1973 edition listed the special articles which appeared in earlier editions and many of these are also available as separate publications.

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