

PREFACE

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

While the regular chapter material has been brought up to date, special feature articles of current interest have been introduced in the 1954 edition including the following: "The Barren-Ground Caribou" (pp. 33-36); "Crown Corporations" (pp. 79-86); "International Activities" (pp. 103-117); "The National Health Grant Program" (pp. 215-223); "Scientific and Industrial Research" (pp. 341-356); "Major Developments in Organization and Policy of the Federal Department of Agriculture" (pp. 366-370); "Administration of Crown Forests in Canada" (pp. 458-465); "Developments in Canada's Mineral Industry" (pp. 482-506); "Canadian Crude Petroleum Situation" (pp. 540-544); "Review of Canadian Manufacturing" (pp. 615-619); "Canals of the St. Lawrence Waterway" (pp. 830-833); "History of Pipeline Construction in Canada" (pp. 861-869); "Review of Foreign Trade" (pp. 961-967); and "Post-War Financial Policy" (pp. 1061-1065).

The present edition continues the extended analysis of the 1951 Census of Canada introduced in the 1952-53 Year Book. A summary of census statistics on dwellings, households and families appears in the Population Chapter along with other basic demographic material; statistics of the 1951 Census of Agriculture relating to farms, farm operators, mechanization, electrification, area, crops and live stock appear in the Agriculture Chapter; labour force statistics of the 1951 Census are given in the Labour Chapter. The 1951 Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments will be analysed in the 1955 edition of the Year Book.

In addition to the special articles and demographic material mentioned above, the current edition introduces other new features in its various chapters. References to the Revised Statutes of Canada 1952 have been made throughout the volume when citing Acts administered by Federal Departments of Government. Those portions of Chapter II, "Constitution and Government", dealing with the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal Government have been transferred to Appendix I at the close of the volume to permit the publication of data becoming available subsequent to the General Election of Aug. 10, 1953. In Appendix II are listed the personnel of three provincial governments elected to power during the summer months of 1953. Moreover, Canadian citizenship statistics have been augmented; the tables of vital statistics have been recast to show the main trends since 1921; occupational trends of the labour force have been tabulated on a decennial basis since 1901; an extended analysis of capital expenditures on construction, machinery and equipment has been introduced covering the three years 1951-53. Numerous new diagrams and maps (listed at p. vii) assist in portraying the remarkable economic development of Canada presented in summary for 1952 and 1953 in the Introduction to the volume (pp. xi-xviii).

The "Statistical Summary of the Progress of Canada, 1871-1952" has been transferred to Chapter XXVIII, "Sources of Official Information and Miscellaneous Data", which includes also a directory of such sources, a reference list of special