

## PREFACE

The 1959 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 extended its program of statistical compilation and analysis and the Canada Year Book 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: "The Atlas of Canada" (pp. 12-13); "The Climate of Canada" (pp. 23-50); "The International Geophysical Year" (pp. 54-57); "Integration of Postwar Immigrants" (pp. 176-178); "Canada's Mineral Industry 1957-58" (pp. 488-509); "The Fisheries Research Board" (pp. 584-588); "Steel in Canada" (pp. 618-625); and "A History of Canadian Journalism 1900 to 1958" (pp. 883-902).

In addition, other features have been introduced and extensive revisions made in the textual and statistical material of the various chapters, including such subjects as immigration, vital statistics, public health and welfare, scientific, medical and industrial research, forestry, power development, mineral production, manufacturing, the labour force, prices, public finance, banking, insurance, transportation and communication by various media, the domestic marketing of commodities, foreign trade, national income and expenditure and Canada's international investment position. Numerous charts graphically portray significant trends in the developing Canadian economy, while the Introduction (pp. ix-xv) describes briefly the state of the economy during 1958-59.

The concluding chapter, entitled "Sources of Official Information and Miscellaneous Data", presents handy reference material listing government information services, special material published in earlier Year Books, federal legislation of recent sessions of Parliament, a Canadian chronology of events, a register of official appointments, and a statistical summary of the progress of Canada since 1871.

In the Appendix certain material on Government (Chapter II) is brought up to the date of going to press, including recent election results in the provinces and changes in the Eighteenth Ministry of Canada.

Enclosed in the pocket on the inside back cover of the volume is a detailed map depicting the principal mineral areas of Canada.

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