

PREFACE

During the period dealt with in this volume of *Canada and the United Nations*, that is July 1, 1952 — June 30, 1953, the General Assembly was holding its seventh regular session. The *Rules of Procedure* prescribe the third Tuesday in September as the opening date of each session, but it was considered advisable to postpone the opening of the seventh session until October 14, 1952. On December 21, the Assembly adjourned for a Christmas recess which was prolonged until after the new administration in the United States had taken office. It reconvened on February 24, and adjourned again on April 23, reconvening on August 17 in order to consider the consequences of the armistice agreement signed in Korea on July 26 (July 27, Korean time). The seventh regular session was therefore still in progress when this volume went to the press. The Honourable L. B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs and Chairman of the Canadian Delegation to the seventh regular session, was elected President of the General Assembly on October 14 and the Honourable Paul Martin, Minister of National Health and Welfare and Vice-Chairman of Delegation was accordingly Acting Chairman for the remainder of the session.

The subjects dealt with by the various United Nations organizations and subsidiary bodies during the past twelve months have been numerous and complex and not all of them have been discussed in the present volume. Matters in which the situation has not appreciably changed have been omitted. Neither the International Trade Organization nor the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization has as yet been established, and the reader is accordingly referred to the brief notes on these agencies in the previous volume of the series.¹ A few other questions, such as the work of the International Law Commission, do not appear as separate articles but have been dealt with as part of certain larger topics. A check list of the principal subjects affected is given at the end of this preface.

The Security Council held 36 meetings from July 1, 1952 to June 30, 1953. Various aspects of the Council's work are dealt with under the appropriate subject headings and a summary statement by the Secretary-General of the matters of which the Council was seized on April 26, 1953 appears as Appendix IV.

¹See *Canada and the United Nations 1951-52*, p. 106 and p. 108.