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CANADA TODAY

Land, climate and people are generally recognized as the chief elements in the making of a nation. What the people do with the land and its resources, helped or hindered by climate, makes the country's economic history. How they organize their united strength for freedom and security makes their political history. Social and cultural development can be measured by the extent to which people master their environment and build on the traditions they have inherited.

- The development of Canada has been made the more challenging by the exceptional diversity and variety to be found in all three elements, people, land and climate. It is against this background that an attempt has been made in the following pages to indicate—necessarily in outline only—the political, economic, social and cultural achievements of Canadians up to the present time.
- Because the young nation was tempered to early maturity by participation in two world wars in the space of thirty years, special attention has been paid to the impact of those wars on the country's development.
- Similarly, because Canada's maturity and status as an independent nation are now generally recognized, her international relationships, as a member of the British Commonwealth of Nations, as a North American state and as a member of the United Nations have been elaborated in some detail.
- However, the length and breadth of Canada are not easily compressed into a short booklet. Sources of further information have therefore been indicated by including a bibliography and a list of Canadian representatives abroad.

