



Clarence A. Gagnon (1881-1942)—"Village in the Laurentians".

A. Y. Jackson—"Algoma, November".



## 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 difficult 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.*

*In three and a half decades encompassing two world wars, in which Canada has participated fully, the young nation has matured quickly. Canada is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations, a North American state, and a member of the United Nations; and the contribution of Canadian representatives to the betterment of world affairs has become a significant one.*

*But 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.*