

# FROM ANCIENT OMNIBUSES TO MONTRÉAL

## Expansion again

It was not until the late 1960s that the industry began to expand again. It was boosted by the growing congestion in urban areas, the escalating cost of owning and operating a car, the OPEC oil embargo. These factors, combined with a number of other social, political, and economic developments, led to the public takeover of the industry and the introduction of subsidies.

With public support, transit systems continue to be implemented, expanded and improved throughout the country. And in 1984, according to the Canadian Urban Transit Association, some 1.3 billion revenue passengers and 1.5 billion total passengers were carried, serving a total urban population of 13  $\frac{3}{4}$  million. To achieve this, it took just over 13,000 vehicles running over 665 million revenue vehicle kilometres.



Busing it in Montreal in the 1950s



And in the 1980s in Ottawa