EDITORIAL PREFACE

Earlier volumes in the Canada and the United Nations series (The United Nations, 1946, Canada at the United Nations, 1947, Canada and the United Nations, 1948, Canada and the United Nations, 1949 and Canada and the United Nations, 1950) have each dealt with the events of a single calendar year. This volume covers an 18-month period, from the beginning of 1951 to the middle of 1952. The main reason for this change is that the sixth session of the General Assembly, which met from November 1951 to February 1952, was in the middle of its deliberations at the end of the calendar year; a report on the United Nations which covered only the period to the end of December could not give a full account of how the various matters before the Assembly in 1951 were resolved. Future editions will deal with the 12-month period beginning July 1 each year, and will be published immediately before the annual session of the General Assembly (which usually begins in September) rather than after it. Many subjects of continuing importance appear on successive agendas of the Assembly, and the book's value as a reference work, during an Assembly session, may be increased if it covers some of the developments after the preceding session.

Readers who are not familiar with the organizational relationships and functions of the United Nations, its organs and subsidiary bodies, may find it helpful to refer to some of the material contained in the Appendices at the end of this volume. A chart, reprinted by courtesy of the Department of Public Information of the United Nations, shows the principal United Nations bodies and their relationship with each other. Appendix 1 lists the membership of the United Nations itself, and of some of the more important United Nations bodies, on June 30, 1952. Appendix 2 gives the dates and places of important United Nations meetings during the period reviewed by the volume, and Canadian representation at the sixth session of the General Assembly and at the 1951 and 1952 sessions of the Economic and Social Council. Appendix 9 is a note on United Nations documents and Appendix 10 lists publications of the Department of External Affairs which deal with United Nations subjects. Appendix 3, which is a report prepared at the request of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, describes the procedures followed by the Canadian Government in dealing with United Nations matters.