

## NOTES AND REFERENCES

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Throughout the years in Canada, the stated science policy objectives of the government have not been effectively implemented.

The main goal has always been the promotion of industrial development. The Order-in-Council setting up the Honorary Advisory Council for, as it became popularly known, the National Research Council in 1916 asked this new public agency, as its main function, "to select the most practical and pressing problems indicated by industrial necessities... for earliest possible solution."<sup>14</sup> More than 50 years later, in October 1967, the then Minister of Industry, the Honorable C. M. Drury, stated: "Our first ambition, therefore, is to ensure that technical innovation activity in our industry is brought to a competitive level in the shortest possible time."<sup>15</sup>

In spite of this persistent preoccupation of the government, secondary studies have depicted the weakness of the industrial sector as an R & D performer and the disproportionately generous share of the science budget administered by government laboratories. In 1970 the same study observed: "If we look at the international situation... the unsuccess of Canada's position becomes obvious: Canada is at the bottom of the list as far as R & D performed by industry is concerned, but at the top when it comes to the government and university sectors."<sup>16</sup>

Our comparisons were based on 1967 figures. Ten years later, in April 1978, the Minister of State for Science and Technology, the Honorable Hugh Faulkner, stated in the House of Commons:

The government wants the Canada's industrial sector to be able to compete with other industrialized nations, and that the government is doing the best it can to help it.