

## ABSTRACT

The following is a study of federal regional development policies and programs as they pertain to the Maritime Provinces.

In Chapter One the economic trends and events that led up to the problem of regional disparity in Maritime Canada are briefly described.

Chapter Two deals with recent federal initiatives that have aimed at economic development of the region. A description of the relevant programs is given, describing their differing approaches, aims, and procedures.

Chapter Three deals with the newer aspects of the theory of economic development. The techniques of measurement are discussed as well as the consequences of government intervention.

Chapters Four and Five deal with macro and micro economic assessments of federal development policy. A set of selected economic indicators is analyzed in an attempt to discover the effects of federal fiscal transfers in the Maritimes Provinces.

A summary of the conclusions is given in Chapter 6.