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and a series of federal by-elections. The by-elections were noteworthy for holding the possibility of displacing the Bloc Québécois from its status as Official Opposition, in favour of the conservative, western-based Reform Party. Featuring essays on parliament and politics, Ottawa and the provinces, foreign affairs and defence, the Canadian Annual Review of Politics and Public Affairs provides a comprehensive account of the year's events. It is unique in its collection and presentation of the year's events, and has long been praised for its excellence.
