Record Nr. UNINA9910461021203321 Autore Bonsor N. C. <1944-> Titolo Transportation rates and economic development in Northern Ontario / / N. C. Bonsor Pubbl/distr/stampa Toronto, [Ontario];; Buffalo, [New York]:,: Published for the Ontario Economic Council by University of Toronto Press, , 1977 ©1977 **ISBN** 1-4426-3223-2 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (101 p.) Ontario Economic Council Research Studies::7 Collana Disciplina 380.5/2 Soggetti Transportation - Rates - Ontario Freight and freightage - Rates - Ontario Electronic books. Ontario Economic conditions Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- 1 Introduction -- 2 Freight rates in Canada: an overview -- 3 The theoretical model -- 4 An analysis of transportation freight rates -- 5 Subsidies and regulation -- 6 Transportation costs and Northern Ontario economic development --APPENDIX A. Description of data and sources -- APPENDIX B. The impact of statutory grain rates on the rate structure -- References Sommario/riassunto This book examines the influence of transport costs on regional economic development in northern Ontario. It begins with an overview of the Canadian freight rate structure, with emphasis on railway rates, and a brief look at the history of federal rate policy. A theoretical model of rate determination is then constructed to permit measurement of the impact on producers and consumers of alternative rate-setting policies. Using econometric techniques and 1975 data, rate changes are related to the inputs and outputs of northern Ontario's economy, and the effect on the region of subsidies and regulations is discussed. Freight rates on inbound shipments are found to be much higher than on

goods exported from the area. A central discovery is that regulations limiting competition in the Ontario trucking industry have raised

highway freight rates significantly beyond the national average. In this situation transport subsidies are unlikely to affect rates, Professor Bonsor argues; the most effective way to lower unduly high freight rates in northern Ontario, he suggests, is to eliminate entry restrictions and promote vigorous competition in the highway trucking industry.