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By Eric J. Hanson

University of Calgary Press, Canada, 2003. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Eric Hanson - Albertas first, and arguably greatest, economist - wrote a number of influential books on federal-provincial relations, education finance, health care finance, and energy economics. In 1949, he took a leave from the University of Alberta, where he was a lecturer, to write his PhD at Clark University in Worchester, Massachusetts. His doctoral thesis was entitled A Financial History of Alberta, 1905-1950 and was found by Paul Boothe at the University of Alberta library while Boothe was doing research on Alberta government spending almost forty-five years after it was written. Upon reading the thesis, Boothe quickly became aware of the enormous value of Hansons work as a source of data and as a chronicle of Albertas history. This forgotten gem sheds light on the institutional, economic, and public development of the province from a financial perspective and documents many of the early financial decisions of the Alberta government, including the railway scandal, the rise of Social Credit, and the provinces default in the Great Depression. With a detailed and analytical introduction, this edited work provides historical perspective on the perennial problems facing Albertas...



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