

The Dominion Government reindeer enterprise in the northern Mackenzie District has made substantial progress. In the summer of 1941, there were three herds comprising over 8,000 head, derived from the original stock of 2,370 animals imported from Alaska and established in 1935 on the reserve near the Mackenzie Delta. The main herd on the reserve contained about 5,000 deer and the remainder were in two herds under native management in the vicinity of the Anderson and Horton Rivers. The reindeer were introduced as a means of conserving the wild-life resources and for the health and well-being of the native population: the younger natives are being trained in the handling of the deer.

The rich native silver and high-grade pitchblende ores, discovered in 1930 at the east shore of Great Bear Lake, have been developed to a depth of 890 feet and large shipments of concentrates have been sent to the refinery at Port Hope, Ont. Owing to war conditions the mine was closed down in June, 1940, but the refinery continued in operation. In March, 1942, a small crew began the work of preparing the property for reopening later in the year. The oil wells near Norman on the Mackenzie River have been in active operation since 1932, the greater part of the production being used in mining operations in the Territories. During the past 5 years much prospecting has been carried on in the Great Slave Lake area where discoveries of gold have been made. There are now 6 gold mines in operation in the Yellowknife area which had a combined production in excess of \$2,860,000 in 1941, and there are several other promising properties that are expected to enter into production shortly. The limited agricultural land of the Territories lies almost entirely in the extension of the central plain along the Mackenzie Valley.

**Yukon.**—An account of the administration of Yukon is given at p. 948 of the 1941 Year Book.

### **Subsection 2.—Provincial Public Lands**

In the Maritime Provinces and in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia (except the Railway Belt and the Peace River Block) the public lands have been administered by the Provincial Governments since Confederation. Since the transfer by the Dominion Government of the natural resources of the Prairie Provinces and of the sections of British Columbia mentioned (see also p. 1019 of the 1931 Year Book) public lands in all provinces have been under provincial administration. In Prince Edward Island, all the land is alienated and there are no provincial public lands.

Information regarding provincial public lands may be obtained from the following officials of the respective provinces: Minister of Lands and Forests, Halifax, N.S.; Deputy Minister of Lands and Mines, Fredericton, N.B.; Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, Quebec, Que.; Deputy Minister of Lands and Forests, Toronto, Ont.; Director of Lands, Department of Mines and Natural Resources, Winnipeg, Man.; Director of Lands, Department of Natural Resources, Regina, Sask.; Director of Lands, Department of Lands and Mines, Edmonton, Alta.; Deputy Minister of Lands, Victoria, B.C.

### **Section 2.—National Defence**

In view of the rapidly changing conditions in the defence services owing to the present state of war, the descriptive material concerning the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army and the Royal Canadian Air Force usually appearing