

aircraft defence, armour plate, bombs, ammunition, and various component parts of war equipment. The developments in these fields are referred to in the chapters dealing with the particular industries.

The total value of contracts awarded by the Department, and its predecessor bodies, since the beginning of the War to Mar. 31, 1945, exceeded \$10,860,000,000 while commitments for capital assistance to private industry and to Crown companies approximated \$850,000,000.

**The Department of National War Services.**—The Department of National War Services was established by Act of Parliament in July, 1940, to assist in carrying out the provisions of the National Resources Mobilization Act, 1940 (Recruits), concerned with the mobilization of all the effective resources, both human and material, of the nation, and was also empowered to promote, organize and co-ordinate voluntary war services and material contributions made for the prosecution of the War.

At pp. 943-945 of the 1942 Year Book, a statement is given of the establishment and purposes of the Department of National War Services and its place in the general plan of the national war effort. Since that time several important changes in function have taken place: for instance, the administration of National War Services Regulations, 1940 (Recruits) was transferred to the Department of Labour but, on the other hand, responsibility has been assumed for a number of other important activities. Now that the War with Germany has been brought to a close, it is inevitable that reorganization must be contemplated. The organization and functions of the component Branches of the Department, as they existed at July 1, 1945, are given below: this picture, when compared with that given in the 1942 Year Book, indicates the increase that has taken place in the functions of the Department to date.

*Canadian Government Travel Bureau.*—Although all advertising of direct tourist promotional work has been discontinued because of the decrease in tourist traffic during the War, the Bureau still receives and answers hundreds of enquiries relating to travel in Canada. A National Tourist Advisory Council, under the chairmanship of the Minister and comprising provincial cabinet ministers identified with the tourist industry of their respective provinces, is planning for post-war activities.

*Directorate of Censorship.*—The Directorate of Censorship is responsible for the censorship of publications of all kinds, including radio broadcasting and films, and also for the censorship of postal and telegraphic communications.

*Citizenship Division.*—The objective of the Citizenship Division is to promote better understanding between Canadian citizens of French and British extraction and those of other European origin and through contact with the latter to interpret their points of view to the Government and to the Canadian public. Weekly releases on Canadian topics are prepared for 78 foreign-language papers printed in 18 languages in Canada.

*Corps of (Civilian) Canadian Fire Fighters for Service in the United Kingdom.*—At the request of the British Government, the Corps of Canadian Fire Fighters with a strength of over 400 was recruited early in 1942 to assist the National Fire Service in the extinction of fires and protection of life and property in the United Kingdom. When, on the advice of the British Government, at the end of 1944 it was decided that conditions no longer justified the retention of the Corps, arrangements were made for its return to Canada for demobilization.