

established in each of the nine provinces, there are now 40 regional centres where films may be borrowed for a nominal fee. In addition, on rural, industrial and trade-union circuits, now numbering more than 100, half a million Canadians see 16 mm. films regularly every month. Film productions are sent to all parts of the Allied world to everyone whose business it is to interpret Canada abroad.

The Film Board is concerned not only with film production but film strips, still photographs, posters and displays. The Photo Services and Displays Divisions have grown out of the Graphics Division of the Wartime Information Board taken over in 1943. Attached to the Displays Division is an active Art Department, and in the field of animation a group of artists has developed many new and witty techniques.

**The Wartime Prices and Trade Board.**—The Wartime Prices and Trade Board was constituted by Order in Council under the War Measures Act on Sept. 3, 1939, "to provide safeguards under war conditions against any undue enhancement in the prices of food, fuel and other necessaries of life and to ensure an adequate supply and equitable distribution of such commodities". An outline of the administrative organization of the Board, its field of jurisdiction and its co-operation with other Government Departments is given at pp. xxxix-xl of the 1944-45 Year Book.

In its administration of the price ceiling, the Board has been faced with many problems resulting from rising costs, expanded consumer purchasing power, shortages of goods and related factors. The steps taken to ensure essential civilian supplies and orderly distribution are treated at pp. 895-903.

**The Wartime Information Board.**—The Wartime Information Board was established by Order in Council on Sept. 9, 1942, with the object of "ensuring an informed and intelligent understanding of the purposes and progress of the Canadian war effort". The Board, consisting of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and eight members, is responsible to the Prime Minister as President of the Privy Council and as Chairman of the War Committee of the Cabinet.

The powers relative to public information formerly vested in the Minister of National War Services were transferred to the Board. In particular, it is the duty of the Board to supervise Canadian information in countries outside of Canada, to co-ordinate other public information services of the Government, and to provide means and facilities for the distribution within and without Canada of Canadian war information. Operations of the Board are carried out under the direction of a General Manager responsible to the Board.

In addition to headquarters at Ottawa the Board maintains offices at New York, Paris, Washington, London and Canberra. Information work in the respective countries is done chiefly through these offices. In other countries information is distributed directly from Ottawa in some cases and through diplomatic Missions and Trade Commissioners' offices. The Board's representatives abroad work in close consultation with Canadian diplomatic representatives.

In Canada the Board is chiefly concerned with co-ordinating information of various government departments, and gathering and making this information available, particularly to persons and organizations directly concerned in the dissemination of information to the public.

In addition to the domestic and external branches of the Board there is a Reports Branch which collects and prepares reference material on various aspects of the war undertaking.