

the student body consists of officers from the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Army, the Royal Air Force, the United States Air Force, as well as the Royal Canadian Air Force. Besides the normal organizational and administrative subjects, the curriculum includes an advanced study of the three aspects of air power; air strategy and its relation to ground and sea forces; current world affairs and their effect on the Canadian strategic position; and the industrial potential of the country. Subjects are presented and discussed under the guidance of the Directing Staff or guest speakers, many of whom are prominent in Canadian and United States diplomatic, university and industrial life.

### **Section 4.—The Industrial Defence Board\***

The Industrial Defence Board was created in 1948 by virtue of an Order in Council P.C. 1739. The duties and functions of the Board are: (1) to advise the Government of Canada and the Minister of National Defence on all matters relating to the industrial war potential of Canada; (2) to prepare and keep up to date a plan for industrial production in the event of war; (3) to arrange for such liaison between the Naval, Military and Air Forces of Canada, the Canadian Ordnance Association, Canadian Arsenals Limited and other agencies and industries as will ensure an understanding of defence needs and the active co-operation required to meet such needs; (4) to encourage the standardization of specifications and industrial practices; (5) to advise on the location of industries and on the development, procurement, inspection, storage and distribution of material and equipment and the maintenance of reserve stocks; (6) to take such action in respect of other matters as may be requested by the Governor in Council or the Minister of National Defence.

Matters of immediate concern to the Board include: (1) examination of the various agencies concerned in planning and initiating procurement and production of war equipment in Canada so as to recommend a division of responsibilities which will ensure that these responsibilities are effectively met without overlapping; (2) consideration of requirements in the light of plans and possible programs of the Armed Forces and the assessment of the capacity to make available the materials, manpower and manufacturing facilities that may be required, with special recommendations regarding materials, industry or plants which are regarded as essential and for which some special provision should be made.

In addition to seven members representing industry, from among whom the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board have been appointed by the Governor in Council, the Board is composed of: the Chairman of the Defence Research Board, the President of Canadian Arsenals, the three Principal Supply Officers of the Armed Forces, the Deputy Minister of National Defence, the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce and the Deputy Minister of Labour. The appointed members of the Board hold office for a period not exceeding three years but they are eligible for reappointment. The Board may, with the approval of the Minister: (1) appoint committees for the purpose of assisting the Board in the performance of its duties and functions; (2) set up an executive committee to deal with business of the Board between meetings; (3) make by-laws and rules for the regulation of its proceedings and for the performance of its duties and functions.

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