

The Board's films and photographs have helped to clarify Canada's position in the international scene at such world gatherings as the Food and Agriculture Organization Conference at Quebec, the San Francisco Conference, the International Labour Organization Conference at Philadelphia, the UNRRA Conference at Montreal, the Quebec Conferences, the UNESCO Conference at Paris and the United Nations gatherings at New York.

In addition to films and other graphic materials produced in the English and French languages, the Board has produced or secured the production of Canadian films in French for distribution in France and her colonies; in Spanish for Latin America; in Portuguese for Brazil, Portugal, Portuguese West Africa and Portuguese Guinea; in Danish and Swedish for Scandinavia, Greenland and Iceland; in Dutch for the Netherlands, Indonesia and the Netherlands Antilles; in German for Switzerland, Austria and the British and American occupied zones of Germany; in Russian and Ukrainian for the U.S.S.R.; in Turkish for Turkey; and in Arabic for Egypt, Tripolitania, Cyrenaica, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq.

The Distribution Division at Ottawa directs the flow of all N.F.B. films through National Film Board offices at London, England; New York and Chicago in the United States; Mexico City, Mexico; through Canadian Embassies, Legations, Trade Commissions, and Information Offices in other countries; and through professional theatrical and non-theatrical distributors within all these territories.

The Board maintains a photographic library of more than 85,000 negatives covering many aspects of Canada, its landscape, resources, industries, agriculture, and the national life and character of the Canadian people. Its photographs are distributed to Government Departments, tourist bureaus, newspapers, magazines and publishing houses within Canada and to Trade Commissioners and other representatives abroad who may request them.

Section 2.—Directory of Sources of Official Information for All Departments (Dominion and Provincial)

Prior to the publication of the 1947 edition of the Year Book, this Chapter on Sources of Official Information was taken up mainly by detailed lists of publications issued by the Federal Government Departments and the Provincial Government Departments. Such lists as these were of value to readers since the Year Book was the only place where publications of this kind were brought together. The rapid increase in the number of printed reports, bulletins and maps that has characterized all publicity efforts in recent years has made it difficult to spare the space in the Year Book to carry such detailed listings.

Moreover, since the Year Book lists were prepared and published on a departmental basis, they became less and less convenient to the reader as the lists increased in length. For instance, several Departments issued reports that could be classified under the broad heading of Agriculture—among these were the Department of Agriculture, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the National Research Council, not to mention the Northwest Territories and Yukon Administration.