

years of operation has produced more than 2,500 films. A central photograph library containing more than 60,000 active negatives and a photo laboratory serves all government departments.

The National Film Board's technicians keep abreast of developments in colour production, stereoscopic films and television. Many Canadian films are featured on television programs in the United Kingdom and other countries.

The Board's films and other productions are widely distributed in the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Central and South America and other countries through the Board's offices at New York, Chicago and Washington in the United States; Mexico City, Mexico; Sydney, Australia; and London, England; and through Canadian trade and diplomatic offices. For travel films the Board has established 62 outlets in 35 states in the United States. Other distribution channels are through newsreel companies, commercial theatres and government and other non-theatre film circuits. In all, distribution of the Board's productions was carried out in 58 countries during 1948.

In Canada, films are distributed by the Distribution Branch through regional offices in each of the ten provinces. One or more productions are released every month to theatres across the country. Non-theatrical films reach over 3,300 communities through a field staff of 70, through self-operating circuits and 235 film libraries. Community film activity is co-ordinated by 250 film councils and classroom and adult education programs by provincial agencies.

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

To make best use of the Directory, it is necessary that the reader understand broadly the differences in function between federal and provincial departments and their separate fields of work.

Certain fields of effort, such as Trade and Commerce, Customs and Excise, Currency and Banking, Navigation, Transportation, Radio, Census of Population, National Defence, etc., are constitutionally federal matters and in such fields the respective departments at Ottawa are the proper sources with which to communicate. While other fields of effort such as the administration of lands and natural resources, education, roads and highways, and health and hospitals are the responsibility of the provinces under the British North America Act, certain federal departments are also concerned with specific aspects of these subjects and, as is the case with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-ordinating and presenting the material for Canada as a whole.

As a general guide to the public, it may be pointed out that questions relating to the actual development and administration of resources should be forwarded to the particular provinces concerned. The Federal Government, while not administering the resources within provincial boundaries, co-operates closely with the provinces and is in a position to furnish material for Canada, especially production data, on a national basis, marketing data on international, national and provincial