

Inspection Branch.—The main function of this Branch is the regular examination of all operating mines, quarries, sand and gravel pits and certain metallurgical works with a view to ensuring proper conditions of health and safety to the men employed. District offices to serve the local areas are maintained in the major mining centres of the Province. Mine rescue stations in the principal mining sections are operated under the supervision of the Inspection Branch.

Exhibitions.—The Department each year presents displays pertaining to mining within the Province at such exhibitions as the Central Canada at Ottawa, the Canadian National at Toronto, and the Northern Ontario at Schumacher.

Publications Branch.—All maps and reports of the Department are distributed through the agency of the Publications Branch located at the main office of the Department.

Library.—A mining library for departmental reference only is maintained within the Department. This library is comprised mainly of publications and maps of the Federal and Provincial Governments of Canada as well as numerous periodicals and bulletins from the United States.

Mining Roads.—The most recent service of the Department is the provision of mining roads. In general, two classes of road-building are envisioned under this program. The first class of road contemplated is a mining access road, financed solely by the Department, for the purpose of opening up favourable areas for exploration, whereas the second class of road, undertaken jointly by the Department and local mining operators, is intended to assist in the provision of required service roads to such operators.

Manitoba.—Since the transfer, in 1930, of the natural resources of Manitoba from the Government of Canada to the Province, the Mines Branch of the Manitoba Department of Mines and Natural Resources has offered four main services of assistance to the mining industry: (1) maintenance, by the Mining Recorders' offices at Winnipeg and The Pas, of all records essential to the granting and retention of titles to every mineral location in Manitoba; (2) compilation, by the geological staff of the Branch, of information pertinent to mineral occurrences of interest both in the past and the present and expansion of this information by a continuing program of geological mapping; (3) enforcement of mine safety regulations and, by collaboration with industry, initiation of new practices, such as those concerned with mine ventilation and the training of mine rescue crews, which contribute to the health and welfare of mine workers; and (4) maintenance of a chemical and assay laboratory to assist the prospector and professional man alike in the classification of rocks and minerals and the evaluation of mineral occurrences.

Saskatchewan.—The assistance given to the mining industry by the Saskatchewan Provincial Government consists of the following: (1) the maintenance of a Geological Department under a Chief Geologist; (2) resident geologists stationed in or near the principal mining areas; (3) geological survey parties and reports; (4) prospecting concessions; (5) Prospectors' Assistance Plan; and (6) Native Trainees Plan.

The Chief Geologist and a staff are available at all times to give information or any other possible help to interested parties. The Geological Department has headquarters at Regina, with a branch at Saskatoon where a Petroleum Examination Laboratory is located.