

Maintenance of high technical quality of films is assisted by operations and research of the Technical Operations Branch, responsible recently for developing a dual sound track which permits two language versions on one film.

In Canada, non-theatrical 16 mm. and 35 mm. theatrical prints are distributed, the former through regional offices in each province to interested groups, including about 7,900 voluntary film-using organizations, while the latter are placed in theatres through commercial distributors on a contract basis.

Distribution of non-theatrical films is assisted by 330 film libraries and 340 film councils. Provincial educational and other agencies promote the use and distribution of films for educational and informational purposes. This work is organized, stimulated and correlated by the Board through a staff of 62 field men whose combined efforts brought NFB films to an audience of over 11,000,000 persons in 149,922 screenings in 1952. The Distribution Branch services posts of the Departments of External Affairs and Trade and Commerce in 45 countries in addition to NFB offices at London, New York and Chicago.

Newsreel and television distributions are growing rapidly, the latter currently comprising about 2,500 bookings annually. The Board works in co-operation with the Canadian Government Travel Bureau, distributing films through 66 outlets in the United States.

## **Section 2.—Directory of Sources of Official Information (Federal and Provincial)**

To make the best use of the Directory of Sources of Government Official Information, it is necessary that the reader understands the broad 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 affairs and, in such fields, the respective Departments at Ottawa are the proper sources with which to communicate. 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, but certain Federal Departments are also concerned with specific aspects of these subjects and, as is the case of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in the co-ordinating and presentation of 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 bases, research work and experimental station data on a national basis, and also on