

Commercial, Press and Information, Broadcast Regulations, Station Relations, Personnel and Administration, and Treasury. Regional Representatives are appointed for Newfoundland, the Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario, the Prairies, and British Columbia.

The Corporation reports to a Minister of the Crown (at present the Minister of National Revenue) who is responsible for dealing with CBC operations when under consideration in Parliament.

**Canadian Commercial Corporation.**—This Corporation was set up in 1946 to assist in the development of trade. Its functions were expanded in 1947 to cover the purchase of munitions and supplies for the Department of National Defence. In 1951, under the terms of the Defence Production Act, the Company was made responsible to the Minister of Defence Production. The Corporation operates very closely with the Department, all its directors being departmental officials.

The Corporation's main function now is to handle defence orders placed in Canada by other governments. It has ordered civilian types of commodities on behalf of certain international organizations, and also civilian goods and services required by the Canadian Government for supply to under-developed countries under the Colombo Plan.

**Canadian Farm Loan Board.**—The Board was organized in 1929 to make loans to farmers secured by mortgage. Later operations extended loans to fishermen secured by mortgage on real estate. The Board is responsible to Parliament through the Minister of Finance.

**Canadian Maritime Commission.**—The Commission was created in 1947 (R.S.C. 1952, c. 38) to consider and recommend policies and measures necessary for the operation, maintenance, manning and development of a merchant marine and a ship-building and ship-repairing industry. The Commission is responsible to Parliament through the Minister of Transport.

**Canadian National Railways.**—Operating under an Act to incorporate the Canadian National Railway Company (1919), brought into effect by Order in Council of Jan. 30, 1923, the Canadian National Railways comprised at that time the old Intercolonial Railway and various eastern branch lines (all embraced in the Canadian Government Railways which were turned over to the Canadian National board for management and operation), the Canadian Northern Railway (1918) and the Grand Trunk Pacific (1923). The Hudson Bay Railway has been operated by the Canadian National Railways for the Canadian Government since 1935 and a separate accounting is made. Additional lines have been built or acquired and are operated by the Canadian National Railways. The C.N.R. is controlled by a Chairman and Board of Directors and is responsible to Parliament through the Minister of Transport.

**Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships Limited.**—Through the medium of this Crown Company, the Federal Government provides direct steamship services to the West Indies in conformity with the Canada-West Indies Trade Agreement of 1926. The Company is responsible to Parliament through the Minister of Transport.

**Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation.**—This Crown Company was created by Act of Parliament (Dec. 10, 1949) to acquire for public operation all external telecommunication assets in Canada, in keeping with the Commonwealth Telegraph Agreement, signed May 11, 1948. This Agreement was designed to bring about the consolidation and strengthening of the radio and cable communication systems of the Commonwealth. The Corporation is responsible to Parliament through the Minister of Transport.

**Canadian Patents and Development Limited.**—Incorporated under an amendment to the Research Council Act, passed in 1946, the primary purpose of Canadian Patents and Development Limited is to make available to industry, through licensing arrangements, the inventions and new processes developed by the scientific workers of the National Research Council. The Board of Directors is composed of representatives from industry, from the universities, and from the National Research Council.

**Canadian Wheat Board.**—Incorporated under the Canadian Wheat Board Act, 1935, to market, in interprovincial and export trade, grain grown in Canada, the Board is empowered to purchase, store, transfer, sell, ship or otherwise dispose of wheat, oats and barley. Established to liquidate accumulated surpluses of wheat and to stabilize the market, it remains the controlling marketing instrument for these grains. The Board reports to Parliament through the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

**Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation.**—This Corporation was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1945 to administer the National Housing Act, 1944, and earlier housing Acts, to provide facilities for the rediscounting of mortgages for lending institutions and to co-ordinate activities of the Federal Government in the housing field. Since 1948, the Corporation has administered the functions of Wartime Housing Limited and since