

The foregoing classes are numerous and complicated by the fact that many of them perform closely related functions. Descriptions of the services provided by different types of government-operated stations are given in the 1951 Year Book, pp. 804-808.

**The Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation.**—By virtue of the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation Act which came into force on Jan. 1, 1950 (R.S.C. 1952, c. 42), the Canadian Overseas Telecommunication Corporation was established to acquire, maintain and operate the external telecommunication facilities in Canada of Cable and Wireless Limited and the Canadian Marconi Company Limited. The Corporation consists of five Directors, one of whom is also the President and General Manager of the Corporation.

By proclamation in the *Canada Gazette* of June 7, 1950, the said facilities of Cable and Wireless Limited and of the Canadian Marconi Company Limited were expropriated and since that date the Corporation has been successfully operating and maintaining these external telecommunication facilities in Canada. On May 1, 1952, a final settlement was made with respect to the acquisition of the physical assets at a total cost of \$3,143,781. These physical assets include Headquarters established at Montreal, Que., overseas cable stations at Bamfield, B.C., Halifax, N.S., and Harbour Grace, Nfld., and wireless transmitting and receiving stations at Drummondville and Yamachiche, Que., respectively.

The purposes of the Corporation are:—

- (a) to establish, maintain and operate in Canada and elsewhere external telecommunication services for the conduct of public communications;
- (b) to carry on the business of public communications by cable, radiotelegraph, radiotelephone or any other means of telecommunication between Canada and any other place and between Newfoundland and any other part of Canada;
- (c) to make use of all developments in cable and radio transmission or reception for external telecommunication purposes as related to public communication services;
- (d) to conduct investigations and researches with the object of improving the efficiency of telecommunication services generally; and
- (e) to co-ordinate Canada's external telecommunication services with the telecommunication services of other parts of the Commonwealth.

**Commercial Point-to-Point Radiotelephone Services.**—The North-West Telephone Company operates a radiotelephone service between points in British Columbia not hitherto served by telephone communications. Under licences granted by the Department of Transport, the Company has established a number of permanent public commercial radiotelephone stations in that Province. These stations are authorized to provide communication to private commercial radiotelephone stations located at isolated points in the Province. This Company is also licensed to establish limited coast stations at Lulu Island, Powell River, Vancouver, Nanaimo, Victoria, Harrison Lake, Parksville, Althorp Point, Alert Bay, Campbell River and Prince Rupert, B.C., to provide a ship-to-shore service. These stations, used in conjunction with the ordinary telephone exchange, provide a duplex-radiotelephone service to isolated points and to certain ships at sea, and also provide a limited amount of service to stations of the land mobile category.

The North-West Telephone Company is also licensed to provide emergency radiotelephone communication at any point in British Columbia and to carry out tests with a view to extending the existing radiotelephone service throughout the Province.