

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 Corporation has since constructed a cable station at St. John's, Nfld.

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.

The Avalon Telephone Company operates public commercial stations in Newfoundland to supplement its wire lines and to provide telephonic communication with isolated communities.

The Manitoba Telephone System operates radiotelephone links involving stations at the following points: Riverton, Manigotagan, Hecla Island, Gimli, Norway House, Bissett, Great Falls, The Pas, Snow Lake and Winnipeg, Man. In addition, the Manitoba Telephone System operates stations at Gimli, The Pas and Norway House, Man., to provide terminal service for ships operating on Lake Winnipeg.

Norwesto Communications Limited operates a public commercial radiotelephone service consisting of stations located at Kenora, Red Lake, Ball Lake, Sioux Narrows, Dryden, Sioux Lookout, Minaki and Redditt, which are used in conjunction with the ordinary telephone exchanges to provide telephonic communication to privately owned stations at isolated points throughout the north-western part of the Province of Ontario.

The Red Lake Telephone Company operates a public commercial radiotelephone station at Madsen, Ont., to provide a connection between the local wire telephone system and the Norwesto Communications Limited network.

The Okanagan Telephone Company operates a public radiotelephone service between Revelstoke and Arrowhead, B.C., and a public commercial terminal station at Kelowna to provide telephonic communication to privately owned stations at isolated points in the Kelowna area.