

Committee on the Supply to the Armed Forces of Fuel and Equipment for Heating was set up in 1949 to advise on the purchase and supply of fuel to the Armed Services. In addition the Board has advised purchasing agents of government departments on questions connected with the buying of coal.

In a wider sphere the Board has met on occasion with the Coal Policy Committee of the Provincial Ministers of Mines and has given consideration to recommendations made by the latter body relating to coal. It has also kept contact with trade and other associations concerned with the various phases of the Canadian coal industry in order to foster better mutual understanding of governmental and private endeavour. Pursuant to the recommendations of the Royal Commission the Board has continued to work for a reduction of customs duties and sales tax on coal mining machinery and has maintained its efforts to create a uniform system of coal mine cost-accounting.

The Dominion Coal Board consists of seven members including the Chairman who is its Chief Executive Officer with the status of a deputy minister. The Board is responsible to and subject to the direction of the Minister of Mines and Technical Surveys.

### Subsection 2.—Provincial Government Aid\*

**Newfoundland.**—The Newfoundland Government, through its Mines Branch, provides several valuable services to those interested in prospecting and mining. It will supply certain geological maps of specific areas to interested parties. It will identify specimens sent in from Newfoundland and Labrador and will assay by chemical means those that appear to have some mineral content. If good specimens from a known area warrant it and a request is made for further help a geologist from the Department of Mines and Resources will visit the locality and give advice. Prospecting and mining permits are issued by the Department and claims are registered.

**Nova Scotia.**—Under the provisions of the Mines Act (R.S.N.S. 1954, c. 179), the Government of Nova Scotia may assist a mining company or operator in the sinking of shafts, slopes, deeps and winzes and the driving of adits, tunnels, crosscuts, raises and levels. This assistance may take the form of work performed under contract, the payment of bills for materials and labour or the guarantee of bank loans. Any such work must be approved by the Department of Mines. The Government is also authorized to assist the mining industry to procure power on the most economical basis and may guarantee the Nova Scotia Power Commission against any loss incurred on account of capital investments made for that purpose or revenue. Mining machinery and equipment that may be used in searching for or testing and mining minerals may be made available through the Government. Such equipment is under the direct supervision of the Chief Mining Engineer.

The Government of Nova Scotia is also empowered to make any regulations considered necessary for increasing the output of coal. Such regulations cover the appropriation, on payment, of unworked coal lands, operation of coal mines, loans or guarantees for loans. Close co-operation is maintained with the Federal Government in carrying out federal regulations made to secure increased production and economical distribution of coal from the mines of the Province.

**New Brunswick.**—There are five divisions under the Mines Branch of the Department of Lands and Mines. The *Mineral Lands Division* administers the disposition of Crown mineral rights including the issuing of prospecting licences, recording of mining claims, issuing of mining licences and leases and other matters pertaining thereto. Detailed and index claim maps are prepared for distribution. The *Mine Inspection and Engineering Division* administers the safety regulations governing operations under the Mining Act. Regular inspections of all mines are performed. Laboratory facilities are maintained. It is the responsibility of this Division to approve equipment used in mines. The *Geological Division* carries on general and detailed geological mapping and investigation. Maps and

\* Compiled from material supplied by the Provincial Governments.