

As a service to government departments, the Board maintains a film preview library of 4,000 prints where films may be screened with a view to purchase or for informational purposes; some 500 film-strips are catalogued. The Board also maintains libraries of films on such specialized subjects as health, sociology, medicine and industry.

Films produced and distributed by the Board are shown on motion picture and television screens all over the world. In Canada widespread distribution is achieved by circulating films on a circuit arrangement whereby the users themselves keep the films moving on to the next showing point. Public libraries and other film depots assist distribution by maintaining film libraries for public use. More than 20,000 prints are in circulation abroad through posts of the Departments of External Affairs and of Trade and Commerce, through the Board's offices in New York and Chicago in the United States and in London, England, as well as through other loan agencies.

The Board's library of approximately 100,000 still photos serves government departments, commercial photographers and newspapers and periodicals in Canada and abroad.

## 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 understand 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 but certain Federal Departments are also concerned with specific aspects of these subjects and, as is the case of Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in the co-ordination 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 a provincial basis from Federal Government stations located within particular provinces. In agriculture for instance data on the breeding of livestock and the improvement of strains, on agricultural marketing and on crop yields are cases in point; in forestry, questions of forest research, forest fire protection and reforestation offer good examples. Inquiries directed to federal sources for information not of a statistical nature should as a general rule be sent to the individual Departments listed in the Directory; inquiries for information of a statistical nature should be addressed to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

Under the provisions of the Public Printing and Stationery Act, the Queen's Printer and Controller of Stationery has charge of the sale of all official publications of Parliament and the Government of Canada that are issued to the public, as well as of the free distribution of all public documents and papers to persons and institutions (libraries) entitled by statutory provisions to receive them.

The regulations relating to the distribution and sale of government publications made in accordance with the provisions of Sect. 7 of the Public Printing and Stationery Act and Sect. 7 (e) of the Financial Administration Act were brought up to date and approval signed by Treasury Board on Mar. 31, 1955.