

As a service to government departments, the Board maintains a preview library of 5,000 prints from many sources; 500 film-strips are also catalogued. Special libraries of films on such subjects as health, sociology, medicine and industry have also been established for the use of the government departments concerned and for special interest groups.

Films and film-strips produced by the National Film Board are shown in Canada and abroad. In Canada, the films are shown through the television network, through neighbourhood theatres and through the widespread network of community film libraries. In most communities voluntary organizations, called film councils, arrange the local facilities for use of films by community groups. Abroad, more than 29,000 prints are circulated to the Departments of External Affairs and of Trade and Commerce through the Board's offices in New York and Chicago in the United States, New Delhi, India, and London, England. In several countries distribution of the Board's films are handled by commercial and other loan agencies.

The Board's library of approximately 100,000 still photographs serves government departments, commercial photographers, newspapers, periodicals and many other organizations 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 and national defence 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 the 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 Government of Canada, 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 Information Services Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

*Sale of Official Publications.*—Under the provisions of the Public Printing and Stationery Act, the Queen's Printer and Controller of Stationery, Ottawa, 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 Dominion Bureau of Statistics acts as the agent of the Queen's Printer with respect to the sale of DBS publications.