

on matters of policy and to determine the locations and priorities of the proposed roads. The Minister of Mines sits on this committee with the Ministers of Lands and Forests, of Public Works, and of Highways.

The Department of Highways supervises the construction of all access roads. Certain roads may be subsidized while others may be financed solely by Department of Mines funds. The sum of \$1,000,000 a year has been made available for these projects. Fifty-five roads, totalling about 500 miles, have been completed since 1951.

**Manitoba.**—The Mines Branch of the Manitoba Department of Mines and Natural Resources offers five main services of assistance to the mining industry: maintenance, by the Mining Recorder's office at Winnipeg and The Pas, of all records essential to the granting and retention of titles to every mineral location in Manitoba; compilation, by the geological staff of the Branch, of historical and current information pertinent to mineral occurrences of interest and expansion of this information by a continuing program of geological mapping; enforcement of mine safety regulations and, by collaboration with industry, introduction of new practices such as those concerned with mine ventilation and the training of mine rescue crews which contribute to the health and welfare of mine workers; and maintenance of a chemical and assay laboratory to assist the prospector and the professional man in the classification of rocks and minerals and the evaluation of mineral occurrences.

Manitoba also aids the mining industry by the construction of access roads to mining districts.

**Saskatchewan.**—Assistance to the mining industry in Saskatchewan is administered by the Mines Branch, Department of Mineral Resources, with its head office at Regina. This Branch is headed by a Director and comprises three divisions.

The Geology Division is directed by the Chief Geologist, and maintains resident geologists in or near the principal mining areas. The Division conducts prospectors' schools giving basic training in geology, mineralogy, prospecting and exploration techniques and administers the Prospectors' Assistance Plan which assists by lending equipment, paying certain transportation costs and by providing technical advice. During the summer months, geological parties, under the direction of the Chief Geologist, survey and map attractive areas and prepare reports which are made available to the public. In 1957 and 1958 magnetometer and electro-magnetic surveys were conducted on approximately 3,000 sq. miles of the Precambrian area.

The Engineering Division is primarily responsible for the safety of people working in mines and makes periodic inspections of mines and quarries. A permanent Mining Inspector is stationed at Uranium City and, in addition to regular inspections, he conducts programs of first aid instruction and mine-rescue training.

The Mining Lands Division is responsible for making disposition of all Crown minerals with the exception of petroleum and natural gas, and maintains records respecting areas let out by lease, permit or claim. Recording offices, having the responsibility of assisting the public in determining the lands available and accepting applications, are located at Regina, Prince Albert, La Ronge, Uranium City and Flin Flon.

**Alberta.**—Alberta Government assistance to the mining industry is diversified in character. The Mines Division of the Department of Mines and Minerals regulates coal mines and quarries and maintains standards of safety by inspection and certification of workers. The Workmen's Compensation Board also maintains safety standards and trains mine rescue crews. The oil and gas industries are served in a similar way by the Oil and Gas Conservation Board. Its regulatory measures, however, are also concerned with preventing the waste of oil and gas resources and with giving each owner of oil and gas rights the opportunity of obtaining a fair share of production. This Board compiles periodic reports and annual records which are of invaluable assistance in oil development in Alberta. The mining industry is also served by the Research Council of Alberta which has made geological surveys of most of the province and has carried forward projects