

Under the Transport Act the Board entertains applications for licences for ships to transport goods or passengers for hire or reward between places in Canada on the Great Lakes and the Mackenzie and Yukon Rivers, except goods in bulk on waters other than the Mackenzie River. Before granting a licence the Board must be satisfied that public convenience and necessity require such transport. The Board also has regulative powers over tolls for such transport.

'Agreed charges' between shippers and carriers, authorized by the Transport Act, were also reviewed by the Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon in 1955 and his recommendations were implemented in amendments to that Act in 1955. Under the amendments, an agreement for an agreed charge shall be executed in tariff form and a duplicate original shall be filed with the Board within seven days after the making of the agreement, and the agreed charge takes effect twenty days after the filing, without necessity of the Board's approval of the charge. The Board continues to have power to fix a charge for a shipper who is unjustly discriminated against by an agreed charge and it also has power to vary or cancel an agreed charge referred to it by the Minister of Transport or the Governor in Council for investigation.

Leave of the Board is necessary, under the Pipe Lines Act, for construction of an interprovincial or international gas or oil pipeline. The Board has granted leave to construct such major pipelines as the Trans-Canada natural gas line, the Westcoast Transmission gas line, the Interprovincial oil line, the Trans Mountain oil line and the Trans-Northern oil products line. In considering applications of this kind the Board has regard, among other things, to public interest, financial responsibility of the applicant company and the economic feasibility of the project. It may make orders and regulations for the protection of property and safety in the operation of pipelines. It may also make orders and regulations with respect to all matters relating to traffic, tolls and tariffs of oil pipelines, but it does not have similar powers over gas pipelines. It may declare an oil pipeline company to be a common carrier and may prescribe a uniform system of accounts for pipeline companies.

The Board is required by the Railway Act to make an annual report to the Governor in Council through the Minister of Transport. Copies may be obtained from the Secretary.

The Air Transport Board.—The Air Transport Board was established in September 1944 by amendment to the Aeronautics Act. Subsequent amendments to the Act were made in 1945, 1950 and 1952. The Board has three members including the Chairman, and the staff comprises an Executive Director's Branch including Legal, International Relations, and Traffic Divisions, and a Secretary's Branch including Administrative and Licensing and Inspection Divisions. A Special Projects Division has recently been established.

The Board is responsible for the economic regulation of commercial air services in Canada and is also required to advise the Minister of Transport in the exercise of his duties and powers in all matters relating to civil aviation. The regulatory function relates to Canadian air services within Canada and abroad and to foreign air services operating into Canada. It involves the licensing of all such services and the subsequent regulation of the licensees in respect of their economic operation and the provision of service to the public. As provided by the Act, the Board issues Regulations, approved by the Governor in Council, dealing with the classification of air carriers and commercial air services, applications for licences to operate commercial air services, accounts, records and reports, ownership, transfers, consolidations, mergers and leases of commercial air services, traffic tolls and tariffs, and other related matters. Detailed regulatory instructions are issued by the Board in the form of General Orders, published in the *Canada Gazette*, relating to all air services or groups of air services; Board Orders relating to individual air services; and Rules and Circulars for general guidance and information.

Financial and operating statistics are collected under authority of the Board's Regulations by the Economics Division of the Department of Transport.