

Library.—A mining library for the use of the Department and the public is maintained within the Department. This library stocks mainly publications and maps issued by the federal and provincial governments of Canada as well as numerous periodicals and bulletins from the United States.

Mining and Access Roads.—In 1951 the Department of Mines undertook a program of road construction in the mineralized areas of the province, to open them for prospecting and development and to facilitate the actual operation of mining enterprises. When the importance of this program in its relation to the whole development of northern Ontario became apparent, the Government decided that its scope should be widened and, with that end in view, an interdepartmental committee was set up early in 1955 to decide 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 Treasury, 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 \$1,500,000 a year has been made available for these projects.

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 offices 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 a prospectors' school which gives basic training in geology, mineralogy, prospecting and exploration techniques and administers the Prospectors' Assistance Plan which assists by lending equipment, paying certain transportation costs, paying for a grub-stake, and by providing technical advice. During the summer months, geological crews survey and map 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 administers the Mines Regulation Act, the purpose of which is to ensure safe working conditions in mines. Inspections of mines are carried out by division officers, a Chief Engineer of Mines stationed at Regina, and an Inspector of Mines stationed at Uranium City. Safety education is also part of the Division's work, taking the form of first aid instruction, mine rescue training, and analysis of accidents.

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.