

In addition, Canada takes an active part in international space scientific activities and holds a membership on the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space. This 24-nation committee will probably be planning a world-wide conference in this field in the near future. The National Research Council also holds a membership in the International Council of Scientific Unions Special Committee on Space Research known as COSPAR. This is a very effective international committee on a purely scientific level where membership is open to the National Academies or National Research Councils of all countries having an active space research program. The present membership consists of representatives from countries on both sides of the iron curtain and from several international scientific unions. It meets once a year and holds interesting symposia on special subjects relating to space science.

Section 4.—Other Scientific and Industrial Research Facilities

Aside from the research facilities and activities covered in Sections 1, 2 and 3, Canadian research is carried on by various federal agencies, provincial organizations, universities and industries. Several provinces in Canada have established provincial Research Councils to stimulate and support research on problems having special provincial significance. The universities, of course, form an extremely important part of the Canadian pattern of research. Much of their work is along fundamental lines but practical problems are not neglected, especially those of regional interest.

All three types of institutions—federal, provincial and university organizations—have an interest in problems of industrial significance; this is part of the current Canadian pattern of research. Though many Canadian industries now possess research facilities—some of them quite extensive—the main bulk of industrial research to date has been done under government auspices.

Thus the unique problems of the country, particularly its large area coupled with a small population, have led to a typically Canadian organization of research, of which a very strong associate committee system is perhaps the most distinctive feature.

Subsection 1.—Federal Organizations

Although research by industrial firms has been slow to develop in Canada, government research has expanded rapidly, at first because of the need for speeding up the production of raw materials, which were for many years the basis of Canada's export trade, and secondly because of the more recent interest in the processing of these raw materials and the necessity of meeting the needs of national defence. Federal agencies involved in research include the Departments of Agriculture, Fisheries, Mines and Technical Surveys, National Defence, National Health and Welfare, Northern Affairs and National Resources, and Trade and Commerce; the National Research Council and other Crown corporations such as Atomic Energy of Canada Limited. A system of committees, with nation-wide representation, eliminates unnecessary duplication of work from these national research organizations.

The scientific work of the Department of Agriculture is described in Chapter IX of this volume, the work of the Defence Research Board in Chapter XXV, specialized work in scientific forest research in Chapter X, scientific services concerned with Canada's mineral resources conducted by the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys in Chapter XI, investigational work of the Department of Fisheries in Chapter XIII, research of the Canadian Wildlife Service of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources in Chapter I, the work of the National Research Council at pp. 372-378 and atomic research at pp. 378-383. The activities of the other federal agencies engaged in research are described briefly in the following paragraphs.

Department of National Health and Welfare.—The Department of National Health and Welfare supports both intramural and extramural research programs. Within the Department, the Food and Drug Directorate, the Laboratory of Hygiene, the Occu-