

The Government of Nova Scotia is also empowered to make any regulations considered necessary for increasing the output of coal. Such regulations cover the appropriation, on payment, of unworked coal lands, the operation of coal mines, and loans or guarantees for loans. Close co-operation is maintained with the Federal Government in carrying out federal regulations made to secure increased production and economical distribution of coal from the mines of the province.

New Brunswick.—There are five divisions under the Mines Branch of the Department of Lands and Mines. The *Mineral Lands Division* administers the disposition of Crown mineral rights including the issuing of prospecting licences, recording of mining claims, issuing of mining licences and leases and other matters pertaining thereto. Detailed and index claim maps are prepared for distribution. The *Mine Inspection and Engineering Division* administers the safety regulations governing operations under the Mining Act. Regular inspections of all mines are performed. Laboratory facilities are maintained. It is the responsibility of this Division to approve equipment used in mines. The *Geological Division* carries on general and detailed geological mapping and investigation. Maps and reports are prepared for distribution. Mineral and rock specimens are examined for prospectors. Preliminary examinations of mineral prospects are performed where requested and circumstances warrant. The *Mine Assessment Division* is responsible for the collection of mining taxes and royalties and the preparation of statistics on mineral production. The *Bathurst Division* serves as recording office for northeastern New Brunswick. In addition, claim maps as well as topographical, geological and aeromagnetic maps are available for perusal and distribution. The staff is prepared to provide information concerning the Mining Act and the use of various types of maps.

Quebec.—The Mining Act (RSQ 1941, c. 196) authorizes the Quebec Department of Mines to build, maintain and improve roads needed for mining development. Such work is done by contract under the supervision of departmental engineers. The Act gives the Department considerable latitude in this respect. Certain major roads have been built to new mining districts and completely paid for; on the other hand, if a particular property requires a branch road from an established highway the owner may be required to contribute a portion of the cost. To prevent the development of uncontrolled settlements in the vicinity of operating mines the Department regulates the use of land and permits the establishment of well organized communities. The municipal organization of such communities is administered by the Department of Municipal Affairs.

The Department maintains well equipped laboratories for the benefit of prospectors, geologists, engineers and mine operators. The facilities include equipment for mineralogy, petrography, ore dressing, and analysis by wet or dry assay, spectrography or X-ray. Qualitative and mineralogical determinations are made free of charge but quantitative analyses are charged for according to a tariff schedule. The Mining Act provides free coupons to be used by prospectors in paying for such analyses.

The province has authorized the establishment of research laboratories and a pilot plant to assist mining and metallurgical enterprises in the processes and techniques of extracting, transforming and utilizing ores.

The Department undertakes geological mapping and inspection. The work is divided between two branches, one responsible for reconnaissance (areal) mapping, and the other for detailed mapping in mining districts and inspection of individual deposits or properties. Field parties are headed by geologists or mining engineers. The published reports on these investigations are distributed free upon request. During the field season about 55 parties are maintained in different sections of the province. Offices, in charge of resident geologists, are maintained in mining districts to collect, preserve and compile geological information disclosed by mining explorations and individual sheets of the compilations are made available to the public.