

**The Dominion Bureau of Statistics.**—The Dominion Bureau of Statistics was set up by statute in 1918 as a central statistical department for Canada (SC 1918, c. 43). In 1948 this statute, which had been consolidated as the Statistics Act (RSC 1927, c. 190), was repealed and replaced by the Statistics Act (RSC 1952, c. 257), subsequently amended in March 1953 (SC 1953, c. 18).

The chief aims of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics are: (1) to furnish statistical data bearing on Canada for government and administration, whether municipal, provincial, national or international; and (2) to assist in meeting the needs of non-governmental users of statistics, arising from a growing awareness of the value of statistics to business efficiency and social planning.

*Inquiries.*—Hundreds of individual requests for information are received each day in the Information Services Division of the Bureau, routed through the appropriate divisions and answered as expeditiously as possible. Since the field of effort from the statistical side deals with all phases of the national economy, there is scarcely a subject upon which the Bureau is not able to give some information. Nevertheless only inquiries of a statistical nature should be directed to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

*Publications.*—Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports cover all aspects of the national economy; the *Canada Year Book* and *Official Handbook Canada* constitute authoritative compendiums of information on the institutions and economic and social development of Canada.

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**Information Division, Department of External Affairs.**—The Information Division has several functions: to make Canada and Canadian policies better known and understood abroad, to provide information within Canada on the external policy of the Government and to assist in the conduct of business with other governments, international organizations and private associations in the field of cultural and educational relations.

Most of the information work is done abroad by officials at Canadian posts. The Information Division assists by formulating and advising on information policy abroad in an effort to ensure that this policy is related to the general objectives of Canadian foreign policy, and by producing and procuring material to keep Missions informed of developments within Canada. Journalists and others who visit Canada to write of Canadian affairs are given assistance from time to time by the Division.

Within Canada the Division produces and distributes various documents on external affairs—statements of government policy and reports on related developments abroad and on the work of the Department generally. The Division also answers inquiries from Canadian sources on these subjects as well as requests for information about Canada made by Diplomatic Missions at Ottawa.

The Division is responsible for dealing with many matters concerning scholarships, art exhibitions, concerts and visits by artists when these involve other countries.

**Trade Publicity Branch, Department of Trade and Commerce.**—For details, see p. 1018.