

*Exhibitions.*—The Department each year presents displays pertaining to mining within the province at such exhibitions as the Canadian National at Toronto and at other centres from time to time.

*Publications Branch.*—All maps and reports of the Department are distributed through the agency of the Publications Branch located at the main office of the Department.

*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 published in the United States.

*Roads to Resources Program.*—An interdepartmental committee was set up in 1955 to decide on matters of policy and to determine the locations and priorities of proposed roads. The Minister of Mines sits on this committee with the Provincial Treasurer and the Ministers of Lands and Forests and of Highways. The Department of Highways supervises the construction of all access roads. The sum of \$1,500,000 a year is made available for such projects, provided on a 50-50 basis by the Ontario Government and the Federal Government.

**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. The 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.

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, natural gas and helium, 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.