Investigation and Suppression of Inductive Interference.—The Radio Act provides penalties for selling or using apparatus liable to cause interference to radio reception. Standards are developed and type approvals issued for certain classes of such equipment. The Telecommunications and Electronics Branch of the Department of Transport provides also a country-wide interference service using special investigation equipment for the purpose of tracing sources of interference and recommending cures for interference to broadcast, television and other radio reception.

Cars equipped for measuring and locating sources of interference operate from offices located in 30 cities throughout Canada; 27,134 cases were dealt with during the year ended Mar. 31, 1964. Sources include power lines, auto ignitions, heavy electrical equipment, domestic appliances, electro-medical apparatus, industrial radio frequency generators and TV receivers.

Regulations specifying the limits to be met by particular types of apparatus are contained in the Radio Noise Limits Order. Certain low-powered radio transmitting and receiving equipment is exempt from the operation of the Radio Act, e.g., garage door radio controls for a number of models have been exempted and consequently may be operated without the radio station licence otherwise required.

Meteorological Communications.—Weather stations operated by the Meteorological Branch of the federal Department of Transport throughout Canada are linked coast-to-coast by means of teletype and in the remote northern areas by radio or radioteletype. The land-line teletype circuits are leased from commercial companies and the radio circuits are operated chiefly by the Telecommunications and Electronics Branch of the Department of Transport.

Weather stations on the teletype network transmit their reports directly; other stations report via commercial or radio facilities to the nearest station on the teletype line for subsequent transmission on the meteorological circuit. The reports are collected on a regional basis and then relayed to other parts of the country as required. There are two coast-to-coast teletype systems transmitting weather information, with main relay points at Vancouver, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, Gander and Goose Bay. These main meteorological communications centres not only handle the distribution of weather information within Canada including the Arctic, but also effect international exchange with the United States and Europe and, through them, with many other countries. For the latter purpose, the Canadian Meteorological Branch and the British Meteorological Office share the cost of a leased duplex circuit in the transatlantic cable. Altogether, the Meteorological Branch uses 55,800 miles of teletype circuits connecting 355 teletype offices.

In addition, a facsimile network connects forecast offices, including radio facsimile transmission to Arctic stations and ships at sea. Weather charts originating at the Central Analysis Office in Montreal receive national distribution over the network. Regional transmissions of additional charts are distributed on a local basis. Altogether, the Meteorological Branch utilizes 14,500 miles of facsimile circuits, serving 80 offices.

Radio Aids to Marine and Aeronautical Navigation.—Services of the Telecommunications and Electronics Branch of the Department of Transport in aid of marine and aeronautical navigation are outlined in the following paragraphs; details may be obtained on request from the Department of Transport, Ottawa.

Marine Navigation.—Radio aids to marine navigation are provided for about 4,000 radio-equipped Canadian vessels and almost as many foreign ships using Canadian waters. This safety and communications service for shipping covers the East and West Coasts, the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River and Gulf, Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait and includes regularly broadcast weather reports, storm warnings and notices of dangers to navigation.