

## Section 4.—Other Federal Resource Agencies and Their Federal-Provincial Programs

**The Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources.**—This Department engages in many diverse activities including administration of national parks, some of the aspects of water resources under federal jurisdiction, administration of the resources of the Yukon and Northwest Territories, wildlife administration (particularly the Migratory Birds Convention Act) and administration of other natural resources under federal jurisdiction. The Water Resources Branch, the National Parks Branch and the Northern Administration Branch, in particular, deal with natural resources and administer the federal-provincial agreements and programs, which are as follows. *Roads to Resources Agreements*: made with all provinces between 1958 and 1960, involve construction of access roads mainly to mining, lumbering and tourism areas; total federal expenditure to Mar. 31, 1965 was approximately \$59,000,000, matched by equal provincial expenditure. *Canada Water Conservation Assistance Act* (see p. 448). *Fraser River Board*: established in 1949 to study flood control, hydro development, etc. The Federal Government has spent about \$1,800,000 on research and other activities to date; British Columbia has spent a similar amount.\* *Columbia River Agreements*: signed in 1963 and 1964 to define the rights and obligations to British Columbia under the Columbia River Treaty and related arrangements. *Prairie Provinces Water Board*: comprised of one member from each of the Prairie Provinces and two members from the Federal Government; its function is to recommend water allocation from interprovincial streams to each province. *Nelson River Investigation*: established in 1963 to study power sites on the river and the means of achieving their development. The Nelson River Programming Board and Administrative Committee, the former comprising three federal and three Manitoba members and the latter two members each, have completed preliminary engineering studies of power potential of the system at a cost, up to Mar. 31, 1965, of approximately \$1,281,000 to the Federal Government and a similar amount to Manitoba. *Greater Winnipeg Floodway Program*: an agreement with Manitoba in 1962 provides for the construction of a floodway for the Red River, to extend from St. Norbert past Lockport, at a cost to the Federal Government of nearly \$37,000,000 and a total cost of about \$63,000,000; \$15,461,000 had been spent by the Federal Government by 1965. *Ottawa River Engineering Board*: established to conduct joint hydrologic studies by the Federal Government, Ontario and Quebec of the storage and regulation possibilities in the Ottawa River Basin from the viewpoint of all interests affected, including uses for power, logging, navigation, municipal uses, etc. *Study of Flood Flows*: established in 1961 between Nova Scotia and the Federal Government for a one-year program to study the size, location and frequency of flood flows in Nova Scotia water-courses.† *Hydrometric and Sediment Survey*: beginning in the 1930's this program, varying between provinces, provides for sedimentation and hydrometric studies in most provinces. *Grand Rapids Habitat Study*: involves examination of the Moose Lake area of Manitoba on the effect of the Grand Rapids dam on wildlife habitat, particularly that of muskrat and migratory birds. *Fur Conservation Agreements*: established between the Federal Government‡ and Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan for the construction of water control works to improve management of fur bearing animals, chiefly muskrat, in marsh-land areas. *Wildlife Inventory Program*: joint studies are carried out informally, e.g., the waterfowl inventory conducted by the Federal Government, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, the Prairie Provinces and the Provinces of British Columbia, Ontario and Newfoundland, and the caribou inventory by the Federal Government and the governments of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Quebec and Newfoundland. *Trans-Canada Highway*

\*The Department of Fisheries is also a member of the Fraser River Board.

†The federal Department of Transport is also participating in this study.

‡The Indian Affairs Branch of the Department of Citizenship and Immigration is also involved in these agreements and works.