

**Subsection 2.—Provincial Government Aid\***

**Newfoundland.**—The Newfoundland Government, through its Mines Branch, provides several valuable services to those interested in prospecting and mining. It publishes, for sale at nominal cost, geological reports, geophysical maps and compilations of general data pertaining to specific areas and makes available, from unclassified files, various other information to interested parties. It identifies specimens sent in from Newfoundland and Labrador and assays by chemical means those that warrant such assessment. If good specimens from a known area warrant further investigation, a geologist from the Department of Mines, Agriculture and Resources is available to visit the locality and give advice. A complete set of minerals and rocks commonly found in Newfoundland, together with covering literature, is available at a nominal fee to any person on request. Prospector's or miner's permits are issued by the Department and claims are registered.

**Nova Scotia.**—Under the provisions of the Mines Act (RSNS 1954, c. 179), the Government of Nova Scotia may assist a mining company or operator in the sinking of shafts, slopes, deeps and winzes and the driving of adits, tunnels, crosscuts, raises and levels. This assistance may take the form of work performed under contract, the payment of bills for materials and labour, or the guarantee of bank loans. Any such work must be approved by the Department of Mines. Mining machinery and equipment to be used in searching for or testing and mining minerals may be made available through the Government. Such equipment is under the direct supervision of the Chief Mining Engineer.

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.**—The Mines Branch of the Department of Lands and Mines has five divisions. 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. All mines are regularly inspected, laboratory facilities are maintained and certain equipment used in mines must be approved by the Division. 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 and preliminary examinations of mineral prospects are made when 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 aero-magnetic 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 Department of Natural Resources administers general mining in the province, under authority of the Quebec Mines Act (RSQ 1941, c. 196).† The Department has two Branches—the Geological Services Branch and the Mining Services Branch—and, in addition, operates research laboratories and a pilot-plant.

The work of the *Geological Services Branch* is conducted through a Geological Exploration Division, a Mineral Deposits Division, a Mapping Division and a Water, Gas and Oil Division. It is responsible for the geological surveying of Quebec territory, with a view to

\* Compiled from material supplied by the respective provincial governments.

† Replaced by a new Mines Act, effective Jan. 1, 1966.