

promoting the development of the province's mineral resources. Yearly expeditions in the field provide information upon which detailed reports on various districts and geological maps are prepared for the use of interested persons. A unique mapping index is maintained through which prospectors may quickly obtain accurate information of value to their operations. The Water, Gas and Oil Division conducts hydro-geological surveys in quest of subterranean water and supervises drilling and boring operations undertaken by private companies in search of natural gas and oil.

The *Mining Services Branch* includes: General Mining Division, a Civil Engineering Division and a Mines Inspection Division. It issues prospecting and development permits, grants mining lands for working purposes, and collects fees for mining rights. It is responsible for the inspection of mines, quarries and processing plants to ensure that operations are consistent with regulations and to ensure the safety of mine workers. A trained rescue crew of about 375 members operates as three main groups and nine secondary groups. In addition, all workers in active underground mines are trained in rescue operations. The Department undertakes the construction and maintenance of mine roads as authorized under the Mines Act; it has constructed and paid the full cost of certain highways leading to new mining districts. In addition, to avoid the establishment of slums in the vicinity of mining enterprises, the Department regulates the use of the land and authorizes the building of well-organized residential areas.

Laboratories, operated for the use of prospectors, geologists, engineers and mine operators, include equipment for mineralogy, petrography, the dressing of ore, wet and dry assays, spectrography or X-ray photography. Mineral determinations are made free of charge but the assaying of ore content is subject to a fee; free coupons are issued by the Department to be used by prospectors for payment of assays. The laboratories have patented 12 new processes for the extraction and treatment of minerals and, because of the development of such new metallurgical processes, certain minerals once deemed valueless are now of great commercial importance.

To provide for the future development of the mining industry, scholarships are granted to students wishing to follow a career in geology, mining and metallurgical engineering, as well as to students in hydrology or other relevant fields of science (hydro-electricity, hydraulics or meteorology). The Department, in co-operation with universities in Quebec and Montreal, gives yearly courses in prospecting and lectures are given by departmental geologists and engineers at various points in the province.

Ontario.—The Ontario Department of Mines renders a multiplicity of services of direct assistance to the mining industry within the province. The *Mining Lands Branch* of the Department handles all matters dealing with the recording of mining claims, assessment work, etc., and the preparation of title to mining lands. As a service to the mining public, individual township maps are prepared and kept up to date showing lands open for staking and recorded and patented claims therein. District Mining Recorders maintain offices at strategic locations throughout the province. The *Geological Branch* carries on a continuing program of geological mapping and investigation and prepares, for the use of the public, detailed reports and maps of the areas studied. A program is under way, in co-operation with the Geological Survey of Canada, through which the whole province is to be flown and mapped in a series of airborne magnetometer surveys. In many active areas of the province, resident geologists gather and make available to the public information concerning geological conditions, exploration and development within their respective districts. A geologist specializing in industrial minerals investigates methods of treatment and recovery of such minerals and compiles data on the uses, specifications and markets for such products. During the winter months, courses of instruction for prospectors are held in various centres throughout the province.

The work done by the *Laboratory Branch* includes wet analyses and assays of metal and rock constituents on a custom fee basis, as well as mineralogical analyses and physical testing. The same service is given free of charge to holders of valid assay coupons issued for the performance of assessment work on mining claims. The *Temiskaming Testing*