

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 Laboratories*, situated at Cobalt, operate a bulk sampling plant mainly to assist the producers of the area in marketing their silver-cobalt ores; they also perform fire assays and chemical analyses. The *Inspection Branch* administers the operating rules of the Mining Act which call for the regular examination of all operating mines, quarries, sand and gravel pits and certain metallurgical works with a view to ensuring proper conditions of health and safety to the men employed. District offices to serve the local areas are maintained in the major mining centres of the province. Mine rescue stations in the principal mining sections are operated under the supervision of the Branch and all hoisting ropes in use at mines are periodically tested by a Branch-operated cable-testing laboratory.

Since 1951 the Department has been engaged in a road-building program to give access to mineralized areas and open them for full development. In 1955 this became an interdepartmental project with other interested departments participating through an interdepartmental committee of Ministers which decides on priorities and locations. Actual construction is carried out by the Department of Highways. The federal-provincial Roads to Resources Program was inaugurated in Ontario in 1959; under the terms of agreement, the federal and provincial governments share equally in the cost of constructing roads to otherwise inaccessible areas (see also the Transportation Chapter, Part III, Section 2).

The *Public Relations Office* of the Department carries out a regular publicity and information program and maintains a library of films on mining subjects which are available for free loan to the public. Each year, displays pertaining to mining are prepared and presented at the Canadian National Exhibition and elsewhere in the province.

**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 assisting in the construction of access roads to mining districts.

To encourage the exploration for minerals in Manitoba, the Mineral Exploration Assistance Act was passed in April 1966. This Act provides for the payment of grants to individuals to assist in defraying the cost of exploration within designated areas. If assisted exploration results in the discovery of a deposit, the grant is repayable from the profits of the mine; a grant for exploration that proves unsuccessful is not repayable.

**Saskatchewan.**—Assistance to the mining industry in Saskatchewan is administered by the Department of Mineral Resources. The *Mineral Lands Branch* of the Department is responsible for administering the Precambrian Assistance Program. This Program,