Several programs have been completed in which large groups of stars have been studied individually to determine their true luminosities and motions in the line of sight. The results have then been used for research on the structure of the earth's Milky Way galaxy. From spectroscopic studies of certain types of close double stars, information on such properties as the size, mass, density and temperature of individual stars is secured. Stars whose light varies in intensity have been studied by photography for many clusters of stars and are also studied by photoelectric devices mounted on the telescopes at Victoria, Toronto and the University of Western Ontario.

Although the optical telescopes in Canada have not been used for extragalactic research, many of the stronger sources in the field of radio astronomy are now known to be exceedingly distant objects far beyond the stars of the earth's galaxy. Canadian radio telescopes are and will continue to be engaged in the observation of such sources. At the same time they are also involved in the study of clouds of gas between the stars of the Milky Way system and this work complements the knowledge gained from spectroscopic research with optical telescopes. The large size of the Queen Elizabeth II telescope planned for Mount Kobau will guarantee Canadian astronomers an opportunity to become active in all fields of extragalactic astronomy and will provide essentially complete facilities for astronomical research in Canada.

Section 5.—Other Scientific and Industrial Research Facilities

This Section outlines research facilities and activities other than those covered in Sections 1 to 4—various federal departments and agencies, provincial organizations, universities and industry. The first three types of institutions—federal, provincial and university—have, of course, an interest in problems of industrial significance. As already stated, although many Canadian industries now possess research facilities—some of them quite extensive—much of the industrial research to date has been done under government auspices.

Subsection 1.—Federal Organizations

Research activities in the various Federal Government departments and agencies have expanded rapidly, at first because of the need for speeding up the production of raw materials, which were long the basis of Canada's export trade, and later because of increasing interest in the processing of raw materials, the necessity of meeting the needs of national defence and the developing consideration for many human and resource requirements. In addition to the activities of the National Research Council, Atomic Energy of Canada Limited and the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources dealt with in Sections 1 to 4, there are a number of other federal agencies involved in research, as shown in Table 8, p. 432.

The scientific work of the Department of Agriculture is described in Chapter XI of this volume, the investigations conducted by the Board of Grain Commissioners in Chapter XXI, the specialized work in scientific forest research in Chapter XII, scientific services concerned with Canada's mineral resources conducted by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources in Chapters I and XIII, investigational work of the Department of Fisheries and the Fisheries Research Board in Chapter XV, research of the Canadian Wildlife Service of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development in Chapter I, medical and other research conducted by the Department of National Health and Welfare and other agencies in Chapter VI, and the work of the Defence Research Board in Chapter XXVI.

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development operates a permanent scientific research laboratory north of the Arctic Circle. This laboratory, at Inuvik, N.W.T., has year-round facilities specially designed for arctic research and serves as a base for extensive field studies in the Western Arctic. It accommodates a permanent staff