

### Subsection 3.—The Cape Breton Development Corporation

The Cape Breton Development Corporation was created by an Act of Parliament, assented to on July 7, 1967 (SC 1962-63, c. 10), and came into existence by proclamation on Oct. 1, 1967, as a proprietary Crown corporation. The Board was established to promote and assist the financing and development of industry on the Island, to provide employment outside the coal producing industry and broaden the base of the economy of the Island, and to acquire the interests of the major coal producer in the Sydney coalfield and reorganize and operate the mines with a view to the rationalization of coal production therefrom and the progressive withdrawal of the corporation from such production in accordance with progress made in providing other occupations for the employees concerned.

The Act provides for a Board of Directors, comprised of a chairman, a president and five other directors. It reports to Parliament through the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources. (See also p. 145.)

### Subsection 4.—Provincial Government Economic Planning Agencies

In a number of provinces, economic planning agencies have been set up or are in the formative stage. Only those that are currently active are described here.

#### The Nova Scotia Voluntary Planning Organization

During late 1961 and early 1962, the Government of the Province of Nova Scotia concluded that, within its limitations as a provincial government and in keeping with democratic traditions, it could increase the rate of economic growth by undertaking an economic planning program of a voluntary nature. Legislation creating the Voluntary Planning Board was passed in March 1963 by a unanimous vote of the Legislature. The Act stipulates that the Board shall consist of a chairman and a vice-chairman, the number of additional members and their terms of office to be determined by Order in Council. The Act also provides for the appointment of Sector and Segment Committees chosen from appropriate occupations by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council. A Sector is defined as "a primary portion or division of the economy" and a Segment is "a part or sub-division of a sector".

The general function of the Board is to assist and advise the Minister in the development and implementation of measures to increase the rate of economic growth of the province by means of voluntary economic planning. The specific duties outlined in the Act are to:—

- (a) co-ordinate the plans of the various Sectors of the economy and, based on these plans, produce a plan for the whole economy of the province for recommendation to the Minister as one which the Government might adopt;
- (b) collect, collate and disseminate information relative to the economy of the province;
- (c) advise the Government on provincial economic matters;
- (d) watch the performance of the Sectors in carrying out their plans and stimulate and encourage the carrying out of such plans;
- (e) envisage further plans that should be made and provide for continuity of planning for the future, both short- and long-range; and
- (f) conduct or arrange to be conducted such studies and investigations as the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or the Minister requests.

In addition, the Board serves as a liaison between government and people in all economic endeavours.

The Board in 1966 published a comprehensive over-all plan for the Nova Scotia economy to 1968 which includes the aims of economic planning and objectives for the first planning period. In 1967 it published an annual report and economic review which set out, to the extent possible, an assessment of the economy of the province in relation to the targets which were established in the over-all plan. Detailed Sector plans have been published for agriculture, forestry, tourism, transportation and communications, fisheries,