

Board, the Farm Loan Board, the Fisherman's Loan Board and the Timber Loan Board. The new Board will provide financing for tourism facilities, farms and primary agriculture processing, fish plants and vessels, saw and planing mills, and timberland.

Special municipal tax assistance which is authorized under the Nova Scotia Bonus Act may provide assistance to new or expanding firms by limiting either the assessment or the tax rate for a specified period of time.

The province co-operates closely with the Cape Breton Development Corporation, a federal agency, and contributes financially to some of the industry-development projects initiated by it (Chapter 4, Section 4.5.2).

New Brunswick. The Department of Economic Growth co-ordinates and implements the broad strategy of economic and industrial development activities in the province. It has three operating branches.

The Special Programs and Transportation Branch is responsible for directing and co-ordinating provincial transportation policy, the Special Areas Agreements between the province and the federal government as they apply to Saint John and Moncton, assistance to community groups to foster regionally initiated actions to establish and enlarge local industrial development, and provincial communications policy. The Transportation Division, working closely with its federal and provincial counterparts in the Atlantic Provinces, is involved with the Federal-Provincial Committee on Atlantic Regional Transportation and the Maritime Provinces Transportation Committee set up by the Council of Maritime Premiers. Through these bodies the Division advocates the development of national and regional transportation policies that make use of transportation facilities as development tools while recognizing the inherent characteristics of regional and provincial transportation systems. It is also concerned with airport and port developments and industrial transportation problems.

The Branch's Special Areas Division plays a major role in co-ordinating all aspects of the expansion and infrastructure programs in Saint John and Moncton under the Special Areas Agreement. The Special Areas Agreement, between the province and the federal Department of Regional Economic Expansion, outlines a joint strategy for maximizing economic and social adjustment by creating new employment opportunities through improving the environment to attract new activities in secondary manufacturing, commercial services and the expansion of resource-based industry in the two areas. Approximately \$91.5 million were provided under the Agreement for various infrastructure projects. The Special Areas Division assists the municipalities in developing an appropriate growth strategy and monitors the adherence of planning, design and construction functions to the time and financial schedules outlined in the Agreement.

The Regional Development Division's activities are concerned with assisting regional and community groups in areas of the province other than the Special Areas to organize themselves so as to be better equipped to accommodate industrial development. The Division has confined its activities primarily to the northeast of the province, the area encompassed by the FRED Agreement, where its function is largely to provide technical support in the industrial development field to the broader functions of the Community Improvement Corporation the provincial agency set up to administer the FRED Agreement. In other areas, the Division provides advisory assistance to communities on such subjects as organization of local development efforts, local promotion, and industrial land development and administration when requested to do so. Communities assisted in the past include Edmundston, Sussex, McAdam, Plaster Rock, Newcastle, Chatham and Nackawic.

The Branch has recently assumed a new role in the communications field. Activities include formulating provincial policies relating to all forms of communications media, particularly increased radio and TV coverage, especially in the French language, and to carry negotiations with federal, provincial, and regional bodies concerned with the communications field.

The Trade and Industrial Services Branch, through its Resource Utilization Division and Industrial Services Division, provides a support function for secondary industry in the province. The Industrial Services Division complements programs offered by the federal Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce in industrial research and development, product design, industrial technology, productivity, and duty-free imports of production machinery with a substantial external trade promotion program. This program includes trade