

information on the attitudes and opinions of the Canadian people, as expressed individually or through the media. On request, the organization will co-ordinate federal information programs and assist departments and agencies to improve the quality and efficiency of their information services.

On the date of its establishment, Information Canada assumed responsibility for the publishing functions of the Queen's Printer and for the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission (now Information Canada - Expositions Division); it also assumed responsibility for the Still Photo Library of the National Film Board (now Information Canada - Photothèque). Information Canada reports to Parliament through the Minister of Labour.

Inspector General of Banks. The Inspector General of Banks is required by Parliament to conduct examinations and inquiries into the affairs and business of chartered banks and the bank incorporated under the Quebec Savings Bank Act to satisfy himself that the provisions of the respective acts are being observed and that the banks are in a sound financial position. The Department of Finance includes the Office of the Inspector General of Banks.

Inter-American Development Bank (Canadian Section). Canada became a full member of the Inter-American Development Bank in May 1972. The Secretary of State for External Affairs reports to Parliament for the Canadian Section of the Bank.

International Boundary Commission. The Commission functions by virtue of the treaty of 1925 (RSC 1970, c.1-19) between Canada and the United States. The International Boundary Commissioners, one for Canada and one for the United States, are empowered to inspect the boundary, to repair, relocate and rebuild monuments, to keep the boundary vistas open, to maintain at all times an effective boundary line, and to determine the location of any point on the boundary which may become necessary in the settlement of any question that may arise between the two governments. The staff of the Canadian section of the Commission is provided by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, but the Canadian Commissioner reports to the Secretary of State for External Affairs. The Commissioners meet at least once annually, alternately in Ottawa and Washington.

International Development Research Centre. Established as a public corporation by Act of Parliament (RSC 1970, c.21, 1st Supp.), the International Development Research Centre is an international organization supported financially by Canada. Its objectives are to initiate, encourage, support and conduct research into the problems of developing countries and into methods of applying and adapting scientific and technical knowledge to their socio-economic advancement. One of the Centre's chief purposes is to assist these countries to develop their own research skills and facilities.

The International Development Research Centre's board of governors consists of a chairman, a president and not more than 19 other members, nine of whom must be Canadian citizens. The Centre reports to Parliament through the Secretary of State for External Affairs.

International Fisheries Commissions. The Minister of Fisheries reports to Parliament for the Canadian sections of the several international fisheries commissions of which Canada is a member.

International Joint Commission. This Commission was established under a Britain - United States treaty signed January 11, 1909 and ratified by Canada in 1911 (SC 1911, c.28, as amended). The Commission, composed of six members (three appointed by the President of the United States and three by the Government of Canada), is governed by five specific Articles of the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909. The Commission's approval is required for any use, obstruction or diversion of boundary waters affecting the natural level or flow of boundary waters in the other country; and for any works in waters flowing from boundary waters or below the boundary in rivers flowing across the boundary which raise the natural level of waters on the other side of the boundary.

Problems arising along the common frontier are also referred to the Commission by either country for examination and report, such report to contain appropriate conclusions and recommendations. In addition, questions or matters of difference between the two countries may be referred to the Commission for decision, provided both countries consent.

The Commission has been given responsibilities under the Canada - United States Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement of April 15, 1972 to assist in the implementation of the Agreement by co-ordinating the various programs referred to therein and monitoring their effectiveness.

The Commission reports to the Secretary of State for External Affairs of Canada and to the Secretary of State of the United States.

Interprovincial Boundary Commission. The Manitoba-Saskatchewan Interprovincial Boundary Commission, consisting of a commissioner from each province and the Surveyor General of Canada, is the only commission concerned with boundaries between provinces. However, there are also boundary commissions responsible for the borders between the following provinces and territories: Manitoba and the Northwest Territories; Saskatchewan and the Northwest Territories; Alberta and the Northwest Territories; and British Columbia, the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories. All these commissions report to Parliament through the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.