

which had stressed the need for the federal government to foster efficiency and effect economies wherever possible. The Minister of Supply and Services is also the Receiver General for Canada and exercises all the duties, powers and functions assigned to that office by law.

The Department is organized into two major administrations, each headed by a Deputy Minister directly responsible to the Minister. The Supply Administration administers the Supply Programme, the objective of which is to acquire and provide, at minimum cost consonant with the attainment of national goals, goods and services required by federal government departments and agencies. It also maintains federal government equipment and provides printing facilities. Beginning with the 1973-74 fiscal year, the Supply Administration will recover the costs of services rendered from its customers. The Supply Administration has 18 regional or district supply offices across Canada. At various locations it provides purchasing and warehousing services and other services such as field contract administration, equipment maintenance, security, emergency supply planning, assets management and printing. The Overseas Region consists of two supply offices, one in London, England and the other in Koblenz, Federal Republic of Germany and one contract administration office in Washington, DC. The Supply Administration is organized into Commercial Supply Service, Science and Engineering Procurement Service and Corporate Management Service.

The Services Administration, acting for the Receiver General, provides payment or cheque-issuing services on behalf of all federal departments, maintains the fiscal accounts of Canada and prepares the public accounts. It offers departments and agencies a broad range of management and advisory services in management consulting, auditing and computer services fields. It also provides administrative services for all departments in connection with pay, pensions and other employee benefit plans, together with financial management reports and statistical information. Service functions are carried out through regional and district offices throughout Canada and abroad.

The Minister of Supply and Services reports to Parliament for the Canadian Commercial Corporation, Canadian Arsenals Limited, Crown Assets Disposal Corporation and the Royal Canadian Mint. The Minister also has the responsibilities of the Custodian under the Trading with the Enemy (Transitional Powers) Act, which consists of receiving, managing, releasing and disposing of properties seized from enemy interests during wartime.

**Department of Veterans Affairs.** This Department, established in 1944 (RSC 1970, c.V-1), is concerned exclusively with the welfare of veterans and with the dependents of veterans and of those who died during active service or as a result of disability attributable to war service. The Department is empowered to provide treatment services (hospital, medical, dental and prosthetic), welfare services, education assistance, life insurance, and land settlement and home construction assistance.

The Department has treatment institutions and facilities in six major urban centres and three veterans homes across Canada and it maintains administrative offices in the large cities and in London, England.

The Canadian Pension Commission, the War Veterans Allowance Board, the Bureau of Pensions Advocates, the Pension Review Board and the Army Benevolent Fund Board report to Parliament through the Minister of Veterans Affairs.

**Director of Soldier Settlement and Director of the Veterans' Land Act.** The Director of Soldier Settlement (SC 1919, c.71) is also the Director of the Veterans' Land Act (RSC 1970, c.V-4), and in each capacity is legally a corporation sole. For administrative purposes, however, the programs carried on under both Acts constitute integral parts of the services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

**Dominion Fire Commissioner.** The Commissioner is responsible for directing fire protection and fire prevention programs throughout all the civil departments of the federal government. His office compiles civilian fire cause and loss statistics on a national basis; he presents the data in his annual report to the Minister of Public Works through whom he reports to Parliament.

**Economic Council of Canada.** This corporation, established under legislation passed on August 2, 1963 (RSC 1970, c.E-1), consists of a full-time chairman and two full-time directors appointed for a term not to exceed seven years, and not more than 25 additional members to serve part-time and without remuneration. The Council is to be as representative as possible of the private sector, labour, agriculture, primary industry, secondary industry, commerce and the general public. Its functions are to study and recommend measures that will achieve the highest possible levels of employment and efficient production so that Canada may achieve a high and consistent rate of economic growth and that all Canadians may share in rising living standards. The Council reports to Parliament through the Prime Minister and publishes various reports and studies.

**Eldorado Aviation Limited.** This company was incorporated April 23, 1953 to carry air traffic, both passenger and freight, for Eldorado Nuclear Limited and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Northern