

Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Northwest Territories and parts of northwestern Ontario, so as to increase returns to the fishermen. It receives and exercises grants, rights, franchises, privileges and concessions from governments (foreign and provincial) and individuals.

Minister responsible:

Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

### **Grain Transportation Agency**

135 Lombard Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3B 0T6  
Information: Winnipeg (204) 949-5953.

The Grain Transportation Agency (GTA) is charged with the development, co-ordination and management of specific aspects of the grain handling and transportation system. The Agency, under the direction of the Administrator, is responsible for promoting transportation system efficiencies, monitoring railway performance relative to grain, allocating grain cars in co-operation with the Canadian Wheat Board and the Canadian Grain Commission, and generally co-ordinating the handling and transportation of grain. A Senior Grain Transportation Committee (SGTC), made up of senior representatives from all facets of the grain trade, was established under the Western Grain Transportation Act as an advisory body to the Minister of Transport and the Administrator. The Agency provides administration and technical support to the SGTC.

Minister responsible:

Minister of Transport

### **Health and Welfare Canada**

Head office  
Brooke Claxton Building  
de la Colombine Boulevard  
Tunney's Pasture  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K9  
Regional offices: throughout Canada.  
District offices: throughout Canada.  
Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 957-2991.

The Department is responsible for matters relating to the promotion and preservation of the health, social security and social welfare of Canadians. Its activities include investigation and research into public health and welfare; medical assessment and care of immigrants and seamen; supervision of the public health facilities of rail, water and other types of transportation; and supervision of such income programs as the Canada Pen-

sion Plan, Family Allowances and Old Age Security. The Department's mandate also includes the Fitness and Amateur Sport Program, which is designed to promote, encourage and develop fitness and amateur sport in Canada.

Minister responsible:

Minister of National Health and Welfare

### **Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada**

Les Terrasses de la Chaudière  
(Mail: Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H3)  
Information: Ottawa/Hull (819) 997-4059.

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada is part of the Canadian Parks Service and is concerned with the preservation, development, maintenance, operation and interpretation of national historic parks and sites and heritage buildings and canals.

Minister responsible:

Minister of the Department of the Environment

### **Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada**

Head office  
116 Lisgar Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0K1  
Regional offices: Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal.  
Information: Ottawa/Hull (613) 995-6486.

Appeals are provided to persons who have been ordered removed from Canada or to persons in Canada whose relatives have been refused admission to Canada. The Board makes available an independent court to which they may appeal such decisions, not only on legal grounds, but also on equitable grounds. Claims to refugee status are adjudicated fairly and quickly so as to afford protection to genuine refugees while discouraging abuse of Canada's humanitarian tradition.

Minister responsible:

Minister of Employment and Immigration

### **Indian Affairs and Northern Development**

Head office  
Les Terrasses de la Chaudière  
North Tower  
10 Wellington Street  
Hull, Quebec  
(Mail: Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4)  
Regional offices: Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Vancouver, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Quebec, Amherst.