

The published reports on these investigations are distributed free upon request. During the field season, about 30 parties are maintained in different sections of the Province. In mining districts, offices in charge of resident geologists are maintained to collect, preserve and compile geological information disclosed by mining explorations. The individual sheets of the compiled geology are made available to the public.

The Department employs inspectors whose duties are almost exclusively concerned with the safety of workmen in operating mines. Two Mobile Mine Rescue Stations are also operated and a mine rescue training program conducted.

In the field of education for prospectors, five-week courses at university level are organized each year at Laval and Montreal Universities. University scholarships are granted each year to deserving undergraduates and post-graduates in mining, geology and metallurgy, thus contributing to the training of qualified engineers for the benefit of the mining industry. Lectures are given to prospectors at different localities throughout the Province.

Ontario.—The Ontario Department of Mines renders a multiplicity of services of direct assistance to the mining industry within the Province, as briefly enumerated below.

Mining Lands Branch.—This Branch handles all matters dealing with the recording of mining claims, assessment work, etc., and the final issuance of title to mining lands. As a service to the mining public, individual township maps are prepared and kept up to date showing lands open for staking and recorded and patented claims therein. As new surveys are made or later data become available, maps are revised in line with such information. District Mining Recorders maintain offices at strategic locations throughout the Province.

Geological Branch.—A continuing program of geological mapping and investigation is carried out by the geological staff of the Department. Detailed reports and geological maps of the areas studied are made available to the public. In many of the active areas of the Province, resident geologists are engaged to gather, and make available to the public, information concerning geological conditions, exploration and development within their respective districts. One geologist specializing in industrial minerals is maintained on the staff to examine deposits of this order, investigate methods of treatment and recovery of such minerals, and to compile data on the uses, specifications and markets for such products. Collection and dissemination of information on ground water resources is also a function of a section of the Geological Branch. During the winter months courses of instruction for prospectors are held in various centres throughout the Province.

Laboratories Branch.—The Provincial Assay Office, located in the East Block of the Parliament Buildings, Toronto, carries out wet analyses and assays of metal and rock constituents on a custom fee basis and also renders the same service free of charge to holders of valid assay coupons issued for the performance of assessment work on mining claims. The Timiskaming Testing Laboratories situated at Cobalt, in addition to performing fire assays and chemical analyses, conducts a bulk sampling plant mainly to assist the producers of the area in the marketing of the cobalt-silver ores. A Cable Testing Laboratory, wherein all hoisting ropes in use at the mines are periodically tested, is operated under the supervision of the Inspection Branch.