

Control is exercised over the export of arms and munitions, implements of war, atomic energy materials and other strategic items. In collaboration with foreign governments, this Section also operates an import certificate and delivery verification procedure, instituted as an insurance against critically important shipments being diverted to undesirable destinations. The number and types of commodities under control change materially from time to time, reflecting the constant effort to remove restrictions as soon as the necessity for them disappears. Directories are maintained, which include lists of Canadian manufacturers and other exporters, together with details of the products they are in a position to sell abroad, and also lists of Canadian importing houses and details of their foreign connections and their interests in the import field. These directories are confidential and are supplied only to Canadian Government Trade Commissioners.

Agriculture and Fisheries Branch.—The main functions of this Branch include: (1) trade promotion relating to agricultural and fisheries products; (2) the programming, receiving and disseminating of information on foreign agriculture and fisheries; and (3) acting as a focal point for liaison on agricultural and fisheries matters with the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Fisheries, the Canadian Wheat Board, and other government departments and boards.

In the field of trade promotion, the Grain Division and the Food and Agriculture Division assist Canadian exporters of agricultural and fisheries products in finding *markets in other countries*. Canadian firms are supplied with information with respect to market conditions and requirements in foreign markets, competition from other sources of supply, exchange and tariff restrictions and other related information. Canadian Trade Commissioners throughout the world are kept fully informed on such matters as production and price trends in Canada, quantities of commodities available for export and sources of supply.

The Grain Division deals specifically with matters relating to Canada's grain trade. Assistance is rendered foreign governments and other buyers in the purchase of Canadian wheat, flour and other cereals. Close contact is maintained with the flour millers as well as daily liaison with the Canadian Wheat Board.

The Commodity Officers concerned with live stock, live-stock products, meat, dairy and poultry products, fruits and vegetables, and fish and fisheries products, keep in contact with the trade and trade organizations dealing with these commodities. They are in close touch with the officers of other departments of government concerned with the disposition of Canadian production surplus to domestic requirements, and who are responsible for such items as health standards, grading and inspection.

A great deal of information pertaining to foreign agriculture and fisheries is received from the Canadian Trade Commissioners. This material, which reflects foreign government policy, production trends and market information, is processed in the Branch and distributed to the departments of government concerned and others interested. Much of it is published in *Foreign Trade*. The Trade Commissioner Service includes a number of officers who deal specifically with agricultural and fisheries matters. Some of these officers are located in Canada's most important export outlets and others in those countries with which Canada competes on world markets, particularly in such commodities as wheat, coarse grains, live stock, meats and dairy products. The information received from the agricultural officers and other Trade Commissioners on foreign agricultural developments is distributed in Canada through publications issued by the Economics Division of the Department