

The National Film Board.—The National Film Board provides information on a great variety of subjects in the form of films, film-strips and still photos. In keeping with its terms of reference, the Board's products are both informative and interpretative and are widely distributed, theatrically and non-theatrically. (See also Educational and Cultural Functions of the National Film Board, pp. 334-335.)

As a service to government departments, the Board maintains a film preview library of 4,000 prints where films may be screened with a view to purchase or for informational purposes. Some 500 film-strips are catalogued. The Board also maintains libraries of films on specialized subjects such as health, sociology, medicine and industry.

The Board has over 25,000 prints on deposit in more than 300 local libraries across the country. Additions to the libraries are circulated in preview blocks to film councils and circuit users before being deposited in a central library. Approximately 20,000 prints have been made available in libraries abroad, both in posts of the Departments of External Affairs and Trade and Commerce and in universities and other loan agencies. Libraries of films and film-strips are maintained in the Board's offices at New York and Chicago, U.S.A., and at London, England.

The Board's library of approximately 100,000 still photos serves government departments, commercial photographers and newspapers and periodicals in Canada and abroad.

Section 2.—Directory of Sources of Official Information (Federal and Provincial)

To make the best use of the Directory of Sources of Government Official Information, it is necessary that the reader understands the broad differences in function between federal and provincial departments and their separate fields of work.

Certain fields of effort, such as trade and commerce, customs and excise, currency and banking, navigation, transportation, radio, census of population, national defence, etc., are constitutionally federal affairs and, in such fields, the respective Departments at Ottawa are the proper sources with which to communicate. Other fields of effort, such as the administration of lands and natural resources, education, roads and highways, and health and hospitals, are the responsibility of the provinces under the British North America Act, but certain Federal Departments are also concerned with specific aspects of these subjects and, as is the case of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in the co-ordination and presentation of the material for Canada as a whole.

As a general guide to the public, it may be pointed out that questions relating to the actual development and administration of resources should be forwarded to the particular provinces concerned. The Federal Government, while not administering the resources within provincial boundaries, co-operates closely with the provinces and is in a position to furnish material for Canada, especially production data, on a national basis, marketing data on international, national and provincial bases, research work and experimental station data on a national basis, and also on a provincial basis from Federal Government stations located within particular provinces. In agriculture, for instance, data on the breeding of live stock and the improvement of strains, on agricultural marketing and on crop yields are cases in