

Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board.—The Board was appointed in 1947 under the Eastern Rocky Mountain Forest Conservation Act, which authorized an agreement between the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta relating to the protection and conservation of the forests of that area of the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains which forms part of the watershed of the Saskatchewan River. The function of the Board is to plan, supervise and undertake construction, operation and maintenance of projects and facilities necessary for the proper protection of the forests of the area to obtain the greatest possible flow of water in the Saskatchewan River and its tributaries.

During the first seven years of the agreement the Federal Government has undertaken to provide \$6,300,000 for capital expenditure and Alberta to provide funds for maintenance expenditures. During the period of capital expenditure the Federal Government appoints the Chairman and one member and the Province one member. After the capital period the Federal Government appoints one member, the Government of Alberta appoints two and names one of the three as Chairman. (See footnote, p. 98.)

Eldorado Aviation Limited.—Incorporated Apr. 23, 1953, to carry air traffic, both passenger and freight, for Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited and its wholly owned subsidiary, Northern Transportation Company Limited, the Company reports to Parliament through the Chairman of the Committee of the Privy Council on Scientific and Industrial Research.

Eldorado Mining and Refining Limited.—Set up in 1944 under the name of Eldorado Mining and Refining (1944) Limited (the name was changed in June 1952) the Company's business is that of prospecting for, mining and refining uranium ores in Canada. It reports to Parliament through the Chairman of the Committee of the Privy Council on Scientific and Industrial Research.

Export Credits Insurance Corporation.—This Company commenced operations in 1945, under the Export Credits Insurance Act, 1944, and comprises a Board of Directors (including the Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Deputy Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Bank of Canada) and an Advisory Council. Its function is to insure Canadian exporters against non-payment by foreign buyers arising out of credit and political risks involved in foreign trade. The Corporation reports to Parliament through the Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Federal District Commission.—This Commission had its genesis in the Ottawa Improvement Commission, established by Parliament in 1899 to improve and beautify the National Capital by the development and construction of parks and driveways and to co-operate with the City of Ottawa in local improvement and conservation. Its membership is honorary in character and is appointed by the Governor in Council, and it reports to the Prime Minister. In 1927, the organization's name was changed to the Federal District Commission, its scope of operations widened to include adjacent areas, and its membership increased to ten. Under the FDC Act, the mayors of Ottawa and Hull are included in its membership.

The Commission maintains the grounds of all federal buildings in the National Capital areas and landscapes the grounds of new government buildings. In the Ottawa-Hull area (exclusive of Gatineau Park), where it administers 1,878 acres, it has developed 18 parks and 22 miles of scenic driveways.

In 1946 the Commission became the federal agency responsible for carrying out the National Capital Plan. The membership was further increased to permit the appointment of a commissioner resident in each of the provinces and a separate honorary committee was established by the Commission to advise on the development of Gatineau Park. The National Capital Fund, to which Parliament has made annual grants of \$2,500,000 since its inception in 1948, was made available to the Commission to execute the work of the National Capital Plan, and a National Capital Planning Committee was appointed to act as a permanent honorary advisory body to the Commission on the implementation of the Plan.

Fisheries Prices Support Board.—The Board was set up in July 1947 to recommend to the Government price support measures when severe price declines occur. The Board functions under the direction of the Minister of Fisheries and consists of an Acting Chairman, who is a senior officer of the Department of Fisheries, and five members chosen from private and co-operative firms in the industry. The Board has authority to buy fishery products and to sell or otherwise dispose of them, or to pay producers the difference between a price prescribed by the Board and the average price the product actually commands.

Halifax Relief Commission.—The Commission, a joint enterprise of the Legislature of Nova Scotia (Statutes of N.S., 1918, c. 61) and the Parliament of Canada (Statutes of Canada, 1918, c. 24), was incorporated to administer relief funds contributed for the assistance of sufferers in consequence of the disastrous explosion at Halifax, Dec. 17, 1917. (See footnote, p. 98.)