

*Reforestation*

- (1) The Province undertakes to maintain its program for the reforestation of unoccupied provincial Crown lands at a level at least equal to the average of the three preceding years. Such lands may include those owned by a public authority within the province (e.g., a municipality or a conservation authority) if they are under the control of the Province for reforestation purposes.
- (2) The Federal Government undertakes to pay an amount of ten dollars for each unit (1,000 trees) reforested by planting and one dollar for each unit (one acre) reforested by seeding on such lands, provided that the conditions mentioned above are fulfilled. An incentive is thus provided for the expansion of reforestation programs on denuded provincial lands which are not under lease or licence.
- (3) In addition to the above, the Federal Government undertakes to pay one-fifth of the cost to the Province of establishing and operating new nurseries—that is, nurseries not yet in actual production—irrespective of what proportion of the nursery output is to be used for planting on public, licensed, or private lands.

*General*

- (1) The Province agrees to furnish the Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources with an over-all plan for the completion of the forest inventory, and to submit annual inventory programs and reports on work carried out under the agreement each year. Similar clauses are included with respect to reforestation.
- (2) The Minister's approval of all projects involving federal payments is required, and provision is made for examination of such projects by his representatives before payment. Sharable cost projects may be carried out either directly by agencies of the provincial government, or by private agencies under contract with the Province. The approval of the Minister is necessary with respect to any contracts relating to work performed under the agreement.
- (3) Expenditures made by the Province, for which the latter is reimbursed by some other person or agency, are not sharable by the Federal Government.
- (4) Matters relating to accounting, auditing, and the submission and payment of claims for reimbursement, are dealt with from federal standpoint by officers of the Comptroller of the Treasury's staff, working in co-operation with the Forestry Branch representatives.

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENTS

In order to carry out the duties and responsibilities devolving upon the Forestry Branch of the Department of Northern Affairs and National Resources in connection with the administration of the agreements, a Provincial Agreements Section was established in the Forestry Operations Division of this Branch. Liaison Officers assist the Branch's District Forest Officers in the performance of these administrative duties in the field. A spirit of co-operation and mutual goodwill between provincial and federal officials has prevailed from the outset.

In harmony with this co-operative approach, federal liaison duties are by no means confined to the examination of programs and reports submitted by the provinces or to inspection of projects in the field. Of equal importance are discussions and consultations with provincial officers prior to the preparation of programs, and on the technical details of projects proposed or in progress. It has thus been possible for example to effect substantial savings in some of the forest inventory programs by making sure that full advantage is taken of all existing material, such as air photographs, ground control, and base maps, suitable for the purposes of the inventory. This in turn is made possible by the excellent co-operation received from the Surveys and Mapping Branch and the National Air Photo Library of the Department of Mines and Technical Surveys, the Royal Canadian Air Force, and other federal agencies. On the principle that two heads are better than one it may not be unreasonable to assume that co-operation between federal and provincial departments, both charged with the responsibility for expenditure of public funds, will provide double assurance that such funds are wisely spent.