

department, will be transferred to the Department of Agriculture. The Area Development Agency from the Department of Industry, the Experimental Projects Branch from the Department of Manpower and Immigration and the Atlantic Development Board will also be included in this department. In addition, the Minister of this department will be responsible for the Cape Breton Development Corporation, and the Atlantic Provinces Power Development Act, both of which are now the responsibility of the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources.

All these boards, agencies and corporations play a major part in regional economic development. Their transfer to the new department, with its specific role, will provide a more co-ordinated approach to the problems of areas that have not thus far shared fully in the economic growth of the country, and provide a pool of expertise to deal with these problems.

COMMUNICATIONS

The growing importance of communications and the Government's increasing involvement necessitate one department and minister being made responsible for all government activities in this field. Consequently, a Department of Communications will be formed. To it will be transferred the functions of the Post Office Department.

Two elements of the Department of Transport will be added to this department. They are that portion of the Telecommunications and Electronics Branch of the Department of Transport which is not intimately concerned with the efficiency and safety of the transportation system of the country and the Government Telecommunications Policy and Administration Bureau. That part of the Defence Research Telecommunications Establishment of the Defence Research Board that is not intimately connected with research and development of a purely military nature and the Domestic Satellite Project Group, now located in the Privy Council Office, will be incorporated into the Department of Communications.

The Canadian Overseas Telecommunications Corporation will report to this minister, rather than to the Minister of Transport as at present.

INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE

The Department of Industry will be merged with the Department of Trade and Commerce to form a new department to be known as the Department of Industry, Trade and Commerce. This will result in one department capable of developing policy and providing a full and balanced range of services to both business and government in the industrial and trade development field.

The International Programmes Branch of the Department of Defence Production, except the division responsible for contracting in Canada on behalf of foreign countries, will join this new department.

The Standards Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce will be transferred to the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs and the Canadian Government Exhibition Commission of the Department of Trade and Commerce will be transferred to the Department of Public Works.

SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Arising out of the recommendations of the Glassco Commission, many changes were introduced beginning in 1963, affecting common services for government. The general objective behind those changes and the proposed new ones, is to improve the administrative efficiency by providing better services at lower cost within the machinery of government.

The supply element of this department will contain all the existing components of the Department of Defence Production, except the International Programmes Branch previously mentioned. To this will be added the Department of Public Printing and Stationery and the Queen's Printer, now reporting to the Secretary of State. In addition, the Shipbuilding Branch of the Department of Transport will be merged with the Shipbuilding Branch of the Department of Defence Production in this new department.

The Royal Canadian Mint, now the responsibility of the Minister of Finance, will at a later stage be made a Crown Corporation reporting to this Minister.

The new services element will bring together three units from existing departments. It will be built round the administrative support of the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, who is now an officer of the Department of Finance. It will also include the Central Data Processing Bureau, from the Treasury Board and the Bureau of Management Consulting Services, from the Public Service Commission.

This department, together with the Department of Public Works, will then provide the great bulk of common services required by the Government. This will permit the ideas outlined in the Glassco recommendations to be more firmly and quickly implemented.

CONSUMER AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

One of the main reasons for establishing the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs last year, was to provide a focal point for the interests of the consumer. This role is being carefully developed and the public has shown great interest in it. It is now appropriate to transfer to this department some of the regulatory activity, the primary aim of which is the protection of the consumer. The Standards Branch of the Department of Trade and Commerce and the Retail Inspection Services of the Departments of Agriculture and Fisheries will be transferred to this department.

The Department of Consumer Affairs is assuming forthwith the responsibilities heretofore exercised by the Food and Drug Directorate of the Department of National Health and Welfare with regard to economic fraud in foods, including deceptive advertising and packaging. This will include matters relating to the composition of standardized and unstandardized foods together with any misrepresentation in labelling and advertising.

The Department of National Health and Welfare and the Department of Consumer and Corporate Affairs have also been directed to prepare immediately a programme, to be supervised by the two ministers, under which the Government will be able to take more effective action to protect the economic interest of the consumer of food and drugs, and more