

annual examination of the store of bullion and coin at the Royal Canadian Mint. This does not include all the items, but we have named what we think are the more important ones. I have with me Mr. Marcel Laroche the officer in charge of our customs and excise audit division, and I would like him to say a word to the committee.

M. MARCEL LAROCHE: Il me fait grandement plaisir d'être parmi vous, aujourd'hui.

The CHAIRMAN: May I ask you one question, Mr. Long? Do you audit the civil service commission?

Mr. LONG: Yes, we audit the civil service commission.

The CHAIRMAN: Thank you.

Mr. HENDERSON: Now I wish to introduce Mr. Douglas Smith.

Mr. DOUGLAS A. SMITH (*Of the Staff of the Auditor General*): Mr. Chairman, the branches which I supervise and for which I am responsible for the audit are the following departments: fisheries, forestry, insurance, justice, mines and technical surveys—including the dominion coal board—the national research council, northern affairs and national resources; public printing and stationery; public works; transport—including the Canadian maritime commission—plus the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

In addition we have the following other major areas of audit responsibility: the government of the Yukon Territories, the Canada council, Canadian Patents and Development Limited; Crown Assets Disposal Corporation; the custodian of the Northern Ontario Pipelines Crown Corporation; and the Queen Elizabeth the second Canadian fund for aid in research on the diseases of children.

Mr. HENDERSON: Thank you, very much, Mr. Smith. Now finally we have with us Mr. Jack Douglas.

Mr. J. R. DOUGLAS (*Of the Staff of the Auditor General*): Mr. Chairman, my branch deals with the departments which are mainly concerned with the major social welfare programmes. The largest one in terms of expenditure is national health and welfare, which, as you no doubt know, operates the social security programme and the family allowance programme, and what are known as the categorical allowances programmes which are shared in by the federal government but administered by the provinces; these include old age, assistance to the blind, and disabled persons allowances. Then there is the hospitalization programme, the hospitalization insurance and the Diagnostic Services Act.

There is the unemployment assistance programme, and the health grants programme; those are the major ones. Then I have the Department of Veterans Affairs which, of course, deals with the treatment of veterans, and it has associated with it two independent bodies, the war veterans allowance board and the Canadian pension commission. There is also the Veterans Land Act associated with that department. The next one in size is the Department of Labour and the associated unemployment insurance commission, and two of the major problems which the Department of Labour is responsible for, the winter works programme and the vocational training programme.

The Canadian government annuities also come under the Department of Labour, and last of all, citizenship and immigration where, in addition, to their citizenship responsibility, and responsibility under the Immigration Act, they have the Indian affairs branch, and the national gallery which reports to parliament through the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Mr. HENDERSON: Thank you, Mr. Douglas. Now I would like to extend my thanks for the opportunity given to me and to my supervisors to appear before you today and outline in this way the scope of our activities. If there is any