

In 1879 The department of public works was divided into 2 separate departments presided over by 2 ministers - one designated minister of Railways & Canals. The other Minister of Public works. These changes were made necessary owing to acquisition of N.W.T. & construction of C.P.R.

drawn out & executed, Prepare certificates of work done, keep minutes of proceedings of dept. Carry on correspondence of dept. Engineer of dept prepares plans for works, estimates costs, gives effect to appropriation of funds acquired, provides for arbitration where parties cannot agree.

A few years ago this department was divided Railways & Canals were under it. They are now under a separate dept with a minister, a deputy minister, Secy, engineers under him which are clerks, draughtsmen &c.

Dept of P.O. (31 vic 10) amended & included in R.S.C. - The Postmaster Genl Dept has. Deputy, and inspectors. These officers are to see to the establishment of new P.O. & closing of old ones.

- (1) determine postal routes
- (2) App't Postmasters other than those appointed by Govt Genl.
- (3) to make & enforce contracts.