

proposed for lease or purchase, and the purchase of all supplies, including furnishings, for the residences of Canadian Heads of Mission. Arrangements for the conduct of the Department's business while extensive structural changes in the East Block have been going on has placed a heavy load on this Section during the past year.

Provision has also been made for a financial section to be headed by a senior officer who will supervise the expenditure of the monies voted to the Department for its operations in more than 30 countries of the world. The departmental financial regulations have been revised and this section will devote its attention to the administration of these regulations, as well as to problems of pay and allowances and the general financial operation of the Department at home and of each of our missions abroad.

Communications between the Department and offices abroad by cable, courier and mail have also reached proportions which warrant a different type of supervision and co-ordination. New methods have been introduced to ensure the maximum efficiency of service and to permit an intimate control of expenditures made on these items.