

NEW DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT

OUTLINE OF RESPONSIBILITIES. The new Department of Resources and Development combines federal Government responsibilities in the following fields. The Department announced today: forests, water resources not specifically assigned to any other Department, wildlife, the Northwest Territories and Yukon administrations, the National Parks and Historic Sites and Battlefields Commission, all federal Crown lands not dealt with by any other Branch of the Government, the tourist industry, housing, the planning and development of public projects and services, including the Trans-Canada Highway, the National Museum of Canada.

It is expected that the Head Office will be in the Langevin Block where the Minister, the Deputy Minister, the Director of Administration and a number of other officers will be located. The Hon. R.H. Winters is the Minister of the new Department. Deputy Minister, H.L. Keenleyside, formerly Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources, remains Commissioner of the Northwest Territories.

The Department is divided into five Branches, each under a Director. These are: Administration, C.W. Jackson; Development Services, R.A. Gibson; Public Projects, J.M. Wardle; Forestry, D.A. Macdonald; Canadian Government Travel Bureau, D.L. Dolan.

The Divisions which serve the Department as a whole, Administration, Economic, Legal, Personnel, Editorial and Information, and Purchasing are centralized in the Administration Branch. Chief Administrative Officer is R.K. Odell. Division heads are as follows: Economic, C.H. Herbert; Legal, W. Mason; Personnel, A.C. Wimberley; Editorial and Information, A.J. Baxter; Purchasing, to be appointed.

Departmental services which relate to the development of natural resources, other than forests, are combined in this Branch. Included are the Divisions of Water Resources, Wildlife, National Parks and Historic Sites and Battlefields Commission, Lands, and the National Museum of Canada. The Water Resources Division

is a continuation of the former Dominion Water and Power Bureau. Divisions, with Chiefs, are as follows: Water Resources, Norman Marr; Wildlife, Dr. H.F. Lewis; National Parks and Battlefields Comm., James Smart; Lands, G.E.B. Sinclair; National Museum of Canada, Dr. F.J. Alcock, Chief Curator; Administrative, A.C.L. Adams.

The Northwest Territories and Yukon Administrations and the Engineering and Construction Service also come under the direction of the Head of this Branch.

The Northwest Territories and Yukon Services are to be centralized under a Chief and will be known as the Northern Administrations. This officer has not yet been appointed. The other principal officers are: Yukon-Mackenzie River, C.K. LeCapelain; Arctic, J.G. Wright; Administrative, J.E. Doyle.

The principal officers of the Engineering and Construction Service, under the Chief, C.V.F. Weir, are as follows: National Parks Engineering, C.M. Maxwell; General Engineering, R.A. Campbell; Architectural, C.H. Buck; Administrative, R.D. McAuley.

In view of the importance of the Forest industry to the Canadian economy, and the increased demand on departmental services which are resulting from the passing of the Canada Forestry Act, the Dominion Forest Service becomes the Forestry Branch, under the direction of D.A. Macdonald, former Dominion Forester. The Branch is organized in three main Divisions, Forestry Research, Forest Products Research, Forestry Operations.

The Special Projects and Public Projects Divisions of the former Departments of Mines and Resources and Reconstruction and Supply, and the administration of the Trans-Canada Highway Act, have been joined in this Branch, and are under direction of the former Director of Special Projects of Mines and Resources, J.M. Wardle. The four main Divisions are: Trans-Canada Highway, Federal Projects, Joint Projects, and Capital Investment Registry.

MOTOR VEHICLES RECORD. Registration of motor vehicles in Canada in 1948 reached an all-time record total of 2,035,000, showing an increase of 199,000 or 11 per cent over the 1947 total of 1,836,000. There were increased registrations in all provinces and for all types of motor vehicles. Passenger cars numbered 1,496,800 compared with 1,370,200, commercial vehicles 504,200 compared with 439,700, and motor cycles 33,900 compared with 26,100.

Revenues from registrations, licences, etc., and the gasoline tax rose to \$175,619,000, or six per cent above 1947 receipts. Gasoline tax accounted for \$124,331,000 of this sum, or nearly four per cent more than in the previous year. Sales of gasoline on which tax was paid

amounted to nearly 1,231 million gallons against 1,121 million the year before.

Taking into account registrations of all types of vehicles, the number of motor vehicles in Canada averaged one per 6.4 persons in 1948 as compared with 6.9 in 1947. Including only passenger cars, there was an average of 8.8 persons compared with 9.2 in 1947, and 10.0 in 1946.

MR. GREGG HONORARY COLONEL: One of the Maritime's oldest infantry units, The West Nova Scotia Regiment has honored its one-time commanding officer, the Minister of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Gregg, by selecting him as Honorary Colonel of the regiment.