

in timber, laminated construction, plywood, shingles, millwork, poles and piling, preservative treatments, protective packaging and containers. International committees on which the Department is represented by Forest Products Research Branch officers include those of the American Wood Preservers' Association, the American Society for Testing Materials, and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations. Staff members are also active on technical committees of various trade and research associations.

Field officers of the Industrial Liaison Service assist industry by making plant visits for consultation and for supplying information related to technical problems. This service is a useful aid in disseminating the results of forest-products research. In addition, this close relation with industry assists in determining laboratory research programmes that will take specific regional and industrial problems into account.

Forest Economics

The Department maintains an Economics Division responsible for advising on the economic implications of policies and developments in forestry and the forest industries. The Division reviews the economic position of Canada's forest industries and keeps in touch with international developments in the forestry field. Statistical reports are prepared for the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the Economic Commission for Europe, and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development on a regular basis, and for other organizations as required. The Division compiles the National Forest Inventory annually from information supplied by provincial and federal government departments. Officers of the Division carry out economic research and economic studies on a number of aspects of forestry and the forest industries.

Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board

This joint Board, whose members are appointed by the federal and Alberta governments, is responsible for policies relating to the maintenance of stream flow on certain parts of the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Federal participation in this project is based on the fact that the Saskatchewan River has its headwaters in the Rocky Mountains and flows through the Provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, as well as Alberta.

Federal funds have been provided to finance construction of roads and other improvements needed in the protection programme, but forestry operations in the area are carried out by the staff of the Alberta Department of Lands and Forests.

Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada

The Department also supports research on pulp and paper through the provision of the building and some technical equipment for the laboratories of the Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada, located at Pointe Claire, Quebec. Departmental representatives sit on the Institute's Board of Directors. The operating costs of the Institute are borne by the pulp-and-paper industry. McGill University participates in the work of the Institute, through the provision of post-graduate studies.

PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Because 82 per cent of the productive forests of Canada is under the jurisdiction of the provinces, provincial forest policies are of prime importance.