

FINANCING THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

The National Research Council is financed largely by Parliamentary appropriation supplemented by fees for laboratory and other services, contributions from industry for special work, income from trust funds, royalties and sale of patents. During the war the Council's normal revenues were strengthened by special allotments from the Government War Appropriation.

FUNCTIONS

The main functions of the Research Council are:

1. To promote through research the utilization of the natural resources of Canada. This includes research to (a) discover new and improve known technical processes, and (b) utilize the waste products of industry.
2. To act as adviser on scientific matters to the various departments of the government.
3. To organize and co-ordinate national co-operative research programmes in which various departments and organizations have an active interest. Also to conduct researches, under conditions to be determined in each case, on behalf of single industrial firms or groups of firms.
4. To disseminate information on scientific research.

The fifth function, for which plans are as yet incomplete, is the continuing of inter-Commonwealth scientific liaison begun during the war.

ORGANIZATION

The Committee of the Privy Council on Scientific and Industrial Research

The Committee consists of Cabinet ministers nominated by the Governor in Council. At the present time there are eight; - the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (acting as Chairman), the Minister of Trade and Commerce, the Minister of Mines and Resources, the Minister of National Defence, the Minister of National Health and Welfare, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Agriculture and the Minister of Labour.

The Research Council

The Council consists of a president, two vice-presidents and not more than 17 other members. All are appointed by the Governor in Council. The president is the chief executive officer of the Council and supervises and directs the work. He is assisted by a vice-president in charge of administration and a vice-president in charge of laboratories.

Members of the council are selected from among men prominent in scientific and industrial work in Canada. At present they number fourteen and include scientists, college professors, engineers and one representative of organized labour. All members of the Council, excepting the president and vice-presidents, give their services free of charge and hold office for periods of three years.

The Research Council meets at least four times a year, to review past work and plan future projects. Four standing committees apportion the work of the council. They are: