

tion in areas with the most favourable climates and soils, Canada's 250 000 private woodlot owners supply 16 per cent of the wood harvested each year. Although the federal government owns little forest land, its monetary, regional development, industrial efficiency, research and development, tariff and trade, and transportation programs affect forest management.

Co-ordinating research and planning among two levels of government and the private sector is a major challenge. In June 1979 the Canadian Council of Resource and Environment Ministers (from the federal and provincial governments) recommended a set of general principles for a national forest policy. The principles recognize the sole responsibility of the provinces for managing provincial lands and promote common goals and compatible policies. The interprovincial group hopes eventually to develop concrete measures that the various governments will adopt.

*(top) Canada is the largest producer of newsprint in the world.*

*(bottom) The forest industries account for roughly 20 per cent of Canadian exports.*

