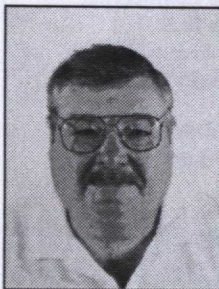


OTHER - TOURISM



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Key products/services:
Creates and maintains parkland

The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) is a self-funded agency of the Government of the Province of Ontario. The Commission has created and maintained a parkland that extends along the Niagara River from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario.

The preservation of the natural beauty of the falls, river and adjacent landscape is a primary function, along with the operation of attractions, stores and restaurants. The Commission is perhaps best known for providing free access for millions of annual visitors to many wonderful horticultural displays.

Renowned for the training of excellent horticulturists, the Niagara Parks Communication School of Horticulture's administrative staff have worked with representatives of the ALPHA Academy at Awaji, Hyogo, Japan to develop a horticultural training institution, modeled on the NPC's school and several other international horticultural facilities. The NPC School of Horticulture will represent Canada at the Japan Flora 2000 horticultural exhibition at Hyogo.

AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD



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Key products/services:
Tobacco marketing board

Formed in 1957, the Ontario Flue-Cured Tobacco Growers' Marketing Board (OFCTGMB), is a provincial marketing board which operates under the authority of the Farm Products Marketing Act, and the supervision of the Farm Products Marketing Commission. The mandate of the Board is to control the production and marketing of all flue-cured tobaccos grown in the province of Ontario. One of its chief functions is to negotiate crop size and price with domestic cigarette manufacturers and export leaf dealers.

The Board represents approximately 1,200 producers who in turn employ 15,000 to 20,000 seasonal employees, generating a farm-gate value in excess of \$300 million annually. Maintaining its dedication to the future of the tobacco industry, the Board plays a vital role in research, extension and export development programs. Apart from maintaining existing markets, the Board works closely with export leaf dealers to promote Ontario flue-cured tobacco in new export markets, including Japan and Australia.