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of Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation and, in addition, provides technical and secretarial support to the Associate Committee on the National Building Code.

*The Division of Chemistry* is concerned with supplying new scientific information for the development of Canada's natural resources and chemical industries. The work of the Division also consists of long-term fundamental investigations in organic, physical and theoretical chemistry designed to provide new basic knowledge.

*The Division of Mechanical Engineering* works in certain areas of hydraulic and mechanical engineering and naval architecture.

*The National Aeronautical Establishment* studies aeronautical research problems related to defence and civil aviation, working in co-operation with the Canadian aircraft industry. It also carries out its own research program.

The work of the *Radio and Electrical Engineering Division* includes engineering projects of interest to Canadian industry and fundamental research in electrical science. An Astrophysics Branch was created in 1970 for the purpose of co-ordinating the work of the various groups engaged in astronomical and related research.

The work of the *Division of Physics* is divided between research in areas of physics considered most likely to contribute in a practical way to the Canadian economy and research directed toward the improvement of the accuracy and precision of fundamental physical standards, on which all measurements are based. The Division also pursues work on fundamental problems that has no immediate application but advances the frontiers of knowledge and supplies the basis for further progress in the applied fields.

The *Atlantic Regional Laboratory* is engaged in practical and fundamental studies in chemistry and biology related to the resources and industries of the Atlantic Provinces.

One of the aims of the *Prairie Regional Laboratory* is to develop wider uses for crops grown on the Prairies by determining potential uses of crops now in production and by encouraging the production of new crops to meet specific needs.

Other units *The function of the Space Research Facilities Branch* is to develop and provide facilities to meet the needs of the upper-atmosphere and space-research programs of Canadian scientists in universities and government agencies.