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Sir,

1. I have the honour to submit the following report to which captional reference has been made.

2. LOGGING AND LUMBERING: This industry as reported in previous reports is by far the largest carried on in the District and constitutes the principal avenue of employment. During the period now under review the Anglo-Newfoundland Development Company at TERRA NOVA, who carry on the largest operations, cut a total of twenty-eight thousand, six hundred and thirty-nine (28,639) cords of pulp-wood, and shipped via Rail to GRAND FALLS twenty-two thousand (22,000) cords. Hauling operations did not commence at TERRA NOVA until around the middle of December, as a result there was very little wood hauled up to the end of the year. In the Terra Nova area there was an average of three hundred and twenty-three (323) men employed each month for the six (6) month period. Bowaters Ltd., who carry on operations at INDIAN BAY, did not operate on any large scale during the summer due to the fact that men were not available for woods work. Work in this area during the summer months consisted mostly of the loading of pulp-wood which was cut last winter, and during August, September and October months a total of nine thousand and sixty-two (9,062) cords were shipped via boat to CORNER BROOK. During the middle part of October Bowaters Ltd. opened up a number of new logging camps in the INDIAN BAY Area, and up to the end of the year had a total of eight thousand and fifty (8,050) cords of pulp-wood cut. Around two hundred and fifty (250) men were employed at INDIAN BAY during November and December. Mr. R.C. Goodyear, who carried on pit-prop operations in the District last year, shipped a total of seven thousand, five hundred (7,500) cords of pit-props from BUTCHER'S COVE during the summer, and employed on an average of two hundred (200) men. Some difficulty was experienced by Mr. Goodyear in driving operations due to the distance in which he had to drive his timber, and he was not successful in getting all of his wood down out of the country. However, he expects to have the remainder shipped this year. Mr. Percy Wells of HARE BAY started cutting pit-props at LOCKER'S BAY towards the latter part of October and at the end of the year had approximately seven hundred (700) cords cut. During the period under review there were around twenty (20) saw-mills in operation in the District.

3. EMPLOYMENT: There was no lack of employment in the District during the period under review, and this can be seen by the fact that Bowaters were unable to secure men for woods work at INDIAN BAY during the summer. Most of the men from the District who were employed on the various Defence Bases returned home during the summer; the work on the Bases having been finished. However there are still a few employed at GANDER but the number does not amount to very many. The majority of men in the District at the present are engaged in the cutting of timber, and there appears to be plenty of employment in that type of work

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4. GAMBO: In general game was reported fairly plentiful throughout the District during the period under review. The first Salmon entered the Brooks in the District around the latter part of June, and up to the close of the season good fishing was reported by the Wardens and various Sportsmen who visited the pools. In this District there are four good salmon rivers, namely: GAMBO River, MIDDLE Brook, TRAVERSE River and INDIAN BAY River, and during the season large numbers of outside Sportsmen visited these rivers. During the shooting season there was a fair sign of Wild Ducks and Geese, however, Ptarmigan were very scarce and there were no reports of any being obtained at all. Moose were plentiful in all sections of the District and further back in the country especially in the GAMBO Pond Area Caribou were reported to be fairly plentiful. As far as can be ascertained there were eighteen (18) Moose and thirteen (13) Caribou secured in the District during the hunting season. There were a few hunters visited the District from outside places, and animals secured by these hunters are included in the figures given above. There has been a fair sign of rabbits in some sections of the District, however, in other sections these animals are reported to be scarce. Reports received recently from trappers seem to indicate that Fox and lynx are plentiful, and some trappers have done real well with the fur since the season opened.

5. PUBLIC WORKS: During the period under review the Highroad from GAMBO to HARE BAY was under repairs and a new clay surface was applied to the road which has improved it considerably. However, in some sections the road is very narrow and it is hoped that next season something will be done in having the road widened. At WAREHAM and NORTH WEST ARM, INDIAN BAY repairs were made to the local roads by the residents, and a good job was done with the amount of money that was allotted to them. It is hoped next summer to have further repairs made. At HARE BAY the local roads are badly in need of repairs and during last fall a Local Roads Board was formed at that place, but due to the lateness of the season no work could be done. However, the residents hope to start repairs the first thing in the Spring. The Government Wharf at HARE BAY is also in bad condition and it is anticipated that a new wharf will be erected there in the Spring. This wharf is very important especially in the late fall when passenger boats are unable to get to GAMBO, as it is there that the boats have to tie up and land passengers. During last summer and fall there were seven (7) cars and six (6) trucks operating in the District.

6. AGRICULTURE: Very little can be said under this heading as the people in this District do not go in for farming on any large scale. However, most families at GAMBO, DARK COVE and MIDDLE BROOK manage to grow sufficient potatoes for their own use, while practically all other class of vegetables have to be brought in from outside. At WAREHAM, INDIAN BAY and TRINITY very little is grown; this may be accounted for by the nature of the soil which is very rocky especially at TRINITY. The hay crop in this District is very small and there is only sufficient grown to keep a few sheep and goats; all stocks used by the various lumbering concerns have to be brought in from outside.

7. HEALTH: On the whole the health of the people throughout the District during the period under review was good and there were no serious epidemics. At the present time there is no Nurse in the District and no doubt this will prove a handicap during the winter months. The R.C.A.F. Hospital at GANDER has rendered valuable assistance to residents of this District during the last few years, but it is understood that the staff in the Hospital has now been cut down and only cases of emergency can be admitted.

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8. EDUCATION: There has been very little trouble experienced in this District in connection with the Compulsory School Attendance Act, and during the past six (6) months there was only one (1) case brought before Court under this Act. A check made at the various schools during November month showed attendance to be good and it appears that parents are co-operating in every respect.

9. RELIEF: Relief issued by this Detachment during the six (6) months under review was in the form of sick-poor relief only. Those receiving the relief were widows, infirm persons and persons suffering from Tuberculosis, who had no other means of support. The following will show expenditures of sick-poor relief for the past six (6) months as compared with the same period in the previous year:

<u>1944</u>		<u>1945</u>	
July,	\$ 168.00	July,	\$ 132.00
August,	\$ 148.00	August,	\$ 152.00
September,	\$ 164.00	September,	\$ 152.00
October,	\$ 164.00	October,	\$ 152.00
November,	\$ 140.00	November,	\$ 152.00
December,	\$ 140.00	December,	\$ 152.00
	<u>\$ 924.00</u>		<u>\$ 892.00</u>

From the figures shown above it will be noted that sick-poor relief has not increased any. In addition to the above figures for 1945, there were twenty-seven (27) Special Dietary Orders of seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) each issued, amounting to two hundred and two dollars and fifty cents (\$202.50).

10. PATROLS - MILEAGE - COST - ETC.: During the past six (6) months the number of patrols undertaken by this Detachment was twenty-seven (27); the mileage covered being 1238 miles, made up as follows:

On Foot.....	127
By Car.....	450
By Boat.....	174
By Rail.....	<u>487</u>
TOTAL.....	1238

The total expenditures incurred re patrols amounted to two hundred and twenty-seven dollars and ninety cents (\$227.90), and were as follows:

Mfld. Ranger Force.....	\$ 89.10
Mfld. Ranger Force (Contingent a/c).....	\$ 50.80
Dept. Public Health & Welfare.....	\$ 56.00
Dept. of Customs.....	\$ 20.00
Dept. Natural Resources.....	\$ 12.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 227.90</u>

11. The total revenue collected by this Detachment during the period under review amounted to two hundred and sixteen dollars and five cents (\$216.05); the collections were as follows:

Inland Fishery Licenses.....	\$ 16.00
Game Bird and Rabbit Licenses.....	\$ 64.00
Radio Licenses.....	\$ 10.00
Weights and Measures.....	\$ 26.05
Dept. Public Works (Motor Vehicles).....	\$ 100.00
TOTAL.....	<u>\$ 216.05</u>

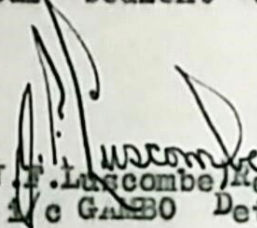
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12. CONCLUSION: Conditions did not change very much throughout the District during the past six (6) months. There was no great slack-up in employment and at the present time there appears to be plenty of employment offering. The outlook appears bright for the winter months.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,


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