

of the results of hydrometric surveys; extension of the meteorological service to secure all the data necessary for reclamation, irrigation and drainage and for the consideration of water-power problems; and co-ordination of water-power administration in the various Dominion and provincial jurisdictions. A resolution was passed in favour of future annual conferences under the auspices of the Dominion Power Board.

Control of Wheat Marketing.—By Order in Council of July 31, 1919, authority was given for the appointment of the Canada Wheat Board with powers to handle and control the purchase, sale, storage, transfer and exportation of wheat, and its products, and to make regulations for its sale. Under regulations since issued by the Board, prices per bushel have been fixed as cash payments to the producer from August 16, 1919, to July 31, 1920, or such other dates as may be fixed by the Board. An initial payment of \$1.25 per bushel was authorized to be paid for wheat grading No. 2 Northern in store at Port Arthur, and payments for other grades and at other points were based thereon. The crop of 1919 was to be sold by the Wheat Board at the best available world prices, and the surplus over the initial payment remaining after the deduction of necessary expenses was to be distributed to the original sellers at or before the end of the year 1920. Each original seller of wheat was at the time he made his sale given, in addition to his initial payment, a participation certificate denoting the number of bushels sold by him. On the presentation of this certificate to the Wheat Board he was to receive his proportion of the surplus to be distributed. This surplus will provide from 40 cents to 50 cents per bushel to the sellers in addition to their first payment made to them at the time of sale.

Cessation of Food and Fuel Control.—The Canada Food Board, created February 11, 1918, was dissolved by Order in Council of March 19, 1919, all functions vested in the Canada Food Board relating to license for exports from and imports into Canada being transferred to the Canadian Trade Commission. By Order in Council of March 5, 1920, the Order in Council of July 12, 1917, appointing a Fuel Controller, and all other Orders in Council and Regulations respecting fuel control, were cancelled.

Reconstruction of the Parliament Buildings, Ottawa.—Steady progress was made during the year on the reconstruction of the Parliament Buildings, the interior stone and marble works alone not keeping pace with the others. Many of the works not completed by the end of the fiscal year were then expected to be finished before the end of the calendar year. Most of these works are as follows: the exterior masonry of the main tower, the furring and partition work of the ground floor, the installation of the main switchboard of the electrical work, the plastering of the rooms at the eastern end of the main floor and portions of the ground floor, portions of the marble flooring of the ground floor corridors and the ashlar dadoes in the second and third floor corridors, the lavatories on the main and ground floors, the setting of the interior stonework except most of the main floor, some of the plumbing, the installation of certain