

The second group of Associate Committees has been appointed by the Council for the specific purpose of undertaking the organization, co-ordination and prosecution of research work on some major problem or group of problems. This group of committees differs from the first group in that its main function is to undertake the direction of the research work specifically assigned to it, but it also serves in an advisory capacity in its own field.

At the close of the year 1928-29, 27 such Associate Committees were in active operation under the auspices of the National Research Council. These Associate Committees usually meet at least once a year, at a convenient time and place, to discuss that part of the work of the Council with which they are concerned and to consider the manner in which the committee can most effectively co-operate therein and to make such recommendations to the Council as may be deemed necessary or advisable.

The total research organization actively at work under the auspices of the National Research Council during the year 1928-29 numbered 598 persons, of whom 483 served without remuneration. It would be quite impossible for the Council to pay for the service rendered and to provide the whole cost of the work carried out under its auspices, even if its financial resources were much larger than at present. A very real contribution is being made by these men and by the laboratories which they represent to the development of scientific research in Canada.

Subsection 2.—The Ontario Research Foundation

The Ontario Research Foundation was established by Acts of the Provincial Legislature passed in 1928 and 1929 (18 Geo. 5, c. 57, and 19 Geo. 5, c. 86). The objects of the Foundation are as follows:—

- (a) the improvement and development of manufacturing and other industries by the introduction of advanced methods and processes;
- (b) the discovery and better development of the natural resources of the province and the discovery and utilization of the by-products of any processes in treating or otherwise dealing with the mineral, timber and other resources of the province;
- (c) the development and improvement of methods in the agricultural industry and the betterment, welfare and progress of farm life;
- (d) Scientific research and investigation for the mitigation and abolition of disease in animal or vegetable life and the destruction of insect or parasitic pests;
- (e) generally the carrying out, with the approval or under the direction of the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, of any other research work or investigation which may be deemed expedient.

The scheme provides that half of the cost of the Working Foundation shall be borne by the Legislature and the remaining half by subscriptions to be received from industries and private subscribers. An Advisory Council of 25 persons representing the scientific, agricultural and industrial interests of the province was established by Order in Council of May 14, 1929.

The present premises of the Ontario Research Foundation are 47 Queens Park, Toronto, but a new building is under construction.