

administration of the Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act, the Maple Sugar Industry Act, and the Meat and Canned Foods Act so far as it relates to fruit and vegetables.

*Field Services Division.*—The direct administration of this legislation is the work of the Field Services Division, which also maintains a voluntary shipping point and requested inspection service covering fruit, vegetables and honey.

For the purposes of administration of the various Acts, the Dominion is divided into five Inspection Districts and three Sub-Districts. The Inspection Districts are Nova Scotia, Quebec, western and northern Ontario, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia, and the Sub-Districts are Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and eastern Ontario. Each Inspection District is under the jurisdiction of a District Inspector who has charge of all administrative effort in that district. Under him, senior or supervising inspectors have in their care the work of junior inspectors who may be employed on a permanent, seasonal or temporary basis. The sub-districts are under the immediate direction of senior inspectors who report directly to the Field Services Division at Ottawa.

The Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act and Regulations cover the grading, packing, marking, and sale of these products, also the licensing of interprovincial traders and registration of export and interprovincial shippers.

The Maple Sugar Industry Act prohibits adulteration, establishes standards and voluntary grades and provides for marking containers and registration and licensing.

Under the Meat and Canned Foods Act inspectional work is conducted on fruit and vegetables, canning plants are licensed and required to conform to regulations *re* sanitation. Canning factory samples are checked as to quality and export shipments certified.

*Markets and Transportation.*—The Markets and Transportation Division is concerned with the development of markets, both domestic and foreign, for Canadian fruit and vegetables. It collects and disseminates crop and market information of interest to growers and dealers. In a weekly bulletin it summarizes crop conditions, reports the state of the markets for fruits, vegetables and honey in twelve principal Canadian cities, and, during the export season, reports arrivals and prices of fruit on overseas markets. The Division also engages actively in (a) all rates questions, (b) transportation or physical condition of carriage under refrigeration, ventilation and heater protection, (c) portable or improvised pre-cooling facilities, and (d) warehousing apart from cold storage. The Division functions as the interprovincial traffic and transportation centre of the industry and, through intimate contact with shippers, provincial associations, the wholesale trade and the carriers, arranges experiments and demonstrations for improvement of shipping practices and facilities, and in rates and traffic matters is a co-ordinating factor between shippers and carriers. This Division also supervises the operation of certain onion warehouses constructed by the Department with a view to illustrating to onion growers the benefits of proper storage.

*Agricultural Economics Branch.*—The Economics Branch was established in 1929. Its work at present is, in the main, grouped under two Divisions, one having to do with farm and ranch management including land utilization, and the other with marketing. Activities are primarily in the field of economic research. In this connection, the program of the Branch has been conducted in co-operation with Provincial Departments of Agriculture, universities and colleges.