

The detailed survey of orchard soils in the Okanagan valley which was started in 1931 as a joint undertaking between the Dominion Experimental Farms and the provincial Department of Agriculture, has been followed by reconnaissance surveys of lands adjacent to the areas formerly examined. Soil maps and soil reports covering more than half a million acres in the Lower Fraser valley and a similar area in the Okanagan valley are in the course of preparation.

Details of the work of the Feed Standards Board appointed by the provincial Minister of Agriculture and of the Pasture Committee were given on p. 226 of the 1936 Year Book.

Subsection 3.—Provincial Agricultural Colleges and Experimental Stations.

Under the above heading, outlines of the work done at provincial agricultural colleges and experimental stations were given by provinces at pp. 198–203, inclusive, of the 1930 Year Book. The interested reader is referred to that volume, and to the following provincial publications, for information concerning courses and programs of work at these institutions:—

Nova Scotia.—Annual Report of the Department of Agriculture for Nova Scotia; Calendar of the College of Agriculture, Truro, N.S.

Quebec.—Announcement of Macdonald College, Macdonald College, Que., and the prospectuses and annual announcements of the College of Agriculture, Ste. Anne de la Pocatière, and the Oka Agricultural Institute and Veterinary School, La Trappe, Que.

Ontario.—Annual Report of the Ontario Agricultural College and Experimental Farm, Guelph, Ont.

Manitoba.—Annual Report of the Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg, Man.

Saskatchewan.—Annual Report of the College of Agriculture, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask.

Alberta.—Annual Report of the College of Agriculture, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alta.

British Columbia.—Annual Report of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.

Section 2.—Statistics of Agriculture.*

Census Statistics.—In addition to the statistics collected annually, which are the subject of this section, valuable information is published following each decennial census. The total number of farms, their tenure, acreage, value, mortgage debt, farm population, farm machinery and facilities, etc., were treated at pp. 295–301 of the 1934–35 Year Book. A summary presentation of agricultural development since 1871 was given in Subsection 9, pp. 270–273 of the 1936 Year Book.

Crop-Reporting Service.—The voluntary crop-reporting service of the Dominion Government, which has been in operation since 1908, has for its object the issue of accurate, timely, and independent reports on crop conditions throughout the

* Revised under the direction of Dr. T. W. Grindley, Chief of the Agricultural Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This Branch is concerned with both primary and secondary statistics of agriculture, including statistics of the production and distribution of agricultural commodities. The primary statistics relate mainly to the reporting of crop conditions, crop and live-stock estimates, values of farm lands, wages of farm labour, and monthly and annual prices received by farmers for their products. The secondary statistics relate to the marketing of grain and live stock, and reports on the milling and sugar industries and cold-storage holdings. A list of the publications of this Branch is given in Chapter XXIX, Section I, under "Production".