

fortnightly news letter dealing with co-operation and marketing. Under the Agricultural Representative Service, as established, the province is divided into districts where qualified men carry on promotional and educational work. The Apiary Division registers all beekeepers and promotes better management and practices. Agricultural societies are organized by, and grants are paid through, the Department, but direction of the activities of societies is centred in the College of Agriculture of the University of Saskatchewan. The Land Utilization Board, composed of representatives of several interested departments of government, facilitates the withdrawal of lands unsuitable for such use from arable farming.

**Alberta.**—The main services of the Alberta Department of Agriculture are rendered through its various branches to the live-stock, grain-growing, dairy, poultry, and mixed-farming industries. Apiculture and fur-farming are important among the minor agricultural pursuits. Agricultural extension is being encouraged through twelve District Agriculturists located at strategic points in the province; a women's home bureau organization, short courses and field days, and school fairs and junior club programs for the rural young people. The development of a horticultural station at Brooks where suitable varieties of ornamental and fruit trees are tested and propagated, is one of the Department's latest projects. Two schools of agriculture are maintained; crop reports and statistical information are published; weed control and production of registered seed are encouraged; and beef feeding organizations are receiving added support. The Department has also inaugurated a bull policy designed to improve the beef cattle, and a swine improvement policy is under consideration. The Department is co-operating with the University of Alberta, under the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Plan, to hold 36 short-course schools and it is supervising an intensive course in agriculture under Schedule "E" of this program.

**British Columbia.**—The Department of Agriculture deals with all matters of provincial concern connected with farming in its several phases. It consists of three main divisions, namely:—

(1) The Administration Division is responsible for the general direction of agricultural policies; the administration of legislative measures affecting agriculture; the supervision of agricultural extension programs; the collection of agricultural statistics; the preparation of agricultural and horticultural displays for showing at provincial, national, and international exhibitions and assistance to fall fairs. It also distributes departmental publications; supervises soil-survey work; apiary inspection; junior club projects; farmers' and women's institutes. The Markets Branch is included in this Division.

(2) The Animal Industry Division has direct supervision over general live-stock work in the province, including live-stock promotion and improvement; brand inspection; nutritional studies; animal parasite control, and contagious diseases of animals control. This Division consists of live-stock, veterinary, dairy, and poultry branches as well as the Brand Inspection Service. A pure-bred sire purchase policy is administered under which it is possible for farmers' institutes to purchase pure-bred sires under special financial arrangements with the Department. In the Dairy Branch there is a herd improvement service operating through Cow Testing Associations; official lists are maintained of pure-bred dairy sires which have five or more daughters with production records.

(3) The Plant Industry Division includes horticulture, plant pathology, entomology, and field-crop branches. Services of these branches include the general direction of fruit and vegetable production and various surveys dealing with