

provides. The 1 p.c. levy over the past few years would have yielded only about \$1,500,000 a year, which amount would have been quite insufficient to meet crop failure assistance in the past few years had this Act been in effect. It is hoped, however, that in years to come yields and prices will be better and a fund can be gradually built up so that a considerable amount will be available for agricultural assistance before recourse to public funds is necessary.

**Regulations Under the Act.**—The first step in obtaining awards under the emergency provision or the crop failure section of the Act or both, is the requirement that a province within the spring-wheat area make application to the Minister of Agriculture before August 15 in any year. Such application shall be supported by a list of townships considered to be eligible under the Act, with all available information pertinent to such application. The officer in charge of the administration of the Act, the superintendent, will then verify by inspection the eligibility for awards of townships included in such list. Each year, when the information on township yields and other information is complete, a Committee of Review shall be established, whose duties shall be to examine all the assembled data and determine the yield category into which townships shall be placed. It also shall rule upon the application of the Act and the regulations with respect to any classes of farmers whose eligibility for award may be open to question. The Committee shall report its findings to the Minister of Agriculture.

Before a farmer can benefit under the Act, he must fill out a prescribed form indicating the total number of acres of cultivated land in his farm. In the year 1939 such forms were required to be returned to the superintendent before August 1, but for subsequent years July 1 is the closing date.

**Operations Under the Act.**—The Committee of Review composed of three members was appointed by the Dominion Government on Nov. 25, 1939. The Governor in Council on the recommendation of this Committee declared, on Nov. 28, 1939, a crop failure area to exist in the Province of Saskatchewan. At the time of writing, the deliberations of this Committee are not completed but it is expected that a substantial number of townships in the three Prairie Provinces will benefit under the "emergency year" provisions of the Act. A farmer eligible for acreage payments receives 60 p.c. of the amount in the month of December and the remainder in the following March.

### **The Cheese and Cheese Factory Improvement Act, 1939**

The Cheese and Cheese Factory Improvement Act is intended to promote the production of high-quality cheese so that Canada may hold her preferred place for this product on the British market. The Act provides for the payment of a premium on high-quality cheese and also provides for assistance up to 50 p.c. of the amount expended towards the following: improvement of refrigerating and insulating cheese-ripening rooms in factories, standardizing of cheese-pressing equipment, and amalgamation of two or more factories into one factory.

The premiums paid by the Government amount to two cents per pound for cheese grading 94 score, and one cent per pound for cheese grading 93 score. The Government also pays one-half the cost of new material, new equipment, and labour utilized in reconstructing an existing factory or in building and equipping a new factory. The money will be paid provided that such newly constructed factory