

The Agricultural Extension Branch aids field-crop production, horticulture, beekeeping, poultry raising, suppression of insect outbreaks, boys' and girls' club work and various home-making projects. It also directs the activities of rural agricultural representatives and supervises the work of agricultural societies, horticultural societies and women's organizations. The Dairy Branch grades all cream supplied to creameries, supervises the activities of creameries and cheese factories and gives general support to the dairy industry. The Live Stock Branch licenses stallions, and conducts projects and administers policies through which encouragement is given to the production of better types of animals. The Publications Branch publishes and distributes agricultural literature and also is in charge of agricultural statistics. The Debt Adjustment Board, operating by authority of provincial legislation, seeks to avoid needless insolvency among farmers. The Provincial Veterinary Laboratory offers diagnostic, consultation and advisory services for veterinary surgeons and live-stock and poultry breeders.

Saskatchewan.—The Department of Agriculture includes branches with duties as follows: the Live Stock Branch examines and licenses stallions, safeguards the health of live stock, encourages the use of suitable animals for breeding purposes in the purebred-sire areas, arranges for exhibits of live stock and registers brands; maintains flock-culling and turkey-grading services and administers an approved hatchery policy. The Field Crops Branch promotes good cropping and tillage practices; encourages the use of good quality seed and distributes such under a seed exchange policy; and provides measures for suppressing insect and weed pests. The Dairy Branch licenses creamery operators, cream graders and testers; bonds creameries; and promotes herd improvement through cow testing. The Statistics Branch, in co-operation with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, maintains a crop-reporting service and gathers data respecting crops and live stock. The Co-operation and Markets Branch administers legislation governing co-operative organizations including credit unions, promotes co-operative activities; provides an economic research and inspection service for co-operatives; and publishes bulletins, reports, and a news letter. Under the Agricultural Representative Service the Province is divided into districts where qualified men carry on promotional and educational work. The Apiary Division registers beekeepers, inspects apiaries and promotes better management practices. Grants to agricultural societies are paid through the Department but activities are directed by the College of Agriculture. The Land Utilization Board, composed of representatives of several interested departments of government, endeavours to bring about the withdrawal from arable farming of lands unsuitable for such use.

Alberta.—The Alberta Department of Agriculture serves agriculture and the people of rural Alberta through its nine branches, each concerned with a particular phase of the industry.

Among the important services is the extension program conducted by the Extension Branch in co-operation with other branches. Through District Agriculturists located in sixteen districts, short courses, field days and lecture demonstrations, the Department of Agriculture endeavours to carry practical up-to-date information to rural areas. The interests of rural women are served through a program of lectures, demonstrations and correspondence courses. Publications