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Two schools of agriculture, at Olds and Vermilion, enroll about 350 students annually, who receive practical instruction in agriculture and home economics. Connected with each agricultural school is a large demonstration farm on which are maintained high-quality herds of purebred live stock. The Department also operates the Provincial Horticultural Station at Brooks, where suitable hardy varieties of nursery stock are tested and propagated.

A Junior Club program consisting of 175 clubs, seeks to meet the needs of rural young people, while 91 school fairs encourage the study of agriculture by younger children. The Department has co-operated in the Dominion-Provincial Youth Training Scheme and has extended the program this year to include rural mechanical courses for farm boys.

The Live Stock Branch recently inaugurated a new improvement policy to provide for the placing of purebred rams in farmers' flocks. Other important policies include the Bull Exchange Policy, the Boar Exchange Policy, the Sow Distribution Policy and the Stallion Club Policy. The Branch has also increased the feeding of beef cattle through its Livestock Feeder Associations Policy. To provide further aid to the live-stock producers, an animal pathologist was appointed and an up-to-date veterinary laboratory was opened in January, 1940.

Advancement in field crops was made by the formation of the Alberta Crop Improvement Association to co-ordinate the efforts of those interested in the production and distribution of high-quality grain.

The Dairy Branch serves the dairy industry and has increased its efforts in that respect by paying greater attention to the improvement of dairy cattle.

Through its various policies, the Poultry Branch serves the poultry industry and provides much assistance to poultry producers.

The Fish and Game Branch is charged with the conservation of wild life and enforcement of provincial regulations. Restocking of streams and lakes and instruction to fur farmers are among its important activities.

The Apiculture Branch serves nearly 1,600 beekeepers; and the Relief Branch administers the Land Settlement Policy.

Since the beginning of the War the Department of Agriculture has directed its main efforts towards the solution of some of the problems arising therefrom.

British Columbia.—The Department of Agriculture consists of three main divisions: (1) The Administrative Division is responsible for the general direction of agricultural policies; administration of legislation affecting agriculture; supervision of extension programs; collection of agricultural statistics; compilation of reports and publications; preparation of material for agricultural exhibitions; supervision of Farmers' and Women's Institutes; direction of Junior Club Projects and markets extension. (2) The Animal Industry Division supervises live-stock work including: promotion and improvement of animal production; brand inspection;