

At the outbreak of war the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture, on the advice of the Provincial Joint Advisory Committee, adopted a number of policies calculated to stimulate increased production of essential crops and otherwise to strengthen the position of the farmer for war-time needs. Among these were the following:—

Cheap Farm Lime.—The price of lime to farmers was reduced to a basic level of \$1.50 per ton, the Department absorbing the difference between this price and the cost at the quarry, and giving special transportation assistance.

Land Breaking.—Breaking-plows and tractors were made available at nominal rates to farmers for breaking up unused, over-grown land in order to increase feed-crop production.

Drainage.—Assistance was given in the purchase of tile for the drainage of farms, and also in transportation costs and in the provision of engineering supervision during installation.

Hog Bonus.—Bonuses of \$1 per head on A1 hogs and 50 cents on B1 hogs were given by the Provincial Department in addition to the Dominion Government bonus.

Apple-Tree Pulling.—Provision was made for the free pulling of old and undesirable apple trees in commercial apple areas.

Short College Course for Farm Boys.—Provision was made for a five-month course in practical farming at the Agricultural College for farm boys not yet of military age, or those not accepted for military service.

Rehabilitation.—A committee was appointed to assemble information that will be useful in the rehabilitation period, such as available farms, soil analyses, etc.

New Brunswick.—The divisions of the Department of Agriculture of New Brunswick are as follows: live-stock and agricultural societies; dairying; herd improvement; soils and crops; poultry; horticulture; women's institutes; extension; industry, immigration and farm settlement; field husbandry; beekeeping; fur; and credit unions and co-operatives.

Quebec.—The Quebec Department of Agriculture includes the following branches: horticulture, field husbandry, extension, animal husbandry, rural economics, and rural engineering. Each branch is divided into sections dealing with particular problems. There are also many other activities such as the Quebec Farm Credit Bureau, Agricultural Merit Competition, Provincial Dairy School, Provincial School of Handicrafts, and Provincial Farm School. The Department is responsible for the administration of many agricultural schools, 132 agricultural representatives throughout the Province, a staff of specialists, co-operative associations and women's organizations. There is, therefore, an administrative service from which accurate information may be obtained regarding every kind of agricultural activity.

Since the outbreak of war, agricultural production in the Province has undergone a transformation and Quebec farmers are doing their full share to help Canada fill contractual obligations with the British Ministry of Food.

The agricultural war effort of Quebec is concerned principally with the increased production of cheese, bacon and flax.