AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS

In addition to agricultural colleges, three of the provinces conduct agricultural schools with shorter courses similar to the diploma courses in the colleges. An outline of the work of these schools follows.

New Brunswick

,Until the outbreak of war, the New Brunswick Department of Agriculture operated an agricultural school at Fredericton, but these facilities have been taken over by the military authorities and the courses discontinued. The Vocational Committee of New Brunswick, however, operates an agricultural school at Woodstock.[†] Information in regard to the courses covered may be obtained on application to the school.

Quebec

Elementary Schools.—Elementary agricultural education is given in regional or district schools and also in agricultural orphanages. District schools operate in the following locations: Magdalen Islands, Val d'Espoir (Gaspe), Ste-Croix (Lotbinière), Mont-Laurier (Labelle), Ste-Thérèse (Terrebonne), La Ferme (Abitibi), St-Denis (Richelieu), St-Césaire (Rouville), Yamachiche (St-Maurice), St-Barthélemy (Maskinongé), Beauceville (Beauce), St-Rémi (Napierville), La Pérade (Champlain). Farmers' sons who have completed at least their sixth form in primary schools are admitted. At the end of a two-year course, the student receives a certificate in agriculture.

The agricultural orphanages giving similar education to orphans adapted to the work are situated at St-Ferdinand (Mégantic), Ste-Germaine (Dorchester), Lac Sergent (Portneuf), Sully (Témiscouata), St-Damien (Bellechasse), St-Jean Bosco (Québec).

Intermediary or Secondary Schools.—Secondary agricultural education is given by the middle schools of Rimouski, Ste-Martine, Nicolet, Chicoutimi and Ville-Marie to pupils completing the elementary training. After a two-year theoretical and practical course, the student receives a diploma in agriculture. This, course also includes instruction in other trades directly connected with agricultural life.

Special Schools.—There are a number of schools in the Province that give courses in particular subjects related to agriculture:

School of Dairy Industry, St-Hyacinthe.—This school gives instruction in the making of butter and cheese, the inspection of dairy products, etc. In its laboratory special research work is done on the fabrication of certain brands of cheese that until recently have been imported from Europe.

Schools of Household Science.—About twenty of these schools, supported by the Government, give instruction to future farm housekeepers. Students completing the course receive the degree of bachelor of Household science or a certificate.

Schools for Domestic Arts and Handicraft.—Two schools of this nature teach such arts as pottery, cabinet-work, etc.