

Department of Pensions and National Health and that the appointment of other women officers as needed should be made to give their attention to the welfare, guidance and training of discharged members of the Women's Corps.

The Advisory Committee on Economic Policy.—Functioning under the chairmanship of the Deputy Minister of Finance, this is essentially a committee of co-ordination. Its membership is composed of Deputy Ministers and its establishment and operation is itself recognition of the principle that the development of post-war reconstruction policies and measures must be carried on in many different Departments and through many agencies of government with due provision for effective co-ordination. The Advisory Committee on Economic Policy is responsible directly to the Prime Minister in a special sense: thus the Cabinet, which receives recommendations from several sources, including other advisory committees, often refers them back to the Advisory Committee on Economic Policy for analysis, comment and final recommendation. The latter Committee also makes recommendations on its own initiative to the Cabinet from the numerous complex studies and policies advanced by the diverse sub-committees composed of specialists in all branches of national endeavour. The relationship between this Committee and the Cabinet is, in fact, the *confidential* relationship existing between the Ministers of the Crown and expert administrative heads of the Permanent Civil Service. Because of this confidential nature of its duties, no printed reports are submitted.

The Committee was originally established on Sept. 14, 1939, a few days after the outbreak of the War, to investigate, report and advise on questions of economic and financial policy, and on problems arising out of Canadian participation in the War. As reconstruction problems became more pressing, the particular talent and experience of this Committee was directed to post-war reconstruction matters and its scope was widened to cover this work under P.C. 608 of Jan. 23, 1943. Under this Order in Council its duties were made to include planning and organizing the activities of Departments and agencies of the Government in respect to post-war matters and to conduct investigations in collaboration with the Advisory Committee on Reconstruction. The Committee has the authority to assign to any Department responsibility for making investigations and preparing reports relating to its work.

The Advisory Committee on Reconstruction.—This Committee was created on the recommendation of the Cabinet Committee on Demobilization and Re-establishment following the enlargement of the latter's functions to include the general subject of post-war reconstruction, to examine and discuss the general post-war problems and to make recommendations as to what Government facilities should be established to deal with these questions. It was first established under P.C. 6874 of Sept. 2, 1941, with power to collect, receive and arrange information in regard to reconstruction policies in Canada and abroad, to receive information from all Government Departments on this subject, to create sub-committees and to undertake special studies. This Committee first reported directly to the Cabinet Committee but under P.C. 609 of Jan. 23, 1943, it was reconstituted and made directly responsible to the Prime Minister as President of the Privy Council. The Committee is particularly concerned with post-war plans and consultative work not directly involving any specific Government Department and collaborates with the Advisory Committee on economic policy. The breadth of this work is illustrated by the division of its special studies among the following six sub-committees:—