

appropriated by Parliament. A Board of Directors that will adequately represent a cross-section of the Canadian economy is provided for, and this Board will obtain expert and specialized advice, on the problems with which they are concerned, through the creation of Advisory Committees.

Prospective Legislation.—Among the policies advanced in the Speech from the Throne delivered at the opening of the 5th Session of the Nineteenth Parliament on Jan. 27, 1944, were five proposals that related directly to the subject of post-war reconstruction in its broadest interpretation. These were:—

- (1) The organization of a new Department to administer veterans' affairs.
- (2) The organization of a new Department to administer economic reconstruction.
- (3) The establishment, in conjunction with the Bank of Canada, of an industrial development bank to extend credits and assist business in the transition from war to peace conditions. (See Index.)
- (4) The provision of insurance and export credits to guarantee payment to exporters and aid in obtaining export markets by facilitating trade with occupied or other countries where normal trading channels are dislocated due to the after-effects of war.
- (5) A national housing program.

Bills concerning each of these proposals must be framed, debated and sponsored through the different stages of preliminary procedure before appearing finally on the statute books. Subsequent editions of the Canada Year Book will trace the action that is taken and the administration of the resulting legislation.

Section 3.—Provincial Government Reconstruction Programs

All the nine provinces have set up planning and inquiry bodies and are working out programs dealing with specific problems in such a way as to co-ordinate provincial effort and co-operate with Dominion agencies.

They have formulated schemes for the post-war employment of returned men and for the utilization of the natural resources of the provinces.

The following outlines give the main directions along which provincial effort had moved to Mar. 31, 1944.

Prince Edward Island.—A Reconstruction Committee was formed under the chairmanship of the Premier in May, 1943. The membership of the Committee is representative of the Government, returned soldiers and private interests and its purpose is to investigate problems of reconstruction in the Province. Studies of projects have been made and plans are being formulated, including rural electrification and improved transportation facilities.

The Provincial Government has provided for a Department of Reconstruction by legislation passed at the 1944 session. The purpose of the new Department, when established, will be to promote and co-ordinate plans for provincial developments and post-war employment.