

*The Ontario Social Security and Rehabilitation Committee, June, 1943.*—This Committee was established to study provincial resources, social security and health insurance, employment, education, re-establishment, research in industry and agriculture, etc. This Committee had not operated on an active basis up to the time of writing (Mar. 31, 1944) and it is not known whether the new Department of Planning and Development will take over its work.

*The Ontario Agricultural Enquiry Commission, September, 1943.*—This Commission was set up to inquire into: (1) the necessity for, and the method of, providing credit for agricultural purposes; (2) the educational facilities necessary for successful agriculture and a satisfactory country life; (3) the organization required for profitable production and marketing of farm products; (4) costs and methods of producing, marketing, distributing, transporting and processing farm products; (5) price spreads, trade practices, etc., and other matters relating to the production and marketing of farm produce. The Commissioners are empowered "to summon any person or corporation and require them to give all evidence on oath and to produce such documents as the Commissioners deem requisite for the full investigation of the matters into which they are appointed to examine". The Commission has been active since its appointment and in addition sub-committees have been working on specialized studies.

*The Department of Planning and Development, February, 1944.*—On Feb. 28, 1944, the Premier of Ontario introduced a Bill to establish the Department of Planning and Development under a Minister of Planning and Development. The purpose of the Department will be to collaborate with other Departments of the Public Service of Ontario; with those of the Dominion and other provinces; with municipal councils; with agricultural, industrial, labour, mining, trade and other associations; and with other organizations and enterprises with a view to formulating plans to create and maintain productive employment and to develop human and material resources of the Province of Ontario and to that end to co-ordinate the work and functions of the other Departments of the Public Service of Ontario.

**Manitoba.**—The organization of provincial reconstruction agencies consists of: (1) a Sub-committee of the Cabinet under the chairmanship of the Premier, and (2) a Committee of Deputy Ministers, both established in 1943, the latter on Apr. 21 and the former on July 13 and certain special inquiry bodies including the Manitoba Electrification Enquiry Commission established in June, 1942, and the Joint Universities' Study established late in 1941.

Post-war planning by the Manitoba Government has three principal objectives:—

- (1) The building up of a program of public projects that will give employment in the post-war period and will also contribute to the development of the Province and the well-being of its residents.
- (2) The study and planning for the expansion of social services in the Province and its municipalities.
- (3) The giving of leadership and the analysis of the co-operation of private enterprise in post-war planning.

Projected works and plans under the above headings may again be divided into three categories:—

- (1) Those considered necessary or desirable regardless of the employment conditions that may prevail at the end of the War. This part of the program has been tentatively budgeted on a 10-year basis and includes