

such projects as: rural electrification; agricultural settlement and rehabilitation; surveys and mapping; forestry; conservation and development; fur development; parks and recreational projects, mining development; roads; flood control; improved educational facilities; additional public health and public welfare facilities; and municipal projects.

- (2) Those projects that have been reserved as a pool of employment which can be drawn on as needed to fill any employment gaps. The provision of this reserve of work is designed to give maximum flexibility to the entire program and to enable the Province to cope with any unusual employment situation. These projects are being planned so that they can be undertaken quickly and will provide employment for a considerable variety of skills, trades and professions.
- (3) Projects in this group are mainly those that are contingent on the further development of markets. They are largely hydro-electric power developments that will be proceeded with as the demand for power requires.

In addition to the above program, the various schemes in the field of social services advanced by the Dominion Government are being carefully studied in relation to their application to Manitoba. A lead is being given to private enterprise by special studies in the field of rural and urban housing conditions, and specific surveys on a sampling basis are well advanced.

The Functions of the Committee.—The purpose of the Committee of Deputy Ministers is to co-ordinate all the work on post-war reconstruction that is being done or may be done by Government Departments, and to project further studies as they may seem desirable. In all post-war planning it has been assumed that substantial and financial adjustments will be made to enable the provinces to carry out their share effectively in the national post-war program.

A Co-ordinating Committee, representative of all economic groups in the provinces and rural and urban communities, has been appointed to give leadership to groups of citizens throughout the Province and to enlist their active co-operation in post-war planning. Reports have been prepared on the potential industrial uses of the farm products of Manitoba and on prairie farm rehabilitation activities.

The Sub-committee of the Cabinet receives and considers all reports from the Committee of Deputy Ministers as studies and projects progress. The Premier of Manitoba, as Chairman of this Committee, presented a brief to the Dominion House of Commons Special Committee on Reconstruction and Re-establishment outlining the Committee's place in the reconstruction field on June 2, 1943.*

Private Agencies Working under Direction of the Government.—The Manitoba Electrification Enquiry Commission had for its purpose the study of rural electrification and drew up a master plan of hydro extension for the Province. The Commission invited submissions from interested parties or organizations which will facilitate such studies and made an extensive report† recommending a farm electrification program which includes a study of costs, economies to be effected, capacity of farms to pay for power and other related matters.

* For the brief presented by Premier Stuart Garson of Manitoba, to the House of Commons Special Committee on Reconstruction and Re-establishment, see Sessional Paper No. 19, pp. 485-507. *Methods of Industrial Utilization of Plant and Animal Products of the Province of Manitoba*: Dr. H. H. Saunderson (in Press March, 1944). *Manitoba Agriculture and Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Activities*: Prof. J. H. Ellis (in Press March, 1944).

† *A Farm Electrification Program*. Report of Manitoba Electrification Enquiry Commission 1942. King's Printer, Winnipeg, 1943.