

both of which was made early in 1944. A gift of one million acres of soil-surveyed land was announced in October, 1943, for the benefit of British Columbia ex-servicemen who qualify as farmers under the Veterans Land Act, 1942.

Post-War Rehabilitation Council.—The purpose of this Council is to make provision for the advanced planning of rehabilitation measures, industrial reorganization and employment projects. It was the first provincial body composed of the members of a Provincial Legislature to be established in Canada for the consideration of post-war problems. An interim report* published by the Council summarizes the duties and functions of the Council under the following four headings: (1) To determine the number of returned men and displaced war workers who will be seeking gainful employment in British Columbia at the end of the War. (2) To determine the capacity of existing and potential public and private enterprise in the Province to absorb such men and women. (3) To consider the various post-war measures proposed or contemplated by the Dominion Government. (4) In the light of the foregoing to advise the Provincial Government as to the course of action that will best promote maximum employment.

Part I of the Interim Report deals with the matters relating to returned men, displaced war workers, vocational training, etc. A number of far-reaching recommendations are made in regard to the organization, extension and financing of vocational training, including the establishment of training centres in the interior of the Province; attention to the training and placement needs of disabled and incapacitated residents; continuation of pay and dependants' allowances to discharged persons during vocational training and until suitable employment has been made available. A proposal is made to utilize the highly specialized training which many men are receiving in the Services. The Council recommends that the Dominion Government be asked to consider the organization and maintenance of a Civilian Technical Corps of demobilized members of the Forces who have aircraft, engineering and technical training.

Part II covers the basic industries such as forests and parks, mining, agriculture and land settlement, and fisheries. The development of secondary industries also receives considerable attention. Part III discusses public works, research, regional planning, Dominion-Provincial relations, social security, housing, nutrition, co-operatives and general topics.

Interdepartmental advisory sub-committees have been set up under the Council to explore the fields of agriculture and land settlement; industrial development; parks and forests; and public works. The Hydro-Electric Committee was also established for the purpose of securing reliable information and reporting on the electrification of rural areas, and a fund of \$50,000 was established to cover the work of this Committee for the fiscal year. Co-operation with Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce, veterans', farmers', labour and other associations has been encouraged and the members of the Council toured the Province and received a large number of briefs at a series of public hearings.

Bureau of Post-War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.—The purpose of this Bureau, the establishment of which was announced in the Speech from the Throne made in the British Columbia Legislature in February, 1944, will be to co-ordinate the work of the various Provincial Departments and to fit such measures as are within the scope of provincial jurisdiction into the larger program devised by the Dominion Government. The Bureau will operate under a Cabinet Committee.

* Interim Report of the Post-War Rehabilitation Council, Victoria, B.C., 1943 (with appendix). Supplementary Report of the Post-War Rehabilitation Council (with appendix) February, 1944.