

of agricultural practices throughout the Province. Under the Dominion Provincial Farm Labour Agreement, which became effective Apr. 1, 1943, the services performed by the district agriculturists and farm labour supervisors were combined, providing a single field force to deal not only with agricultural production but with farm labour as well.

The Women's Division of the Extension Service, through the appointment of 5 district home economists in 1944, has begun the task of providing a comprehensive service in home economy to meet the needs of homemakers, particularly those in rural areas. Special attention is paid to supervision of girls' club work, and to meet adult needs, winter study courses are provided.

Agricultural statistics are collected by the Extension Service, and publications, etc., prepared by the various Branches or in co-operation with the University of Alberta, are made available through its facilities.

In 1943 an Office of Agricultural Information was established, the purpose of which is to make available to the technical and administrative personnel of the Department data pertaining to the science, practice and possibilities of agriculture.

British Columbia.—The Department of Agriculture consists of three main Divisions: (1) The Administrative Division is responsible for the general direction of agricultural policies; administration of legislation affecting agriculture; supervision of extension programs; collection of agricultural statistics; compilation of reports and publications; preparation of material for agricultural exhibitions; supervision of farmers' and women's institutes; direction of junior-club projects; and markets extension. (2) The Animal Industry Division supervises live-stock work including: promotion and improvement of animal production; brand inspection; inspection of beef grading; control of contagious diseases of animals; eradication of insect pests detrimental to live stock; and field extension connected with animal nutritional work. This Division consists of general live-stock, veterinary, dairy, and poultry Branches. (3) The Plant Industry Division includes: horticulture, field crop, plant pathology, entomology and apiculture Branches; fruit, vegetable and seed production and surveys dealing with orchards, small fruits, flowering bulbs and greenhouse areas are supervised; suppression of insect pests and plant diseases inspection with control of noxious weeds and general promotion of crop production is under this Division.

Extension officials of the Department are located in 16 agricultural centres of the Province.

Subsection 3.—Provincial Agricultural Colleges and Schools

A recently revised treatment of this subject appears at pp. 203-213 of the 1943-44 Year Book.

Section 2.—Statistics of Agriculture*

Crop-Reporting Service.—Through the voluntary crop-reporting service of the Dominion Government, accurate, timely and independent reports on crop conditions throughout the Dominion are published; up to the entry of Italy into the War, periodic reports were made to the International Institute of Agriculture

* Revised in the Agricultural Branch, Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This Branch collects and publishes both primary and secondary statistics of agriculture, including statistics of the production and distribution of agricultural commodities. The primary statistics relate mainly to the reporting of crop conditions, crop and live-stock estimates, values of farm lands, wages of farm labour and monthly and annual prices received by farmers for their products. The secondary statistics relate to the marketing of grain and live stock, dairying, milling, and sugar industries and cold-storage holdings. A list of the publications of this Branch is given in Chapter XXX, Sect. 1, under "Production".