

External Trade Advisory Committee.—The Committee, established under P.C. 3059 of Apr. 27, 1944, is primarily a co-ordinating body: it has the primary function of providing a medium for consultation between Departments and agencies of the Government on import and export trade matters, including relief during the period of the War and during the period of transition from war to peace, and of making recommendations and reports to Departments and to the Government.

It consists of representatives of the Departments of External Affairs, Trade and Commerce, Munitions and Supply, Finance, National Revenue, Agriculture, Labour, Reconstruction, and of the Mutual Aid Board, the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, the Foreign Exchange Control Board, the Tariff Board, and the Agricultural Prices Support Board.

A standing committee of the main Committee considers all export programs, other than munitions and food, and reports to the main Committee on these and any other questions which may be referred to it.

Food Requirements Committee.—The Food Requirements Committee was set up under P.C. 9692 of Oct. 22, 1942, the terms of which were revised by P.C. 4892 of July 4, 1944. The Committee is composed of representatives of the Departments of Agriculture, External Affairs, Finance, Fisheries, National Health, Trade and Commerce and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. It has the duty and authority to consider and report upon all matters of policy connected with the utilization of supplies of Canadian food and certain related commodities and with their supply to other nations. In particular, the Committee and its Commodity Sub-Committee deals with the co-ordination of Canada's undertakings to export foods to various destinations, including various relief and rehabilitation agencies. Further, the Committee may submit recommendations to the Cabinet with respect to matters of policy concerning embargoes or other restrictions on exports or imports of foodstuffs. Canadian representatives on the various commodity committees of the Combined Food Board are appointed by, and are responsible to, the Food Requirements Committee.

Advisory Committee on Export Control.—An Advisory Committee on Export Control was set up in November, 1941, by Order in Council P.C. 9269, which also provided for the establishment of an Executive Sub-Committee to deal with problems arising in connection with applications for export permits and to interpret policy in doubtful cases. With a few exceptions, the Executive Sub-Committee has dealt with the policy problems affecting export permit procedure, including the operation of economic warfare considerations and collaboration with the former Bureau of Economic Warfare in Washington, now known as the Foreign Economic Administration, in the operation of the Decentralization Plan, under which Latin American countries have been more or less allowed to control their import requirements from North America according to available shipping. Following its inception the Sub-Committee met once a week or oftener to deal with export permit problems. Since 1943 it has not needed to meet so frequently and has been mainly concerned with questions of relaxation of controls with the co-operation of the Department of Munitions and Supply and the Wartime Prices and Trade Board.

Export Permit Branch.—As part of the system of wartime controls, before commodities can be exported from Canada, an export permit must be obtained by the exporter from the Branch. Before issuing permits, the Branch consults other