

## Section 2.—Reconstruction Programs of the Provincial Governments\*

The provinces are planning reconstruction measures for the post-war period. Schemes have been formulated for stimulating post-war employment and utilizing natural resources.

In addition, steps are being taken within the provincial field to supplement the Dominion program for the rehabilitation of former members of the Armed Services. All provinces are co-operating in the Canadian vocational training program.

The following outlines give the main features of provincial reconstruction activities to Mar. 31, 1945. A complete list of official publications dealing with these matters is appended at pp. 860-862. Progress to Mar. 31, 1944, is outlined at pp. 748-755 of the 1943-44 Year Book.

**Prince Edward Island.**—To promote and co-ordinate plans for provincial development and post-war employment, a Department of Reconstruction was established in 1944. During the year 1944 an agricultural survey of the Province was begun, to be completed in 1945.

By authority of the Provincial Government, a Provincial Advisory Reconstruction Committee was appointed to assist the Government in formulating policies for the economic betterment of the Province and to organize, in advance of the end of hostilities, work projects that would create employment and employment opportunities. Nine technical committees are working under the direction of the Advisory Committee with special studies being made on education, tourist and transportation problems, rural electrification, housing, finance and revenue, fisheries, agriculture, public health and welfare, and forestry. The Committee is expected to report to the Government in June, 1945.

The 1945 Legislature has enacted measures relating to town planning, the supplying of electric power, and the purchase by the Province of surplus war assets from the Dominion Government.

**Nova Scotia.**—In 1943, a Royal Commission on Provincial Development and Rehabilitation was appointed to study problems relating to the post-war expansion of industry and markets, and to the re-employment of ex-service men and war workers. Its report was tabled in the Legislature late in March, 1945.

A Committee on Rehabilitation of Agriculture for Nova Scotia was set up in 1944. This Committee is studying rural electrification, land conservation and improved land use, flood control, and certain technical aspects of provincial agriculture.

The Government has presented to the Legislature a detailed post-war plan for expenditures on highways, public buildings, education, rural electrification, and the development of natural resources. The Province will raise \$40,000,000 and, if Dominion assistance to an equal amount is forthcoming, the projects will be completed in five years. Without Dominion aid, the plan will be carried out on a ten-year basis.

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\* The outlines of the provincial programs were collated by the Post-War Planning Information Section, Wartime Information Board, from material supplied by the respective Provincial Governments.