

voluntary citizens' committees in many communities throughout the Province, to assist local servicemen in their return to civil life. In addition, the Province itself is making efforts to aid in the rehabilitation of its ex-service men and women.

- (1) In the field of education, a grade-eleven streamlined course given under the Dominion-Provincial Canadian Vocational Training Program has been approved.
- (2) In the field of land settlement—(a) The sale of Crown lands has been frozen until the men come home in order that those overseas shall have first choice. (b) The Provincial Government is trying to arrange for the clearing of large tracts of wooded land for the settlement of veterans. (c) In the case of veterans wishing to settle on Crown lands the Province is endeavouring to make arrangements with the Dominion Government whereby the Province would lease the land to the veteran on a 33-year renewable lease with the option to purchase, the price to be determined by the productive behaviour of the land over a period of years. (d) The Province is trying to make arrangements with the Dominion Government so that a veteran wishing to settle on a co-operative farm would receive the same help as he would get under the Veterans' Land Act if he were buying a farm individually.
- (3) In the housing field, under amendments to the City Act and the Towns Act the council of a city or town is authorized to enter into an agreement with the Director of the Veterans' Land Act, limiting for a period not exceeding 25 years the amount of any taxes which may be levied annually by the city on land or buildings held by the Director or by a veteran under an agreement of sale with the Director.
- (4) The Provincial Government proposes to set up veterans' workshops at the larger centres. These workshops would be for the employment of partially disabled veterans whose disability prevents their steady employment; the opportunity of earning reasonable wages in spite of their disability will enable them to regain their confidence and to acquire skill.

Alberta.—The Alberta Post-War Reconstruction Committee, set up on Mar. 30, 1943, conducted an investigation of the provincial economy and its post-war problems, in co-operation with the Research Council of Alberta. Based on the work of its eight sub-committees, an Interim Report was presented to the Legislature on Mar. 10, 1944, recommending a variety of developmental projects and an extensive social welfare program. Reforestation, land policy, irrigation, education and teaching, municipal works projects, industrial expansion, housing, and agricultural and industrial markets were among the subjects covered. The work of the Committee ended in April, 1945, with presentation to the Legislature of a final report.

Implementation of the Committee's recommendations will be the responsibility of a new Department of Economic Affairs, established by Act of the 1945 Session. The Department is given power to initiate and sponsor projects designed to aid in rehabilitation and reconstruction. It will serve also as a co-ordinating organization within the Government to speed plans and programs involving the various other Departments, and assist generally in the creation of a balanced agricultural-industrial economy in the Province. The Act further provides for the establishment of an advisory or administrative Commission.

In a brief to the Dominion House of Commons Committee on Reconstruction and Re-establishment, the Premier outlined a potential \$250,000,000 program that might be undertaken covering expenditures for roads, public buildings, irrigation projects, and social services. As a solution for the key financial problem, he proposed a National Finance Commission that would control all money and credit. The Premier also pointed out the extent to which Dominion post-war trade, taxation, railway and civil aviation policies would affect Alberta.

At the recommendation of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee, the Alberta Power Commission was created in 1944 as the basis for a provincial system of hydro-electric power generation, transmission, distribution and sale. It has authority to acquire existing properties and to set up rural power districts. A study of rural electrification is now in progress.