

In an effort to discover existing plans for reconversion and reconstruction, the provincial Post-War Survey Management Committee, in January, 1945, commenced a survey of households, farms, business and industrial establishments, municipal governments and public utilities. The findings are expected to give a valuable indication of post-war production facilities and consumer demand.

The 1944 Session of the Alberta Legislature passed considerable social welfare legislation including free hospitalization for maternity patients, a Child Welfare Commission, and a separate Department of Public Welfare. An Order in Council of June 30 set up the Veterans' Welfare and Advisory Commission under this Department to assist returned service men, maintain contact with Dominion agencies, and administer the Alberta Land Settlement Scheme. If Dominion authorities agree, that scheme will provide veterans with clear title to a half section of land after 10 years occupancy, subject to certain low charges during that period.

The 1945 Session has now under discussion measures to refund and ultimately retire the provincial debt, enable taxation to be imposed on the output of certain freehold mineral right properties, assist agriculture, and encourage the post-war housing industry.

The Alberta Post-War Reconstruction Fund was established in 1943, at which time an initial sum of \$1,000,000 was voted for use in post-war projects; a further \$1,000,000 was voted in 1944.

**British Columbia.**—The following organizations have been established by the Government of British Columbia in the field of reconstruction: the Bureau of Post-War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, which in 1944 replaced the Post-War Rehabilitation Council; the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Industrial Development and Rehabilitation; and the British Columbia Industrial and Scientific Research Council.

*Bureau of Post-War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.*—This Bureau has been set up by the Province to co-ordinate all provincial services concerned in post-war activities; and to collaborate with Dominion Departments and other provinces, with municipal councils, and with private enterprise, with a view to formulating plans to create and maintain productive employment and to develop the human and material resources of the Province. An Interim Report and a Supplementary Report prepared by the Post-War Rehabilitation Council and also a Summary of Recommendations contained in the Reports have been published.

The Supplementary Report considers and makes recommendations in the following fields: co-ordination of post-war activities and conversion of war industry, regional planning, industrial development, research, land settlement, forests and parks, public works, returned men and displaced war workers, vocational training, and Dominion measures.

As a result of these recommendations, a Regional Planning Division of the Bureau has been established for the purpose of co-ordinating information both in the Departments and in the ten Regional Divisions of the Province regarding the resources and requirements of the various regions. This work is now under way. Plans have been formulated by the Bureau of Economics and Statistics to prepare three informative handbooks for industry on the basis of information gained from this study.