

Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Industrial Development.—This Committee functions as a clearing house for administrative problems in the field of industrial development in which the interests of the various Departments of Government are concerned. It works with the Bureau of Post-War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction in an advisory capacity. It has appointed the Sub-committee on Reconversion of Industry which has sponsored special surveys in various industries to study the problems of reconversion.

British Columbia Industrial and Scientific Research Council.—The Council acts as a clearing house to: (1) co-ordinate the work of research units and avoid duplication; (2) initiate and generate new research work; (3) relate research work to other problems of industrial rehabilitation in the post-war period; (4) apply the results of research to the creation of new industries and trade expansion programs. Research problems studied by the Council are undertaken on the recommendation of one of five Technical Advisory Committees, namely, Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, Mining and Metallurgy, Power and Irrigation. An Industries Advisory Committee has been formed to ensure industrial application for the research projects of the Technical Advisory Committees, to provide assistance for existing secondary industries, and to aid in the establishment of new industries in the Province.

Post-War Program.—Some of the specific projects already approved or now under consideration are as follows:—

Electrification.—A Rural Electrification Committee has been established to study the problem of the expansion of electrical services in rural areas. The Committee presented a Progress Report in 1944 and a Final Report in January, 1945. The 1945 Session of the Legislature has passed a Bill to establish a Hydro-Electric Commission. The Commission is authorized to acquire and consolidate companies now serving various communities, and to develop electric power throughout the Province.

Agriculture.—Soil surveys have been carried out over more than 3,651,000 acres and 275,000 acres have been mapped and surveyed in a continuing Land Utilization Survey. The Government has been authorized to reserve 1,000,000 acres of Crown lands which will be granted to British Columbia veterans settling on farms under the Dominion Veterans' Land Act.

Mining.—The Department of Mines is authorized to make grants of up to \$500 to prospectors. In addition the Government is authorized to establish training schools for prospectors.

Forestry.—The Government has approved a special vote of \$50,000 for forestry research.

Financial Provisions.—The Government is authorized to borrow up to \$15,000,000 for the creation of a fund to be used for post-war reconstruction in the Province and \$5,000,000 for expansion of facilities at the University of British Columbia.

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