

Liaison with the reconstruction problems of the various provinces, has been effected by the establishment of a number of Regional Reconstruction Councils. There is one Regional Council in each province with the exception of Ontario and Quebec, where two Councils for each are established. Membership of the individual Councils comprise representation from labour, and from manufacturing and other basic industries which play an important part in the economy of the province, such as agriculture or fishing. This number of members on each Council and the nature of its membership depend on the diversity of the economy in the province in which the Council functions. At the head office of the Department at Ottawa, there is established the office of the Co-ordinator of Regional Reconstruction Council, whose duty it is to keep in touch with the various Councils, to see that they are supplied with the latest information concerning reconstruction problems in their several districts, and to learn of their particular problems whose solution might be expedited by reference to the various branches of the Department at Ottawa.

### **Subsection 1.—The Purely Departmental Administration**

At present this function is concerned mainly with continuing the earlier programs of the Department of Munitions and Supply and of the former Department of Reconstruction but there is no doubt that, as the post-war situation develops and Dominion-Provincial relations in the post-war era become more clearly determined, the departmental organization will develop along new lines to conform with such changes.

Under the following headings the administrations now set up to deal with the various matters are described.

**Controls.**—Although most of the controls instituted during the war years have been terminated, it has been considered advisable to retain a number during the immediate post-war period until such time as consumer goods are in sufficient supply.

Early in 1946, most of the Coal Control orders were rescinded, but Coal Control as such, was maintained in the event that the coal situation may require further Government direction. The Priorities Officer assumed the duties of Motor Vehicle Controller. Although all of Power Control orders have been lifted concerning electrical power, Power Control is still maintained to concern itself with the control of natural and manufactured gas in southwestern Ontario. Control of rubber, steel and timber, three vital products for the reconversion of the nation, is maintained in full. A more recent Control, that of Radio-Active Substances, was set up in November, 1945. This Control operates the provisions of Orders in Council passed in 1943, reserving to the Crown all radio-active materials in the ground as and after that date, and which applied to Yukon and to the Northwest Territories. Shortly afterwards, the Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia took similar action for the control of these materials. All dealings in radium and uranium in Canada are placed under this Control.

**Crown Companies.**—Such Crown Companies as now remain, and which were administered by the Department of Munitions and Supply during the war years, now come under this Department and include, Allied War Supplies Corporation; Eldorado Mining and Refining (1944) Limited; Federal Aircraft Limited; Park Steamship Company Limited; Polymer Corporation Limited; War Assets Corporation (see pp. 840-842); War Supplies Limited; Wartime Housing Limited; Wartime Shipbuilding Limited; and Canadian Arsenals Limited.