

Board has been formed for the purpose of assisting fishermen in the purchase of gear and equipment, including boats, to encourage the modernization of fishing generally.

Quebec.—Various Departments of the Provincial Government have prepared plans relating to reconstruction in the post-war period, many of which are based on a provincial inventory of natural resources.

Department of Lands and Forests.—This Department is preparing considerable forest development and full advantage will be taken of modernized forestry control and exploitation. The industry will be encouraged to extend to the public the benefits of the newest methods for the scientific and economic use of wood.

Department of Labour.—This Department is planning retraining centres for the following purposes: (1) the rehabilitation of workmen injured in industrial accidents; (2) the training of returned soldiers to fit them for a place in industry; (3) the training of apprentices for the building trades.

Department of Roads.—A \$30,000,000 program of new road construction to be spread over a four-year period has been approved by the Legislature.

Department of Trade and Commerce.—The policy of this Department is to foster trade in the domestic as well as in foreign markets. The Department works in close co-operation with Canadian Trade Commissioners in foreign countries and maintains an office at New York city to assist Quebec producers in selling their merchandise. The British West Indies territory is also covered by a provincial representative once or twice a year.

In an endeavour to provide reliable information for new industries wishing to establish in the Province, a detailed survey of all cities and larger towns has been undertaken and will be ready for publication sometime during 1946.

Ontario.—In the Province of Ontario, post-war matters are receiving the particular attention of all Departments of Government. A comprehensive forestry scheme will be undertaken by the Department of Lands and Forests, covering forest protection and management and fire control. In this connection, a preliminary start was made in the war period so that the program could be fully implemented soon after the end of hostilities. The Department has begun to set up a perpetual inventory of its forest resources.

A key agency of post-war reconstruction is the Department of Planning and Development, established in March, 1944. Three branches are now operating: (1) *Conservation*—which deals with all natural resources except coal, oil, gas and minerals. The Department has been concerned primarily with problems of the farming areas of southern Ontario. (2) *Town and Community Planning*—which co-operates with the Department of Municipal Affairs in assisting municipalities in handling problems of growth and administration. (3) *Trade and Industry*—which supplies industrial engineering services to all communities and industries in the Province. In conjunction with Ontario House at London, England, this Branch seeks to foster post-war trade with European countries.

Surveys.—A number of important investigations and surveys have been undertaken. The Interdepartmental Committee on Conservation and Rehabilitation co-operated with the Dominion Advisory Committee on Reconstruction in completing a survey of the Ganaraska River region. The final report, made public on Oct. 15, 1944, recommended a comprehensive program of soil conservation, reforestation and flood control, based on the entire river system. The work of this Committee has been taken over by the Conservation Branch of the Department of Planning and Development.