

The Ontario Agricultural Commission of Inquiry was established in September, 1943, with wide representation from farm groups. In March, 1945, it reported on the subjects of soil conservation, agricultural credit, education, rural organization, live stock and dairying and agricultural floor prices. Its recommendations in regard to marketing problems are still forthcoming. The Commission of Inquiry largely superseded the Ontario Committee on Agricultural Policy, set up in April, 1943.

As a result of the presentation of the Report of the Ontario Mining Commission on Oct. 5, 1944, the Government passed enabling Legislation to implement a great many of its recommendations therein contained. Four provincial resident geologists are now employed by the Department. These are located at Port Arthur for the Thunder Bay District, Kenora for the Patricia District, Timmins for the Porcupine area, and Swastika for the Kirkland-Larder area.

Announcement was made early in 1946 by the Minister of Highways that a road would be built in the course of the year to connect Quibell on the C.N.R. transcontinental line with Red Lake. A considerable increase in the number of geological parties for the 1946 field season was reported.

A Committee on Planning, Construction and Equipment of Schools in Ontario was appointed in November, 1944, to inquire into, and report upon, the planning and equipment of schools; standard methods of construction; standards for mechanical services; and the useful physical life of school buildings. It has issued an interim report upon the construction of small elementary schools and is engaged in the preparation of further reports on school building.

A Royal Commission on Education, with very wide terms of reference, is currently conducting hearings. It has received many briefs covering a wide range of problems.

Rural Electrification.—The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario has planned a "Five-Year Plan for Post-War Rural Hydro Development", involving an expenditure of about \$22,000,000 by local Hydro Commissions on labour and materials, with the Ontario Government providing a grant-in-aid to cover 50 p.c. of the cost. Additional rural power lines will be built to the extent of 7,000 miles; some 57,900 new rural customers will be served; and total expenditure by Hydro and power consumers will approximate \$63,000,000.

The Social Security and Rehabilitation Committee.—This Committee operates under the Social Security and Rehabilitation Act, 1943. It consists of members from the various regions of the Province and its purpose is to co-ordinate the activities of local committees and to consider problems of rehabilitation that come before it. Under the Department of Education, in collaboration with the Dominion Department of Labour, the Ontario Training and Re-establishment Institute is carrying on the Canadian Vocational Training Program for veterans. The Institute is at Toronto but has eight branches in other cities of the Province.

The University of Toronto is offering a number of courses especially designed for veterans. Part of the activities of the University for veterans is carried on at Ajax, Ont. A special course in institutional management is being given at the University for those seeking managerial positions in hotels, restaurants and other institutions that cater to the public.

Manitoba.—A number of agencies co-operate in formulating post-war plans for the Province:—

Sub-Committee of the Cabinet.—Under the chairmanship of the Premier, the Sub-Committee receives and considers reports from the Post-War Reconstruction