

Committee. The Chairman delivered a brief to the Dominion House of Commons Special Committee on Reconstruction and Re-establishment in June, 1943.

Post-War Reconstruction Committee.—This Committee, consisting of all Deputy Ministers and an Economic Adviser, co-ordinates post-war reconstruction activities of all Government Departments and initiates further studies, several of which have been published. An interim report for consideration by the Advisory Committee was submitted in May, 1945.

Advisory Committee on Co-ordination of Post-War Planning.—Representing various economic groups from urban and rural Manitoba, the Committee was set up by Order in Council on Apr. 18, 1944, to consider submissions and undertake research. Its aim was the integration of the provincial reconstruction program. Interim reports were submitted to the Premier on Dec. 15, 1944, and Feb. 4, 1945, and the final report on Jan. 21, 1946.

Special Select Committee of the Legislature.—At the 1944 Session, and re-empowered at the 1945 Session, a Special Select Committee of all the Members of the Legislative Assembly was constituted for the purpose of reviewing, criticizing, and formulating proposals and plans and advising and assisting the Government in the formulation of its post-war program.

Joint University Studies.—In 1941, at the request of the Governor of Minnesota, U.S.A., and the Premier of Manitoba, the University of Minnesota and the University of Manitoba, together, investigated the effects of alternative peace settlements upon the economies of the Canadian Prairie Provinces and the central northwest region of the United States. Two reports have been published.

Manitoba Electrification Enquiry Commission.—Appointed in June, 1942, the Commission reported in favour of an extensive program of farm electrification. The recommendations of the Commission have been put to test by the Manitoba Power Commission and found to be substantially correct. (Report has been published.)

An extensive program of post-war projects has been prepared by the Government; for details see p. 856 of the 1945 Year Book.

Saskatchewan.—A Department of Reconstruction, Labour and Public Welfare was set up in 1944 but was replaced on Nov. 2, 1944, by the Department of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation. This Department has two divisions—Reconstruction and Rehabilitation.

The Division of Reconstruction has the function of co-operating in any program that may be under consideration by the Dominion Government, and of initiating projects contemplated by the Government of Saskatchewan looking to the permanent development of the Province and to the raising of the standard of living of the people. Under this Division are:—

- (1) Committee on Rural Housing which has presented its report and as a result two bulletins, "A Guide to Farm Home Planning and Modernization" and "Modernizing Farm Homes", are available for distribution. These bulletins contain plans of the type of home most suited to farm conditions as well as plans showing systems of water supply and sewage disposal.
- (2) Committee on Rural Electrification which is studying the whole question of rural electrification and the distribution of power to small hamlets and villages not yet provided with this service.
- (3) Committee on Co-operative Farming which has presented an interim report on a practical program of co-operative farm development.
- (4) An investigational laboratory is in operation for the purpose of testing various natural resources of the Province for industrial use.