

In addition to the establishment of the Department of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation other legislation in the field of reconstruction was passed at the sessions of 1944 and 1945. Saskatchewan legislation included measures concerning health, labour, education and agriculture.

*Industrial Reconstruction.*—A Department of Co-operation and Co-operative Development was established which is setting up a research service to inquire into the methods of operation of co-operative enterprise.

The Minister of Natural Resources and Industrial Development is empowered to take over any mine or quarry, mining machinery, lumber mill, or building machinery, dam, etc., which are being or can be used for the development of water power, and to operate them in the interest of the Province; also to develop and utilize the resources of the Province which are still Crown property. The Government has already purchased a power company and other basic manufacturing enterprises and is planning to increase the scope of its activities.

The Provincial Treasurer is empowered to create a Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Fund of up to \$5,000,000 (in addition to amounts that may be appropriated by the Legislature for reconstruction and rehabilitation) to meet capital expenditures. A \$1,000,000 issue of 3 p.c. industrial development bonds has been over-subscribed.

Details of the rehabilitation program are given at pp. 857-858 of the 1945 Canada Year Book.

*Crown Companies.*—A Crown Corporation in the right of the Province known as the Saskatchewan Reconstruction Corporation was established in 1945, under the Department of Reconstruction and Rehabilitation, for the purpose of dealing with War Assets Corporation in the purchase of surplus war materials and Air Force buildings which might be made available in the Province of Saskatchewan. This Corporation has extended its activities to include the establishment of a machine shop and repair depot where a staff of war veterans is employed in overhauling and repairing equipment purchased from War Assets Corporation before it is turned over for use by the various Departments of the Saskatchewan Government and co-operative organizations and municipalities. This shop also does repair work on automotive equipment owned by the Saskatchewan Government.

A Crown Corporation known as the Saskatchewan Reconstruction Housing Corporation was organized to provide an immediate and efficient method of using Air Force buildings for temporary housing purposes. To date, 200 dwelling units have been provided together with barrack accommodation for at least 1,000 service personnel taking vocational and educational training.

*Alberta.*—The Alberta Post-War Reconstruction Committee, set up on Mar. 30, 1943, conducted investigations into the provincial economy and its post-war problems through sub-committees on agriculture, education, finance, industry, natural resources, public works and social welfare. Also assisting were the Research Council of Alberta and the Post-War Survey Management Committee.

Implementation of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee's recommendations is the responsibility of the new Department of Economic Affairs, or of other appropriate Departments of Government. The Department of Economic Affairs, established at the 1945 Session of the Legislature, was empowered to initiate and sponsor projects designed to aid in rehabilitation and reconstruction.