

In a brief to the Dominion House of Commons Committee on Reconstruction and Re-establishment, the Premier of Alberta outlined a potential \$250,000,000 program that feasibly could be undertaken to provide social services, roads, bridges, housing and irrigation projects.

Among recommendations of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee so far acted upon are those pertaining to normal-school training as a branch of university work leading to a degree; appointment of a Veterans Welfare and Advisory Commission; appointment of the Alberta Power Commission and the Industrial Development Board; enactment of new apprenticeship laws; and the establishment of a new Department of Public Welfare. Also established is the Veterans Land Settlement Scheme, which provides veterans with half-section farms on nominal crop-rental terms prior to the granting of clear title. Veterans qualifying are given cash grants by the Dominion Government under the Veterans Land Act.

At the 1946 Session of the Legislature, provision was made for the Department of Economic Affairs to establish branches concerned with housing and cultural welfare.

In 1943, the Post-War Reconstruction Fund Act appropriated \$1,000,000 for future projects. In subsequent years, this amount was raised to \$5,000,000, and in 1946 a start was made on a program of road and highway development, utilizing these monies. The post-war program now under way is a broad one and includes industrial expansion, educational benefits, a province-wide health and hospitalization scheme, extension of cultural and recreational activities, housing assistance in towns, cities and on farms, and a general up-grading of life and living in the Province.

British Columbia.—The following organizations have been established by the Government of British Columbia in the field of reconstruction: the Bureau of Post-War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, which in 1944 replaced the Post-War Rehabilitation Council under the Committee of the Executive Council; the Inter-departmental Advisory Committee on Industrial Development and Rehabilitation; and the British Columbia Industrial and Scientific Research Council.

Bureau of Post-War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.—This Bureau has been set up by the Province to co-ordinate all Provincial services concerned in post-war activities; and to collaborate with Dominion Departments and other provinces, municipal councils, and with private enterprise, with a view to formulating plans to create and maintain productive employment and to develop the human and material resources of the Province.

As a result of an intensive survey, the Bureau of Post-War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction, through ten Regional Advisory Committees, has listed in printed bulletin form (546) carefully investigated small businesses, trades and professional openings throughout the Province. These bulletins have been distributed to all Dominion and provincial rehabilitation officials concerned.

A Regional Planning Division of the Bureau has been established for the purpose of co-ordinating information both in the Departments and in the ten regional divisions of the Province regarding the resources and requirements of the various regions.

Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Industrial Development.—This Committee functions as a clearing house for administrative problems in the field of industrial development in which the interests of the various Departments are concerned.