

It works with the Bureau of Post-War Rehabilitation and Reconstruction in an advisory capacity. A Sub-Committee on Reconversion of Industry has been appointed which has sponsored special surveys in various industries to study the problems of reconversion; sub-committees on industry inquiries have also been set up in several regional areas of the Province.

British Columbia Industrial and Scientific Research Council.—The Council acts as a clearing house to: (1) co-ordinate the work of research units and avoid duplication; (2) initiate and generate new research work; (3) relate research work to other problems of industrial rehabilitation in the post-war period; (4) apply the results of research to the creation of new industries and trade-expansion programs. Research problems studied by the Council are undertaken on the recommendation of one of five Technical Advisory Committees, namely: agriculture, forestry, fisheries, mining and metallurgy, and power and irrigation. An Industries Advisory Committee has been formed to ensure industrial application for the research projects of the Technical Advisory Committees, to provide assistance for existing secondary industries, and to aid in the establishment of new industries in the Province.

Post-War Program.—Some of the specific projects already approved or under consideration are as follows:—

Electrification.—A Hydro-Electric Power Commission has been established consisting of three members. The Commission is authorized to acquire and consolidate companies now serving communities and to develop power throughout the Province. To date, \$20,000,000 has been allocated for this purpose. The Commission has already acquired several power companies. Contracts have been let for the general development program at Campbell River, B.C., covering expenditures of \$2,294,945 for the extension of rural electrification on Vancouver Island.

Public Works.—The largest appropriation, \$22,850,000, in the history of the Province, for intended expenditure during 1946, includes: Uncompleted contracts, \$600,000; Kootenay Lake ferry, road and landing, \$750,000; Peace River connection, \$6,000,000; Hope-Princeton highway, \$5,000,000; capital development, \$5,000,000; new institutional buildings, or additions to existing ones, \$1,700,000; to complete approved buildings, or those structures for which tenders have been received, \$2,950,000; and for ordinary public works expenditures, \$268,033.

Agriculture.—Soil surveys have been carried out over more than 3,651,000 acres and 275,000 acres have been mapped and surveyed in a continuing land utilization survey. The Government has been authorized to reserve 1,000,000 acres of Crown lands which will be granted to British Columbia veterans settling on farms under the Dominion Veterans' Land Act; an extra appropriation of \$70,000 has been granted for increased horticultural services, additional technical staff for the Live-Stock Branch, extra agricultural development, and land clearing and additional stumping-powder rebates.

Education.—The Government has authorized \$95,000 for urban occupational training and students aid; \$148,900 for rehabilitation training; \$2,446,000 a year to implement recommendations of the Cameron report on education costs; \$302,128