

The Department of Labour continued its grants to universities to assist in meeting the additional costs of accelerated courses in medicine and dentistry, which were started some years ago at the request of the Department of National Defence. During the year these grants amounted to about \$48,900.

War-Emergency Training.—This type of training was discontinued during 1946, except for the streamlined courses for foremen and supervisors. The support of industry for these intensive classes continued and there was an enrolment during the year of 36,417. At the end of the fiscal year, the Provincial Governments were notified that in future the cost of supervisory training would be shared with them on a 50-50 basis. Previously, these costs had been borne entirely by the Dominion. Supervisory training expanded in many Dominion Government Departments.

Apprentice Training.—Apprenticeship Acts are in force in all provinces and Agreements for Dominion assistance have been completed with all except Prince Edward Island and Quebec. The trades designated under Provincial Acts have been added to and, at the end of the year, included all the building trades, motor mechanics and, in some provinces, barbering, hairdressing and other skilled trades. In Quebec, in some areas, under the Act of 1945, apprenticeship is regulated in the building trades, shoemaking, motor-vehicle repair, printing, lithographing, barbering and hairdressing, and watch repairing. In the Montreal Building Trades Centre, in its first 11 months of operation, 194 apprentices completed their pre-apprenticeship training and were placed in industry. The Shoemaking Apprenticeship Commission has given courses to 1,482 employees. The other Commissions are preparing their plans and courses.

The amounts spent by the Department of Labour under these Agreements are shown in Table 15, p. 629.

Re-Training of Civilian Workers.—During the summer of 1945, the Re-establishment Training Agreements for co-operation between the Dominion and the provinces in training or re-training for peacetime occupations workers released from employment, chiefly war industries, was approved by the Dominion Government for a three-year period ending Mar. 31, 1948. The Dominion Department of Labour will pay from 75 p.c. to 80 p.c. of the cost. Workers are to be selected for training by representatives of the Provincial Governments and the National Employment Service.

The Agreement has been signed by the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick but up to the present time (May, 1947) little use has been made of its terms. It has been generally considered that veteran-training should receive attention first and this training has taxed the capacity of the training centres. The Dominion appropriation for the re-training of civilian workers for the year was \$1,500,000, but up to the end of April, 1946, the total claims paid were only \$1,395.

Dominion Assistance to Vocational Schools.—Ten-year agreements were made with all provinces for Dominion financial aid in vocational training on the secondary-school level. Each province receives an annual grant of \$10,000; \$1,910,000 is to be allotted each year among the different provinces in proportion to the number of young persons in the province in the age-group 15 to 19 years. A further contribution of \$3,000,000, allotted on the same basis, was made available