

Wartime Housing Limited.—Up to the conclusion of the War, Wartime Housing Limited had been responsible for the provision of temporary housing for war workers in those parts of Canada where rapid expansion of war industries created acute housing shortages. With the ending of the War, the Company turned to providing homes at low rentals to veterans and their families. In order to insure integration of the effort of this Company with that of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation, joint policy formulation and management was arranged as of Jan. 1, 1947. Wartime Housing Limited restricted its activities to the construction of new units. The directors and officers of Wartime Housing Limited have become officials of the Corporation which administers all completed Wartime Housing units. Thus, the amalgamation of the housing activities of the Federal Government into a single organization has been substantially accomplished. (For a discussion of the operations of Wartime Housing Limited, see p. 582.)

Dominion Coal Board.—As a result of the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Coal, the Federal Government has revised its coal policy and has framed legislation providing for the establishment of the Dominion Coal Board. It is proposed to have the new Board absorb the functions of the Dominion Fuel Board, as well as to keep the production and marketing of coal in Canada under continuous review. The Board will advise the Government on a flexible coal policy designed to meet the varying needs of the major economic regions of the country. Until the Dominion Coal Board is established by Act of Parliament, the Dominion Fuel Board as presently constituted, continues to operate under the Minister of Reconstruction and Supply (see p. 441).

Section 3.—Provincial Programs of Reconstruction

The provinces have planned, individually, reconstruction measures for the post-war period. Schemes have been formulated for stimulating post-war employment and utilizing natural resources. In addition, steps are being taken within the provincial field to supplement the Dominion program for the rehabilitation of veterans. All provinces are co-operating in the Canadian vocational training program. Outlines of the respective provincial programs followed in 1946 are given below.

Prince Edward Island.—A Department of Reconstruction was established in 1944 to promote and co-ordinate plans for provincial development and post-war employment. An agricultural survey of the Province, begun in that year, was completed in 1945.

A Provincial Advisory Reconstruction Committee was appointed to assist the Government in formulating policies for the economic betterment of the Province and to organize, in advance of the end of hostilities, work projects that would create employment and employment opportunities. Nine technical committees were appointed under the direction of the Advisory Committee with special studies being made on education, tourism and transportation, rural electrification, housing, finance and revenue, fishing, agriculture, public health and welfare, and forestry. The Committee's report was received by the Government in July, 1945.

The 1945 Legislature enacted measures relating to town planning, the supplying of electric power, and the purchase by the Province of surplus war assets from the Federal Government. Several amendments to that legislation were passed in 1946.