

Throughout the Province, opportunity is also provided for such training in schools, institutions, homes, etc.

The Fishermen's Loan Board of New Brunswick reports satisfactory progress in their program of financial assistance to fishermen in the purchase of boats, engines, etc.

The Resources Development Board, created early in 1944, co-operates with Provincial Government Departments in all matters relating to the development of resources. The Board has been instrumental in bringing into active focus the possibilities inherent in provincial undeveloped resources—water power, mineral, forest, tourism and also acts in a technical advisory capacity. The facilities of the Board are also available to industry and individuals. Development assistance has been provided to new industries as well as expanding fields for existing operations.

The Board maintains close liaison with the National Research Council and other Federal laboratories.

Quebec.—Various Departments of the Provincial Government have prepared plans relating to reconstruction in the post-war period. Many of these plans are based on a provincial inventory of natural resources.

Department of Lands and Forests.—This Department is undertaking considerable forest development and full advantage will be taken of modernized methods of forestry control and exploitation. The industry is encouraged to extend to the public the benefits of the newest methods for the scientific and economic use of wood.

Department of Trade and Commerce.—The policy of this Department is to foster trade in domestic as well as in foreign markets. The Department works in close co-operation with Canadian Trade Commissioners in foreign countries and maintains an office at New York city to assist Quebec producers in selling their merchandise. The British West Indies territory is also covered by a provincial representative once or twice a year.

To provide reliable information for new industries desiring to locate in the Province, a detailed survey of all cities and larger towns has been undertaken and will be ready for publication during 1947.

Department of Social Welfare and of Youth.—This Department, realizing that the Province of Quebec is now on the crest of a wave of industrial development, will undertake to increase the capacity of its technical, arts and crafts, and other specialized schools, in order to provide skilled labour and technicians for new and for existing industries, many of which are expanding considerably.

Juvenile delinquency will also receive the immediate attention of this Department, in an endeavour to find and apply the proper solutions to the various problems resulting therefrom.

Department of Roads.—A program of new road construction, at a cost of \$30,000,000 to be spread over a four-year period, has been approved by the Legislature.