

ment, and the Saskatchewan Reconstruction Housing Corporation which is, at present, dealing with the problem of emergency housing. As a result of the activities of this particular corporation, 569 living units have been undertaken, most of which are completed and occupied. These units were used almost entirely for returned veterans.

A machine shop and repair depot has been organized as part of the Saskatchewan Reconstruction Corporation, which is used for the repair of Government vehicles as well as machine shop work in connection with the various activities of the Provincial Government.

**Alberta.**—The Alberta Post-War Reconstruction Committee, set up on Mar. 30, 1943, conducted investigations into the provincial economy and its post-war problems through sub-committees on agriculture, education, finance, industry, natural resources, public works and social welfare. Also assisting were the Research Council of Alberta and the Post-War Survey Management Committee.

Implementation of the Post-War Reconstruction Committee's recommendations is the responsibility of the new Department of Economic Affairs, or of other appropriate Departments of Government. The Department of Economic Affairs, established at the 1945 Session of the Legislature, was empowered to initiate and sponsor projects designed to aid in rehabilitation and reconstruction.

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 Federal 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 moneys. 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 organizations set up by the Government of British Columbia in the field of reconstruction include: (1) The Bureau of Reconstruction under a Committee of the Executive Council; (2) The Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Industrial Development; and (3) The British Columbia Industrial and Scientific Research Council.