

the Acts. Considerable impetus to apprentice training was given by the large number of veterans who entered various designated trades. The number of non-veteran apprentices also increased rapidly and the supervision of apprentice training improved.

The amounts spent by the Department of Labour under the Apprenticeship Agreements are shown in Table 17 on p. 652.

Training of Unemployed Persons.—Agreements completed in 1945 between the Dominion and certain provinces provided for the training or retraining of workers who had been released from employment. Under these Agreements, the Dominion undertook to pay approximately 75 p.c. of the costs of training workers selected by representatives of the Provincial Governments and the National Employment Service.

During 1947, these Agreements were accepted and signed by the Provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Up to July 1948, comparatively little training had been carried out under them. Generally speaking, employment conditions had been good and the provinces were reluctant to set up courses for non-veteran workers until they were certain that veterans approved for training were going to receive it with a minimum of delay. Although the Federal appropriation for the training of unemployed persons for the year was \$290,000, only \$39,486 had been paid up to Apr. 30, 1948. This represented the Federal share in the training of 63 men and 196 women who received a total of 21,775 days' training.

Federal Assistance to Vocational Schools.—Ten-year Agreements are in effect by which all provinces receive Federal aid in vocational training on the secondary school level. Each province is given an annual grant of \$10,000. In addition, \$1,910,000 is allotted each year among the different provinces in proportion to the number of young persons in each province who are in the age group 15-19 years. The Agreements provide for a further contribution of \$10,000,000 to be allotted on the same basis and to be made available during a limited period for capital expenditures on buildings and equipment. Up to Apr. 30, 1948, claims had been paid by the Dominion for the year ended Mar. 31, 1948, amounting to \$991,760 for buildings and \$233,191 for equipment. Except for the \$10,000 grant, the Provincial Governments must match all Federal contributions dollar for dollar.

Training of Discharged Members of the Forces.—During 1947 the training of discharged members of the Forces was carried on under the Re-establishment Training Agreement, which was in effect in all provinces.

Administration.—The same method of administration was followed in 1947 as in previous years, with the Provincial Governments co-operating in the provision of vocational and pre-matriculation training. The staff for Canadian Vocational Training was augmented in accordance with requirements, and at one period reached a total of 2,805. Included in that number were regional staffs in each province, principals and instructors for schools, field representatives who looked after veterans training-on-the-job, and a large maintenance staff. Preference was given in all appointments to veterans with overseas service.