

organization of activities to save, conserve or develop the soil and water resources of the Province (irrigation, drainage, reclamation) and assists, in collaboration with the Federal Government, in the installation and administration of works in province-wide project programs. This Branch operates irrigation and dry-land winter-feed farms, licenses water users and the sale of farm implements in Saskatchewan; (5) the Dairy Branch, which licenses and inspects dairy manufacturing plants and frozen food locker plants, licenses cream graders and milk and cream testers, and promotes herd improvement through cow-testing centres and organized Herd Improvement Associations; (6) the Field Crops Branch, which promotes good cropping, tillage and soil conservation practices, encourages the use of alfalfa and grass mixtures for hay production, the improvement of native meadows and farm pastures, the maintenance of fodder and feed and seed grain reserves, administers emergency policies in fodder and feed grain, encourages control measures for insect and weed pests and organizes provincial campaigns for insect and weed control, encourages the use and distribution of good quality seed of recommended varieties and operates a seed-cleaning plant; (7) the Lands Branch, which administers lands in the settled part of Saskatchewan owned by the Province which are used for agricultural or pasturage purposes, classifies Crown land according to the use for which it is suited and disposes of such land under long-term lease or reservation for inclusion in a private unit or a land utilization project; (8) the Live Stock Branch, which encourages the use of suitable animals for breeding purposes by establishment of pure-bred sire areas, gives assistance in purchase and distribution of stallions, bulls, boars and rams, examines and licenses stallions, arranges for exhibits of live stock, registers brands, bonds and licenses live-stock dealers and agents, wool-warehouse operators, wool collectors and buyers, promotes warble fly and other live-stock insect control and advises on live-stock feeding and management; (9) the Poultry Branch, which maintains flock-culling and turkey-grading and -banding services, administers an approved hatchery policy, licenses wholesalers and first receivers of poultry products, hatcheries and hatchery agents, bonds produce dealers and poultry buyers, and promotes flock improvement; (10) the Statistics Branch, which, in co-operation with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, maintains a crop-reporting service and gathers data regarding crops and live stock, including production, marketing and income; (11) the Veterinary Branch, which investigates conditions with a view to safeguarding the health of live stock and poultry and co-operates with Federal officials and practising veterinarians in disease control.

Alberta.—To serve the people of Alberta, the Department of Agriculture is divided into a number of branches, each concerned with a particular phase of the industry.

The Field Crops Branch deals with all matters pertaining to the utilization of the soil and production of crops. There have been set up, in the Province, Agricultural Service Boards on a municipal basis. These Boards carry on certain local programs in co-operation with the Department.

The Live Stock Branch aids in maintaining the quality of Alberta herds and flocks through policies designed to assist farmers in securing pure-bred herd sires. The live-stock industry is also given assistance by the services of an artificial insemination laboratory established at the School of Agriculture at Olds. The work of the Branch includes the inspection of stallions and the administration of Acts relating to stock inspection, brands, domestic animals, and the sale of horned cattle.