

The Dairy Branch conducts chemical and bacteriological analyses and administers all matters pertaining to the dairy industry. Prescribed standards in construction and sanitation practices, enforced through licensing and inspection, are required of all dairy manufacturing, milk distributing and frozen food locker plants.

Growth of the poultry industry during and since the War has greatly increased the work of the Poultry Branch. This Branch carries on programs to improve poultry husbandry, and through a flock approval policy the control of pullorum disease is being accomplished. It also maintains an up-to-date demonstration and breeding plant at Oliver.

The Veterinary Services Branch was recently reorganized, and now comprises the former office of the Provincial Veterinarian and the Veterinary Laboratory. The new Branch is doing much to help producers understand disease problems and their control.

The Apiculture Branch administers the Bee Diseases Act, which requires the registration of all beekeepers and the maintenance of an inspection service. The Branch also carries on a considerable amount of general educational work.

The Agricultural Extension Service operates through 35 offices, in which there are located 39 District Agriculturists and 15 District Home Economists. The District Agriculturists work with farmers, assisting them with their many problems and carrying to them the various Departmental policies designed to improve the standard of agricultural practices throughout the Province. The District Home Economists provide a complementary service for farm women, aiding them in matters pertaining to foods and nutrition, sewing and clothing, home administration problems, etc.

Two schools of agriculture, located at Olds and Vermilion, provide 400 students each year with a practical education in agriculture and home economics. The course is of two years duration. During the month of July, the Schools are in constant use for various short courses for farm men and women and young people.

The Alberta Junior Farm and Home Clubs educate farm young people in the practical phases of farming and homemaking, and train them in the essentials of good citizenship. In 1948 there were 327 junior clubs, with a total membership of about 5,452.

The Department issues bulletins dealing with agricultural and home economics topics. It assembles statistical data which are required by many organizations within the Province.

British Columbia.—The Department of Agriculture consists of four main divisions: (1) the Administrative Division is responsible for the general direction of agricultural policies, administration of legislation affecting agriculture, supervision of extension programs, collection of agricultural statistics, compilation of reports and publications, preparation of material for agricultural exhibitions, supervision of farmers' and women's institutes; and markets extension; (2) the Animal Industry Division supervises live-stock work including: promotion and improvement of animal production, fur farms, brand inspection, inspection of beef grading, control of contagious diseases of animals, eradication of insect pests detrimental to live stock, and field extension connected with animal nutritional work. This Division consists of general live-stock, veterinary, dairy, and poultry branches; (3) the Plant Industry Division includes: horticulture, field crop, plant pathology, entomology and apiculture branches; fruit, vegetable and seed production and surveys dealing with orchards, small fruits, flowering bulbs and greenhouse areas