

Increasing use is being made also of trade advisory committees. Costs approved under the Agreement are shared equally between the province and the Federal Government.

**Training of Unemployed Persons.**—An amendment to the Canadian Vocational Training Co-ordination Act in 1948 expanded the provisions for the training of unemployed persons so that those who were not in receipt of unemployment insurance benefit would be eligible. Greater authority and responsibility were given to the provinces in the selection of trainees, the decision in regard to starting classes, and the operation of such classes. The approved costs were shared equally between the provinces and the Federal Government, with each province recommending to the Minister of Labour the scale of training allowances that should be paid.

The schedule covering the training of unemployed persons was accepted by all provinces. Training was not carried out in Prince Edward Island, Quebec or Ontario, where it was considered that the necessity for it had not developed.

In the fiscal year 1949-50, approximately 114,000 days' training was given to 1,733 individuals, nearly all of whom were in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. On Mar. 31, 1950, 627 were under training. The largest enrolment was in classes for nurses' aides. No training under this schedule was given for the designated apprentice trades.

**Training of Military Personnel.**—Authority was obtained to amend the Vocational Training Agreement by adding Schedule "K" to provide for the training of service tradesmen in such categories as might be requested by the Department of National Defence, and for whom the Provincial Governments had the necessary training facilities.

The training was on a comparatively small scale, with an enrolment of 656 trainees in the Provinces of New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. The greater part of the training was given to driver mechanics or motor-vehicle mechanics. The cost of this type of training was paid solely by the Federal Government.

**Discharged Members of the Forces.**—There was a further marked decrease in the numbers of veterans given training. The new enrolments were composed of pensioners or individuals who, for various reasons, had to delay their entrance to training. Only 694 veterans received training during the year, of whom 270 were still under training on Mar. 31, 1950. No veterans were enrolled in either Prince Edward Island or Saskatchewan at the end of the year. Since the outset of Rehabilitation Training, the total enrolment is 134,722. The costs were borne solely by the Federal Department of Labour, and expenditures have amounted to over \$25,800,000.

**Assistance to the Provinces for Vocational Schools.**—The ten-year agreement for vocational school assistance signed in 1945 continued in operation in nine provinces, and a new agreement was made in the latter part of this fiscal year with Newfoundland. The following payments are made by the Federal Government:—

- (1) An annual grant of \$10,000 to each province;
- (2) an annual allotment of \$1,965,800, allotted among all ten provinces in accordance with the number of young persons in each province in the age group fifteen to nineteen years;
- (3) a special allotment of \$10,292,250, to be used for capital expenditures for buildings and equipment, and distributed among the provinces on the same basis as the annual allotment.