

several scholarships are awarded to young men enabling them to take a four-year degree course in agriculture. Government policy relating to land settlement affecting both civilians and war veterans, and the scheme of assistance to farmers in clearing land with government-owned tractors are administered by the Land Development Division of the Department of Natural Resources.

**Prince Edward Island.**—The Department of Agriculture is presided over by a Minister, assisted by a Deputy Minister, a Dairy Inspector, a Pathologist and Veterinarian, a Soil Assistant, five County Representatives and a Superintendent of Women's Institutes.

**Nova Scotia.**—Provincial agricultural policies in Nova Scotia are administered by the Department of Agriculture and Marketing, with the Minister's Office and those of the Deputy Minister, the Director of Marketing Services and the Superintendent of Agricultural Services located at Halifax. The Department is composed of several Branches, each headed by a Director. The Branches include: Agricultural Engineering Services; Animal and Poultry Services; Chemistry, Soils and Fertilizer Services; Dairy Services; Extension Services; Field Crops Services; Horticultural and Biological Services; Immigration and Land Settlement Services; and Marketing Services. With the exception of the agricultural representatives who are located in the 18 county offices, all technical officials are located at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, Truro.

**New Brunswick.**—Provincial Government policy concerning agriculture in New Brunswick is directed by the Department of Agriculture. This Department has as its head the Minister of Agriculture who is assisted by a Deputy Minister and the Directors of the following services: extension, live stock, dairy, veterinary, poultry, horticulture, field husbandry, soils and crops, plant protection and promotion, agricultural engineering, home economics, Credit Union Co-operative Association, agricultural education, apiculture and agricultural societies.

**Quebec.**—The Department of Agriculture of Quebec comprises ten services: education, rural economics, extension, animal husbandry, horticulture, field husbandry, information and research, handicrafts and home economics, health of animals and rural engineering. Each service is divided into sections dealing with particular problems. The Department also includes many other special organizations such as the Farm Credit Bureau, the Research Council, the Rural Electrification Bureau and the Dairy Industry Commission.

The annual competition for the Agricultural Merit Order, organized in 1890, is held alternately in each of five regions. Honours and awards are conferred upon the operators of the best kept farms. More than 5,000 farmers have participated in the competition since its inception. County Farm Improvement Contests, started about 1930, have brought about most gratifying results on over 5,000 farms and remain very popular. Each contest lasts five years during which time farms are completely transformed and their production greatly increased.

Soil-improvement policies include large drainage projects carried out by the Department and smaller projects by groups of farmers with government help. Over 500,000 acres have been reclaimed or improved in the past few years. Financial and mechanical assistance is given for land clearing, stoning, levelling and terracing. Grants are also available for underground drainage, liming, etc.