

per lb. for Quebec cheese at Montreal and 34 cents per lb. for Ontario cheese f.o.b. warehouse, equivalent to 110 p.c. of the average. The Board bought about 15,000,000 lb. and released most of it later for export at a cost of more than \$500,000.

Price support on dry skimmed milk was reduced as at May 1, 1958, and the Board bought 62,000,000 lb. before placing a delivery quota in late September on milk which could be offered for purchase. Some 18,000,000 lb. were disposed of by gift and sale up to Oct. 10.

Shell eggs were supported from May 5, 1958, on the basis of 44 cents per doz. Grade A large, graded and packed at Montreal. The Board purchased about 350,000 cases of eggs from January through June 1958, nearly all of which had been sold by the end of October. Fowl and frozen whole-egg stocks were reduced substantially during the period up to Oct. 10.

The Board was authorized to support, during 1958, British Columbia tomatoes, processed raspberries and apples, asparagus, honey, apricots, processed peaches, soybeans, sugar beets, Prince Edward Island potatoes, and wool. Support on turkeys, granted under the Agricultural Prices Support Act, was continued.

Agricultural Products Board.—The Agricultural Products Board, first established in 1951 under the Emergency Powers Act, was reappointed under the Agricultural Products Board Act dated Jan. 23, 1952. The Board was established for the purpose of selling or delivering agricultural products pursuant to any agreement made by the Government of Canada with any other government or agency, and to buy, sell or import agricultural products.

Administration Branch.—Besides its general responsibility for the business management of the Department, the Administration Branch embraces the division concerned with Information and Economics. For the present, rehabilitation and assistance programs are also associated with this Branch.

The Organization and Personnel Division is responsible for all matters pertaining to personnel, pay and benefits, promotion competitions, staff relations, and the over-all establishment and estimates for the whole Department. The Property and Finance Division is responsible for property, buildings and equipment management practices; the carrying out of the Financial Administration Act; and the provision of centralized purchasing and services.

The Economics Division collects, analyses and interprets economic information required to form and administer departmental policies and programs. It conducts economic surveys and research designed to improve agricultural production, marketing, and farm living conditions. The Division acts as an economic and statistical research agency for the Agricultural Stabilization Board, the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration and other bodies, assisting in any economic undertaking with which the Department is concerned.

The Information Division gathers and publishes information arising from research work and the development and regulatory programs of the Department, giving direct service to the public, agricultural extension and research workers. It employs all the recognized media—printed publications, press and radio releases, motion pictures and television. In addition, the Division operates the central library of the Department and a system of field libraries located at major research centres of the Department across Canada.

Subsection 2.—Farm Credit and Assistance

The Federal Government has made provision for the extension of credit to farmers under the Canadian Farm Loan Act and under the Farm Improvement Loans Act. Cash advances are made to grain producers under the terms of the Prairie Grain Advance