Pulp and Paper Research.—The Pulp and Paper Research Institute of Canada, with laboratories at Pointe Claire and Montreal, Que., is a corporation supported jointly by the Federal Government, the Canadian pulp and paper industry, and McGill University. It carries out research in the whole broad field of pulp and paper processing, from the growth and harvesting of the forests through the various chemical and mechanical manufacturing processes to the properties of end-products, including the improved utilization of both liquid and solid wastes. Further details are given at pp. 474-476.

Forest Biology.—Research on forest insects and diseases is carried out by the Research Branch of the Department of Agriculture which maintains regional laboratories and field stations in all principal forested regions of Canada. The forest insect and disease survey is a Canada-wide project conducted by the Branch in co-operation with the provincial forest services and forest industries, the primary objective of which is to maintain an annual census of forest insect and disease conditions, and to detect and predict the occurrence of outbreaks. Results of the survey are made immediately available to the owners and operators of forest lands for use in planning salvage programs, directing control operations or other measures to reduce damage. An important secondary objective of the survey is extension of knowledge of the insects and fungi affecting forest trees, including their life histories, ranges of distribution and host-parasite relationships.

The research programs of the regional laboratories are designed to lead to comprehensive understanding of the biology and ecology of the more destructive forest insects and fungi, and the causes of fluctuations in abundance or severity of damage in time and place. Problems under intensive study include insect defoliators, leaf diseases, sucking insects, stem cankers, bark- and wood-boring beetles, trunk and root decays, tip- and root-boring insects, and diseases of tree seedlings in forest nurseries. A recent development is the initiation of investigations of virus diseases of forest trees. Laboratory research on development, physiology, nutrition and taxonomy complements the field ecological studies of insects and fungi in the forest environment. Problems of broad national importance in insect pathology, cytology and genetics, bioclimatology and chemical control are investigated by Branch sections which are appropriately staffed and equipped for research in these special fields.

The Research Branch also carries out experiments in control, utilizing cultural techniques, chemicals and biological control agents, including parasites, predators and insect pathogens. Technical advisory services are provided in evaluating possibilities of eradication or control, or other applications of research results. Recent examples include recommendations for reduction of seedling losses in forest tree nurseries through cultural techniques and chemical applications; the co-operative organization of cull surveys to improve forest inventories; consultation with local authorities on the Dutch elm disease problem in New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario, designed to limit spread and damage through control of the disease vectors and sanitation procedures; and technical co-operation with provincial governments and industrial agencies in the organization of spraying operations against the spruce budworm in New Brunswick and Quebec, and the black-headed budworm and ambrosia beetles in British Columbia.

Subsection 2.—Provincial Forestry Programs

All forested land in provincial territory, with the exception of the minor portions in National Parks, forest experiment stations, military areas and Indian reserves (see Table 2, p. 15), is administered by the respective provincial governments. The forestry program of each province is outlined below.

Newfoundland.—Geographically, the Province of Newfoundland has two separate regions—the Island and Labrador on the mainland. The productive forested land of the Island is estimated at 12,758 sq. miles and of Labrador at 17,747 sq. miles, a total of 30,505 sq. miles. Only 578 sq. miles are classified as farm woodlots. Most of Labrador's forests are leased but are as yet virtually untouched.