

The *Health of Animals Division* administers the Animal Contagious Diseases Act, the Humane Slaughter of Food Animals Act and the Meat Inspection Act. The Division also operates laboratories for the study of animal diseases. Besides its responsibility in carrying out various disease prevention measures, the Division conducts programs for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis and brucellosis and issues health certificates for livestock entering export trade. The animal pathology laboratories, in addition to their research function, manufacture diagnostic reagents and biological products and provide analytical and diagnostic services for diseases of domestic and wild animals. District laboratories across the country give routine diagnostic and research services. The *Livestock Division* administers legislation dealing with the grading of meat, wool and fur, with the registration of livestock pedigrees, with performance testing of cattle and hogs and with the supervision of racetrack betting. Other activities include the promotion of livestock improvement and the compilation of market statistics. The *Poultry Division* carries out the policies of the national poultry breeding program, including Record of Performance for poultry and hatchery inspection, and administers the regulations for the grading of poultry products.

The *Fruit and Vegetable Division* administers legislation having to do with the grading of fruits and vegetables in both fresh and processed form, maple products and honey. The Division is responsible for the licensing of interprovincial and international brokers who deal in fresh fruits and vegetables. The *Dairy Products Division* is responsible for the administration of legislation covering grades and standards for dairy products, including butter, cheese, concentrated milk products and ice cream. The *Plant Products Division* administers Acts and regulations respecting seeds, feedstuffs, fertilizers and pest-control products, conducts field inspections and maintains regional testing laboratories. The *Plant Protection Division* is responsible, under the Destructive Insect and Pest Act, for safeguarding against the introduction of serious plant insects or diseases into Canada or their spread in Canada, for certifying freedom from disease and pests in plant exports, and for seed potato certification.

The *Markets Information Section* compiles and distributes market information respecting livestock, meats and wool, dairy products, eggs and poultry, and fruits and vegetables. The *Consumer Section* helps to promote proper use of Canadian agricultural food products through experimental work, carried on by its home economists, on the cooking of foods and the preserving of perishables. The *Transportation, Storage and Retail Inspection Section* administers the payment of subsidies for the construction of public cold storage facilities. Cargo inspectors at the main Canadian ports check the handling of goods moving to export. Other inspectors in the principal marketing areas make spot checks on retail outlets to see that food products meet the prescribed standards of quality and grade.

Administration Branch.—In addition to its general responsibility for the business management of the Department, the Administration Branch embraces the Divisions concerned with Economics and Information. Administration of the rehabilitation and assistance programs is also associated with this Branch.

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. 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.