

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 *General Services and Cold Storage 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.

Other Departmental Services.—The *Economics Division* collects, analyses and interprets economic information required to form and administer departmental policies and programs and also conducts 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 undertakings with which the Department is concerned.

The *Information Division* gathers and publishes information arising from research work and the development of regulatory programs of the Department. Publication is through the printed word, press and radio releases, motion pictures, television and exhibits.

The general business management of the Department is the responsibility of the *Departmental Administration*, the duties of which also embrace Emergency Measures Planning and the Departmental Library; the main emphasis of the Library's collection is, of course, on agriculture but extends also to the life sciences.

Subsection 2.—Farm Assistance Programs*

Basic to the concept of Canada's national agricultural policy is the premise that a stable agriculture is in the interests of the national economy and that farmers as a group are entitled to a fair share of the national income. In pursuit of these objectives, the Department of Agriculture has carried on, over a long period, a program designed to aid agriculture through the application of scientific research and the encouragement of improved methods of production and marketing. Over the years, as conditions have warranted, programs have been initiated to deal with special situations such as the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act (see p. 430) to deal with the results of the drought in the 1930's; the Prairie Farm Assistance Act (p. 454) to mitigate the effects of crop failure; and the Maritime Marshland Rehabilitation Act (p. 432) to save valuable soil in the Maritime Provinces.

* Since the preparation of this Subsection, additional farm assistance legislation has been passed by Parliament in the form of the Farm Machinery Syndicate Credit Act (SC 1964, c. 29), which, as its name implies, provides for the extension of credit to syndicates for the purpose of purchasing machinery for use primarily by their members.