

Feed Grain Assistance.—The activities of the Feed Grain Administration of the Department of Forestry and Rural Development include the administration of a program respecting freight and storage assistance on Western Canada feed grains used for feeding livestock in Eastern Canada and British Columbia. Under the Feed Grain Assistance Regulations of the Appropriations Act, the original policy was initiated in October 1941 to enable eastern Canadian feeders of livestock and poultry to obtain western-grown feed grains at reduced cost so that livestock and poultry production could be maintained at a high level. This program was amended over the years with the introduction of a storage assistance program, freight assistance to truck movements of grains and feeds and a zone system of payment. Orders in Council passed in 1966-67 amended zone rates to more equitably equalize transport costs to all zones.

On Nov. 17, 1966, Royal Assent was given to the Livestock Feed Assistance Act authorizing the establishment of a Crown corporation known as the Canadian Livestock Feed Board, the function of which is to carry out the administration of the freight and storage assistance programs, to administer the broader objects of the Act of ensuring an availability of feed grain stocks and storage to meet the needs of livestock feeders, and to ensure reasonable stability and a fair equalization in feed grain prices in Eastern Canada and British Columbia.

During the year ended Mar. 31, 1967, \$20,263,373 was spent on the freight assistance program, aiding in the transport of 2,607,510 tons of feed grains and grain products into Eastern Canada and British Columbia, and \$570,714 was spent on the payment of storage charges on western feed grains in store in elevators and vessels in Eastern Canada.

6.—Freight-Assisted Shipments of Feed Grain, by Province of Destination, Year Ended Mar. 31, 1967

Destination	Wheat	Oats	Barley	Rye	Screenings	Millfeeds	Total	Expenditures
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	\$
Newfoundland.....	8,923	4,641	4,146	—	985	5,114	23,879	517,505
Prince Edward Island.....	7,576	3,514	10,822	—	1,735	10,127	33,774	504,316
Nova Scotia.....	54,879	20,927	30,711	194	8,544	33,371	148,626	1,872,917
New Brunswick.....	16,898	13,310	15,942	—	6,246	27,835	80,231	1,137,879
Quebec.....	261,041	314,952	393,718	13,161	32,253	271,483	1,286,608	9,955,206
Ontario.....	113,099	220,139	232,263	18,182	61,281	154,912	799,876	4,241,209
British Columbia.....	72,703	39,725	84,438	183	3,431	32,079	234,566	2,034,341
Totals.....	535,119	617,208	772,040	31,720	114,475	534,921	2,607,510¹	20,263,373

¹ Includes 2,027 tons of corn destined for British Columbia.

Section 3.— Provincial Governments in Relation to Agriculture*

Subsection 1.—Agricultural Services

Newfoundland.—Government agricultural services in Newfoundland are operated by the Agricultural Division of the Department of Mines, Agriculture and Resources. The Division is in charge of a director who is assisted by a staff of 49 officers. For purposes of administration, the province is divided into nine districts. A fieldman with permanent headquarters is located in each district except Labrador, where the officer is resident for the summer only. Officers in charge of different phases of agricultural development visit each district on assignments from the St. John's office.

Departmental policies in support of the agricultural industry include: a bonus of \$125 an acre on land cleared by privately owned equipment; the distribution of ground

* Information supplied by the agricultural authorities of the various provinces.