

limestone at a subsidized rate; the payment of bonuses on purebred sires; and financial assistance to agricultural societies, marketing organizations and exhibition committees. An inspection service is provided for poultry products, vegetables and blueberries, production of the latter being encouraged by the burning of suitable berry areas and the improvement of roads and trails leading to them.

Every encouragement is given to the production of livestock. Poultry and beef production have increased with favourable marketing conditions and with departmental assistance and loans under the Provincial Farm Development Loan Act. The Provincial Veterinarian and his staff supervise the health of animals program and the joint federal-provincial project for the eradication of bovine tuberculosis.

The Agricultural Division co-operates with the Department of Education in furthering the 4-H Club movement in the province and accepts responsibility for all projects pertaining to agriculture.

Prince Edward Island.—The activities of the provincial Department of Agriculture are indicated by its staff establishment which includes, in addition to the Minister and Deputy Minister, a dairy superintendent, three check testers, three dairy herd improvement promoters, a director of veterinary services and ten subsidized practising veterinarians, a livestock director, a director of marketing and research and two research fieldmen, a director of extension, a horticulturist, a soil analysis assistant, a poultry fieldman, an economist, an agronomist, a director of 4-H Clubs, three agricultural representatives, a nursery supervisor, a forester and an assistant forester, a farm improvement supervisor, and a director, an assistant director and two extension workers of Women's Institutes.

Nova Scotia.—The Department of Agriculture and Marketing endeavours to "help the people to help themselves" through strengthening member interest in such organizations as the Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture, the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, various agricultural co-operative organizations, credit unions and producer and marketing organizations.

New Brunswick.—Provincial government agricultural policy and programs in New Brunswick are administered and directed by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. Under the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Department is administered by a deputy minister, an assistant deputy minister and the directors of Branches concerned with: extension, livestock and dairying, veterinary services, poultry, horticulture, field husbandry, potato and plant protection, agricultural engineering, home economics, credit unions and co-operatives, agricultural education, and rural development.

Quebec.—Quebec agricultural policy is based on the principle that the commercial family farm is the ideal foundation for the rural social structure. It is therefore aimed at organized modernization of this type of operation. The provincial government, in conjunction with agricultural, co-operative and professional associations, seeks to increase agricultural productivity in the province by promoting the professionalization of farming, by up-dating production methods, by developing marketing procedures for farm products, and through rural development. Responsibility therefore is vested in the Department of Agriculture and Colonization operating under the authority of a minister and three deputy ministers.

The Production and Development Branch, under an assistant deputy minister, operates at the management level. Its activities are focused mainly on research, technical education, popularization of knowledge, land development, and animal and plant improvement and receive support from the Farm Credit Bureau which provides land and farm improvement loans. As a result of large-scale decentralization of provincial administration to 12 agricultural areas, farmers are receiving fast and diversified service.