

of a subsidy on agricultural limestone. Each year several scholarships are awarded young men enabling them to take a two-year degree course in agriculture. Government policy relating to the clearing of land for agricultural purposes, with government-owned tractors, is administered by the Land Development Division of the Department of Mines and Resources.

Prince Edward Island.—The Department of Agriculture is presided over by a Minister assisted by a Deputy Minister, a Dairy Inspector, a Pathologist, a Veterinarian and five subsidized Assistant Veterinarians, a Soil Assistant, a Poultry Director, three Field Representatives, a Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor of Women's Institutes.

Nova Scotia.—The Nova Scotia Advisory Committee on Agricultural Services was established a few years ago to further the effective prosecution, within the Province, of agricultural policies and projects of the Federal and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture.

The main purpose and function of the Committee, which meets quarterly, is to determine ways and means by which the purposes of both Departments of Agriculture can best be served, and how the work of those Departments may be co-ordinated and directed through integrated agricultural policies and with a minimum duplication of services.

Every effort is made by the Department of Agriculture and Marketing to "help the people to help themselves". This is being done through strengthening member-interest in such organizations as the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association, Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, through various agricultural co-operative organizations, through credit unions and through several producer-organizations.

New Brunswick.—Provincial Government policy concerning agriculture in New Brunswick is directed by the Department of Agriculture. This Department has as its head the Minister of Agriculture who is assisted by a Deputy Minister and the Directors of the following services: extension, live stock, dairy, veterinary, poultry, horticulture, field husbandry, soils and crops, plant protection and promotion, agricultural engineering, home economics, Credit Union Co-operative Association, agricultural education, apiculture, and agricultural societies.

Quebec.—The Department of Agriculture of Quebec comprises eleven services: rural education, rural economy, extension, animal husbandry, horticulture, field husbandry, information and research, home economics, animal health, rural engineering and the secretariat. Each service is divided into sections dealing with particular problems.

The Department also includes many other special organizations such as the Research Council, the Dairy Industry Commission, the Dairy School of St. Hyacinthe, the Provincial Extension Farm (Deschambault), the Fur Bearing Animals Extension Farm (St. Louis de Courville). The Farm Credit Bureau, the Quebec Sugar Refinery (St. Hilaire) and the Veterinary College (St. Hyacinthe) are also under the authority of the Minister of Agriculture, and the Office of Rural Electrification is connected with the Provincial Executive Council.

The annual competition for the Agricultural Merit Order, organized in 1890, is held alternately in each of five regions. Each contest lasts five years and covers the different farm productions; the main objective is an economical increase in crop and cattle yields. County Farm Improvement Contests have been conducted