

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.

Every encouragement is given to production of livestock. The Division has maintained an experimental sheep flock for the past four years under the management of a Scottish shepherd. Poultry and beef production have increased with favourable marketing conditions and Departmental assistance and loans under the Provincial Farm Development Loan Act. Two veterinarians, employed by the Division, supervise the health of animals program and the eradication of bovine tuberculosis has been carried on over the past five years as a joint federal-provincial project.

Prince Edward Island.—The Provincial Department of Agriculture is presided over by a Minister assisted by a Deputy Minister. The Department also employs a Dairy Superintendent and Assistant Dairy Superintendent, a Director of Veterinary Services, a Horticulturist, and an Agricultural Engineer, five subsidized practicing Veterinarians, a Soil Analysis Assistant, a Poultry Director, an Agronomist, three Field Representatives, a Director and 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, Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association, through various agricultural co-operative organizations, credit unions and several producer organizations. The Department is assisted by the Nova Scotia Advisory Committee on Agricultural Services which 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 may 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.

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, livestock, 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 various farm products; its main objective is to ascertain the personal merit of the competitors who have most distinguished themselves and can serve as examples. County Farm Improvement Contests have been conducted for more than twenty-two years and are