

representative of the lime-manufacturers, the farmers, and the Government. This committee is now conducting its inquiry, and it is charged with the following duties :—

- (1) Investigating the more efficient production of lime and the organization of the agricultural lime industry generally :
- (2) Recommending more efficient methods for the distribution and marketing of agricultural lime :
- (3) Investigating and reporting on the most efficient and equitable manner in which Government assistance, if granted, could be utilized so that *bona fide* farmers may secure the maximum benefit therefrom.
- (4) Investigating the prices charged for agricultural lime and the quality of such.

It is anticipated that as a result of this committee's investigations it will be possible to place the lime industry of the Dominion on a sound basis.

These are the salient features of the Department's activities. The accompanying statement by the Director-General of Agriculture and the reports of the various heads of the various Divisions of the Department cover a wide range of subjects. The staff of the Department has done excellent service, of which I record my full appreciation.

I have, &c.,

W. LEE MARTIN,

Minister of Agriculture.

His Excellency the Governor-General.

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