

Experimental Farms.

APPENDIX

TO THE

REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

ON

EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

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SIR,—I have the honour to submit to you herewith my tenth annual report of work done and in progress at the several experimental farms which have been established in different parts of the Dominion.

You will also find appended reports from the following officers of the Central Experimental Farm: From the Horticulturist Mr. John Craig; from the Chemist, Mr. Frank T. Shutt, and from the Entomologist and Botanist, Dr. James Fletcher. A report is also submitted from the Poultry Manager, Mr. A. G. Gilbert, and from the Foreman of Forestry, Mr. W. T. Macoun; the latter will be found included with the report of the Director.

From the branch experimental farms there are reports from Mr. Geo. W. Forrest, superintendent and from Mr. W. B. Blair, horticulturist of the experimental farm for the Maritime Provinces, at Nappan, Nova Scotia; from Mr. S. A. Bedford, superintendent of the experimental farm for Manitoba at Brandon; from Mr. Angus Mackay, superintendent of the experimental farm for the North-west Territories, at Indian Head; and from Mr. Thos. A. Sharpe, superintendent of the experimental farm for British Columbia, at Agassiz.

In these reports will be found the results of much carefully conducted experimental work relating to agriculture, horticulture and arboriculture, giving particulars of the outcome of much practical work in the fields, barns, dairy and poultry buildings, orchards and plantations; also of scientific investigation of chemical problems in the laboratory and the careful study of the life history and habits of injurious insects and noxious weeds with suggestions of measures for their destruction. Some details will also be found in the report of the Entomologist and Botanist of the experiments which have been carried on during the past year in connection with bee-keeping.