

donations. Your committee believing that in connection with the Horticultural College an Experimental Fruit Station is an imperative necessity—have by various letters, applied to the Federal Government for a sufficient annual grant to carry on the Station work. The beginning of so important an enterprise is beset with difficulties and requires your careful attention. Your committee recommend that a Council Board for the Horticultural School be appointed consisting of one member for each County of the Province with an Executive Board chosen from the vicinity in which the Institution is located. The President of the Association with the Professor of the Horticultural College, to be *ex officio* members of the Executive Committee.

*Committee "Ways and Means,"*

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In moving the adoption of the above, MR. ARCHIBALD spoke as follows :—

Nineteen years ago the first regularly organized agricultural experimental station was established in Connecticut. Other stations soon followed by state or college authority in various parts of the union. In 1887 congress passed a law providing and organizing a station in every state and territory, except two, with a yearly grant of \$15,000 to each. In different states branches or sub-stations have been established. Local climates and soils seem to demand them, and judging from the value already placed upon them will be rapidly multiplied. In 1890 congress further granted an increase of \$1,000 per year for the period of 10 years, or until \$25,000 becomes an annual grant to each state. The number of officers engaged in the different lines of work in 1892 are as follows : Directors, 68 ; chemists, 115 ; agriculturalists, 59 ; horticulturalists, 59 ; botanists, 36 ; entomologists, 36 ; veterinarians, 23 ; meteorologists, 14 ; biologists, 9 ; phycists, 3 ; geologists, 4 ; in charge of sub-stations, 27 ; together with a large staff of assistants. The monthly bulletins give a valuable synopsis of work done at the experimental stations. There were 250 of these issued in 1892, besides 55 annual reports. A central office for collating experiment station work is now attached to the department of agriculture at Washington.