

Agriculture Helped

**SCIENTIFIC METHODS DEMONSTRATED—FEDERAL GRANT
OBTAINED—NEW PLANS ADOPTED AND SUCCESSFULLY
OPERATED—GREAT INCREASE IN FARM
WEALTH**

Increased Expenditure on Agriculture.... \$776,454
Increase of Farm Assets..... \$278,035,602

In the general policy of the Whitney Government agriculture has received a large share of attention. Building of good roads, legislative machinery for the encouragement of rural telephones on a sound business basis, extension of the Hydro-Electric service to the farms and rural districts on a cost basis, and effective plans for widespread agricultural instruction are all features of the Whitney policies for making Ontario agriculture more prosperous and satisfactory.

The work of the Ontario Department of Agriculture has been both aggressive and progressive, and marked by initiative and enterprise. Above all, it has endeavored to be practical and keep in close touch with the farmer and his problems. It directly served more people in the past year than ever before. Competent observers have expressed the opinion that the Department is now doing more effective and more efficient work than at any time in its history. To show that substantial progress is being made, it is only necessary to point to the fact that in 1912, according to the Bureau of Industries statistics, the total value of the agricultural assets of the province was \$1,405,950,940, as compared to \$1,127,915,338 in 1904, an increase of \$278,035,602.

The Government has been generous in making financial provision for agricultural work. This fact is especially appreciated when the record of the Whitney Government in this matter is contrasted with that of the Liberal Government which preceded it. Note the figures.

Appropriations for Agriculture, 1904.....\$ 475,378
Appropriations for Agriculture, 1914.....1,252,132

Increase.....\$ 776,454
(Over 150 per cent.)

PRE-ELECTION PROMISE REDEEMED

In appealing to the people in 1911, Sir James Whitney asked authority to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada by which aid for carrying on agricultural instruction would be provided from the Federal Treasury. This plan it now in effective and successful operation. The matter received prompt and sympathetic attention from the Government of the Rt.-Hon. R. L. Borden. At their very first Session a temporary plan was adopted and at the next Session a permanent policy was placed on the statute books under which \$10,000,000 is to be distributed among the provinces of Canada for agricultural instruction in the next ten years. With slight modifications the money is distributed on a per capita basis. Ontario received last year \$195,000, and this will increase by \$35,000 a year for four years. Credit is due the Borden Government for the enactment of this wise plan and to the Federal Minister of Agriculture for its administration. Within reasonable limitations, however, the apportionment is made by the Provincial Minister