

DEPARTMENT OF FARM ECONOMICS

The work in economics at Macdonald College, formerly otherwise carried on, reached the status of a department in 1926-27. At the time of establishing this department there was no hope or intention revealed of rapid expansion in staff. This intention has been rigidly adhered to and this is still a one-man department. The somewhat leisurely development has the advantages of allowing time for estimating the necessity for this comparatively new department by the administrative officers and staff and also the demand (if any) for the expansion in this field of work in research, teaching and extension work. Perhaps the most accurate estimate of the demand for expansion of this work may be revealed by a brief survey of what has been done.

Past Accomplishments

The comparatively short period during which this department has existed under its present form, coupled with the fact of its limited personnel, contribute to the brevity of this description. However, some progress may be reported.

Instruction work

During the period all courses in this field have been made elective with the exception of one course, namely, The Principles Of Economics, which is compulsory. This change, as far as we may judge from the very short period which has elapsed