

This annual loss cannot be removed by prayer; it can only be lessened by the attention of scientifically-trained men. These men, it is true, must be trained in the colleges and universities, but many of them look forward to employment in the Government Laboratories and in field work. Of the 287 who have obtained the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Macdonald College, 46 are engaged in teaching, and 110 in government positions. There is more than enough for them to do; and what they can do to help the farmer is worth a hundred times more than the encouragement which the Government has given in the past.

Macdonald College is affected in this way.-- It is the leading agricultural college in this Dominion. In the twenty-five years of its existence it has turned out more post-graduate students than all the other agricultural colleges in Canada put together, and I believe, although I am not positive, that to-day we have in attendance at Macdonald as many students taking post-graduate work as are in attendance at all the other agricultural colleges put together. More and more each year is Macdonald recognized as the leading post-graduate school in agriculture in Canada. No entomologist in Canada is quite in Professor Brittain's class, nor is there a geneticist superior to Huskins. The kindred departments, like Plant Pathology, Bacteriology and Soil Chemistry, are as well staffed here as anywhere else. If the Government chooses to emasculate its entomological services, naturally fewer men will attempt to make themselves expert in these subjects, because they will see that as far as this country is concerned, there is no future for practical work. I had two of this year's graduating class ask last week to be recommended for positions in the Colonial Service of the Imperial Government, who, despite the financial situation, are increasing their services of this kind.

You ask whether I am satisfied with the organization of Macdonald College. I am not. Discontent is the mainspring of progress. But I believe that in the light of my own knowledge and and of the Survey Report on Macdonald, the College is doing exceptional work and deserves well. We could improve it, without doubt, were resources available. Under present conditions, we must do everything possible to maintain its efficiency.

Ever yours faithfully,

Principal.