

trast with the Liberal policy of Agricultural schools and Demonstration farms throughout the Province, the Government has a policy which has so far only developed one expensive Agricultural institute in Kemppville, at the very door of the Hon. Mr. Ferguson, the Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, at a point where it is probably least needed in the Province of Ontario, in such close proximity to the "Dominion Experimental Farm" near Ottawa. The cost of the Kemppville institution could not be ascertained last session, except that a tender was accepted for \$5,081 for the plumbing and heating.

It is simply a sop to the constituents of a Minister who is also spending fabulous sums in filling up the swamps between Ottawa and Prescott in an extensive scheme of highway construction. It is a pity that some of these expenditures could not be more evenly distributed.

The most recent evidence that the Government approves of the Liberal policy is found in the very specious pre-election bribe offered by the Premier to Essex in his speech at Leamington, when he said that it was the intention of the Government to start an Experimental Farm in this part of the Province to assist the peculiar needs of the type of farming carried out in the Western counties. The Premier explained that this part of the Province had been so progressive in an agricultural way that the people deserved much more support from the Government than they had received in the past.

If the Premier had any honest intention of creating such an institution when the House was in session why was it not referred to in the estimates? Why does he wait until his craft is in danger before he sends out this "SOS" to the people of Essex county? Neither they nor the people of the Province at large will be deceived by such tactics. It will be interesting to know whether in the course of his election tour of the Province he proposes to act in the role of Agricultural Santa Claus in each of the ridings he visits.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Before the Conservatives came into power they were very much opposed to expenditures in connection with a house for the Lieutenant-Governor and in 1895 moved the following resolution:—

"That in the opinion of this House the maintenance of Government House and the establishment connected therewith *at the expense of the Province*, should after the expira-