

charge of Mr. John Campbell, now of the Norfolk Nurseries, Simcoe, Ont. Mr. Campbell was succeeded by Mr. E. Carpenter, and Mr. Carpenter, I think, by Prof. Shuttleworth. On Prof. Shuttleworth resigning to take a post graduate course at Cornell, Mr. C. A. Zavitz was appointed to his present position, and it is largely to Mr. Zavitz's indomitable energy and persistent, patient, conscientious work that the experimental work of the College has been brought to its



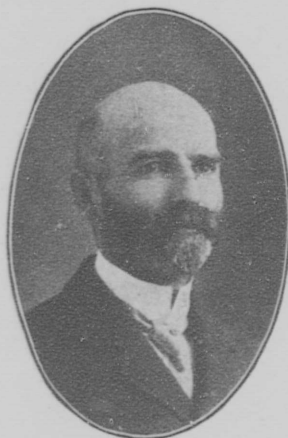
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present position, and to Mr. Zavitz belongs very largely the credit of creating the Experimental Union. He has taken it from the nebulous, indefinite form, which it formerly occupied and converted it into a most serviceable agent for the advancement of Canadian agriculture in general and Ontario agriculture in particular. The work of the Union now reaches every county and district in Ontario, and the very essence of the work that is carried on in the experimental plots is distributed to every part of the Province.

The Experimental Department of the O. A. C. has rendered a great service to the farmers of Ontario by in-

roducing new varieties of grains from all over the world, Russia, France, Germany, Great Britain, United States, New Zealand, Japan and Australia, have been laid under contribution and their best varieties have been brought to Guelph, thoroughly and patiently tested for a series of years in comparison with our best native varieties, inferior kinds discarded until finally only those varieties that have proven themselves very superior have been retained. These best varieties are grown in large quantities, and then to further prove their usefulness they are distributed



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by the Experimental Union to every portion of Ontario. In this way the Siberian Joanette, and Danberry varieties of oats have been introduced and distributed all over the Province. When we realize that the average of oats in this Province usually runs about 2½ millions to 3 acres annually and is rapidly increasing we can see what an addition to the wealth of the Province is made by distribut-