

These agricultural products of India which have been collected with so much care by the Government of India for the benefit of Canada, will be distributed among the several Experimental Farms, where they will be carefully tested and reported on. It is expected that some of these varieties of grain so long and successfully cultivated in India, will prove useful in the provinces comprising this wide Dominion.

EXHIBITS OF FARM PRODUCE.

Special exhibits of the products grown at the Experimental Farms were displayed at the Provincial Exhibition at Kingston, the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto, the Western Fair at London and the Central Canada Fair at Ottawa. The collections contained specimens of the different varieties of grain grown at the Central Experimental Farm, about 200 sorts in all, including bunches of heads from the field plots, as well as single plants of each sort. Large collections of potatoes were also shown, as well as field roots, fodder, plants and beans. Photographs were also displayed of many varieties of strawberries and raspberries grown on the Farm and represented exactly of the natural size. Samples of grain grown on the Experimental Farm at Indian Head, N. W. T., were also shown and collections of native grasses from both the Manitoba and North-West Farms. A small display of fruit consisting of some fine specimens of apples, pears and plums obtained from a small orchard on the Experimental Farm at Agassiz, British Columbia, was also an attractive feature. These exhibits attracted much attention, the various articles were arranged so as to be as instructive as possible. This effort to convey practical information to the visiting farmers was much appreciated and very favorably spoken of, while none of the collections were entered for competition, that shown at the Industrial Exhibition at Toronto, was awarded by the Directors a silver medal and a diploma in recognition of its excellence and usefulness.

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My warmest thanks are due to all the officers of the Central and branch Experimental Farms for the willing aid they have rendered in carrying on the important work we have in hand. The records of what has been accomplished are shown more in detail in the several reports appended. On the Central Farm the growth of the different varieties of cereals and other crops have been watched with the most careful interest by the farm foreman Mr. John Fixter, to whose accurate records I am indebted for much of the information gained.

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