

from the West that is taking from you the best of your young farmers. How are you going to meet this competition? You can demonstrate what can be accomplished through co-operation between your Department and the farmers of the province. You can demonstrate what can be accomplished through better organization, and through increased capital expenditure, through the employment of more help, through the use of improved seed, through the breeding of better stock, and generally in the sound sense used in administration. Much work of excellent merit has been done at Guelph, and through the various agencies of your Department, but you have not come within sufficiently close range of the individual farmer. He has not learned to take the lesson to himself. He has not had the courage to make the necessary expenditure, or the enterprise and energy to employ the necessary amount of labor to secure the results which can only be secured by such expenditure and energy. If you are to succeed you will have to do hand picking in every section of this province. This means the use of efficient men, many of them, and the willingness to recommend an expenditure of money on a larger scale than you have hitherto considered. It is a matter of little importance whether the sum expended annually is \$750,000, as authorized by the legislature of last year, or twice \$750,000, if back of the expenditure there is the character of effort which produces results. There are ten times ten millions of dollars increased earnings annually possible from the farms of this province, by the exercise of improved methods and larger development, and after the ten times ten millions have been earned, through the impulse given by you and your successors, there will still be for later ministers, an opportunity to secure equally enlarged returns in response to equally efficient effort. This province should establish leadership in constructive plans, and in the enthusiasm which will command a following. It is not too much to ask that the responsible minister should be the leader, and should show grasp, vision, enterprise, and that mastery of all that is involved in being the chief of agriculture, which will command the respect of the entire province, and secure a hearty response from the community of farmers.

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