

strains of seed in sufficient quantities for a large area, at no cost to himself beyond that of his own labour.

That Canadian farmers readily avail themselves of these privileges, is seen from the fact that during the past six years 224,543 samples have been supplied to individual applicants : an annual average during this period of 37,424. The steady increase being made in the yearly average of crops in this country amounting in the aggregate to many millions of dollars, is no doubt due in large measure to the cultivation of improved and more productive varieties, brought about mainly by these annual distributions, by means of which more than 37,000 farmers have been led to join every year in these co-operative experiments with great profit to themselves and the country.