

SURVEY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Macdonald College, of which the Faculty of Agriculture of McGill University is a part, was founded, erected, equipped and endowed by the late Sir William Macdonald for the following among other purposes: "The advancement of education, the carrying on of research work and investigation, and the dissemination of knowledge - all with particular regard to the interests and needs of the population in rural districts." It might, then, be of value, in reporting on the activities, achievements and progress of the Faculty of Agriculture during the twenty-four years of its life, and more particularly during the past ten years, to consider how nearly the faculty has approximated to the ideal of its founder and directors.

With the pressing need everywhere apparent of a fuller knowledge of the principles of agriculture if farming in Canada, and more locally in Quebec, is to take its rightful place as an industry, a business and a profession, the Faculty of Agriculture has felt that first place in its activities should be given to teaching. It is with this phase of the college work, therefore, that we shall begin our survey.

The Training of Men

When the courses in agriculture were first planned a quarter of a century ago, provision had to be made to meet the needs of two types of students: first, those who, lacking the educational foundation that would enable them to pursue a course of university standard and leading to a degree, were