

Ontario Agricultural Estimates

The estimates brought down in the Ontario Legislature recently show little change in the appropriations for agriculture. Comparisons with the expenditure of 1908 are a little hard to make, owing to the fiscal year being changed and present appropriations covering only a period of ten months. On the whole they indicate a tendency to economize. The supplementary estimates are not down yet. Some additions may be made to them, but the indications are that they will be kept within as small a compass as possible.

In the table which follows the total rate for agriculture for the ten months ending Oct. 31st, 1909, is \$566,778. Many of the items in the different departments are the same as were voted last year for the whole 12 months, such as grants to Agricultural Societies and the various associations which receive stated amounts each year to carry on their work. For direct government expenditure, such as salaries of officials, etc., the appropriations cover only the ten months period. The amount for two periods for the various departments are as follows:

| | 10 mos. ending Oct. 31, 1909. | 1909. |
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| Agricultural and Horticultural Societies | \$109,412 | \$107,994 |
| Live Stock Branch | 30,375 | 31,273 |
| Institutes | 30,272 | 29,075 |
| Bureau of Industries | 5,500 | 4,500 |
| Dairy Branch | 40,075 | 40,075 |
| Fruit Branch | 39,500 | 37,875 |
| Ontario Veterinary College | 20,000 | 19,500 |
| Miscellaneous | 45,650 | 50,250 |
| Agricultural College: | | |
| Salaries and Expenses | 119,835 | 103,215 |
| Macdonald Inst. and Hall | 24,150 | 28,449 |
| Forestry | 9,500 | 1,250 |
| Animal Husbandry, Farm and Experimental | 20,250 | 15,910 |
| Inspection Department | 10,800 | 10,655 |
| Field Experiments | 7,517 | 7,522 |
| Experimental Dairy Dept. | 10,850 | 11,156 |
| Dairy School | 4,990 | 4,215 |
| Poultry Department | 9,874 | 9,250 |
| Horticultural Department | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Soil Physics Department | 1,000 | 967 |
| Mechanical Department | 1,000 | 967 |

In the Agricultural Societies Department, the principal increase is for spring stock shows, the appropriation for the 10 months being \$3500 as against \$3000 for 1909. The amount for field crop competition is the same as last year. This will likely be largely increased in the supplementary estimates as the number of societies taking up this work this year is likely to be largely increased. The cost will also be increased owing to the Department not being able to obtain the services of the Seed Commissioners staff this year in judging the competitions. The government has decided not to give the increased grant to agricultural societies of \$30,000 asked for by the Fairs Association.

The live stock estimates are cut down, owing to the grant for winter fairs not being necessary till the estimates for 1910 are brought down. It is probable, however, that special estimates will be brought down at this session to cover the period that may elapse between Oct. 31st and the time when the next session of the legislature is held. In the estimates for public buildings, there is a grant of \$25,000 for an addition to the Winter Fair building at Guelph. This is an increase of 5000 over the grant of last year, which was considered insufficient. This amount is, we understand, the limit to which the government will go in improving the Winter Fair building. The city of Guelph must supply what additional funds are required to complete the proposed addition. There is an appropriation of \$500 for experiments in connection with the sheep industry and of \$1000 for horse meetings and investigations.

The grants, services and expenses in connection with farmers' institutes,

etc., are increased at the rate of \$25,000 for 1909 as compared with \$21,500 for 1908. There is only one change in the dairy branch, that of \$500 for services and expenses in connection with factory meetings. The principal new item in the Fruit Branch is an appropriation of \$1,000 for expenses of meeting and entertainment of the American Pomological Society; The Niagara Peninsula Fruit Growers Association gets a special grant of \$150 for holding special meetings. Under miscellaneous there is a special vote of \$10,000 for forestry work.

Quebec Holstein Breeders

A most enthusiastic meeting of the Holstein breeders of the Province of Quebec was held at the St. Lawrence Hall, on Thursday the 18th inst. The President, J. K. E. Herrick, was in the chair.

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