

THE RECORD OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

"When the history of Canada's agricultural interests comes to be written up, its progress, of a truth, must date from the year 1896." The truth of these words, written in a leading English Agricultural Journal, in May, 1900, is now pretty generally accepted by the farmers of Canada, who appreciate more than ever how much has been done in their interests by the Liberal Government and the Liberal Minister, Honourable Sydney Fisher.

The following extract from the London Daily Graphic of November 11th, 1902, shows that other countries as well as our selves appreciate the excellent work of the Department of Agriculture.

"The British Board of Agriculture has much to accomplish before it can claim to rank with the ministry of Agriculture of Canada."

The record, as briefly presented in the following pages, speaks for itself.

EXPENDITURE.

The present Minister, proceeding with no such cheese-paring policy as his predecessors had adopted, boldly applied to Parliament for the large sums that he deemed were necessary. The Auditor's Reports and the last year's estimates show that he secured the following sums, in the years named, for the purely agricultural purposes of his Department :

1897.....	\$229,672
1898.....	277,407
1899.....	280,436
1900.....	326,032
1901.....	356,000
1902.....	460,231

Total\$1,929,778

The previous Conservative Ministers, doctors, lawyers, and brewers had voted for the same purposes the following sums :

1891.....	\$115,000
1892.....	133,000
1893.....	147,003
1894.....	156,980
1895.....	185,026
1896.....	197,754

Total\$934,763