

On account of the comparatively close proximity of Macdonald College to the other faculties of McGill, it would appear that arrangements might be made whereby graduate training might be offered in this particular field by providing that the major portion of this training might be secured at the Department of Economics, McGill University. Enquiry as to possibilities of securing instruction in this line would appear to warrant present consideration of the possibility of providing for this.

Agronomy Department

Past Achievements

When the Agronomy Department was first organized, twenty-five years ago, a definite policy of investigation was adopted. This has been continued to date. Extensive investigations have been carried on with the more important farm crops, namely, wheat, barley, oats, peas, alfalfa, red clover, corn, mangels, swedes, turnips, carrots, and millets. The results of some of these experiments have been published. The others are not yet complete.

Early in the history of the department, an extensive program of breeding crop plants was undertaken. By this method alone can permanent improvement be accomplished and it offers great possibilities. No other institution in this province is doing this type of work.

Several improved new varieties have been produced and many more exceedingly promising ones are in the advanced stages of testing.