

To the Honourable

The Minister of Agriculture.

SIR,—I herewith submit for your approval Bulletin 51 of the Experimental Farm series on the 'Breeding, Feeding, Managing and Housing of Bacon Pigs in Canada' prepared under my direction by Mr. J. H. Grisdale, Agriculturist of the Central Experimental Farm.

The swine industry has developed very rapidly in Canada during the past few years, and the facilities which the country affords for the extension of this profitable branch of farming are practically unlimited.

In this bulletin much information is given regarding the selection of the best types of animals for carrying on this work and different methods of management as to housing, pasturing, &c. Many facts are also presented in reference to the care and treatment of the animals of different ages, and the results of many experiments are given, which have been planned to gain information as to the most profitable methods of feeding swine in the different stages of their growth.

A summary is also presented of the experiments which have been conducted in reference to pork production since the beginning of this work at the experimental farm.

It is hoped that the information given in this bulletin will prove useful to the farmers of Canada, and aid in still further advancing this important industry throughout the Dominion.

I have the honour to be.

Your obedient servant,

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director of Experimental Farms.

OTTAWA, June 28, 1905.