

as we have never known before. There is something in the agricultural air that indicates progress. Intensive agriculture and specializing in production are noticeable, and, where this movement is permanently fixed, there is a decided increase in farm values. The two contributing elements are, first, demonstration of better methods; and, second, the permanent location of qualified men to inaugurate and direct the movements. The government began this movement in 1907. We now have fifteen counties equipped with representatives. We aim at carrying on the work in every county and district in the province. It costs money of course to do this work,—\$1,200 for salary and about as much more for the office, assistant and running expenses,—but there is no expenditure of public money that produces greater results. The fact is, that it renders so effective all the other expenditures for agricultural purposes. I venture this prediction, that when we have the province of Ontario manned in all counties and districts and fifty representatives with their assistants have got down to work, we can double the output of the farms of Ontario in the next ten years. It is a work worth while spending the money of the people upon, for the whole people will receive the benefit.

#### COUNTY EXTENSION WORK

The statements in the preceding paper as to the value of demonstration work are general. With a view to giving further information and showing the varied lines of work possible, the following condensed reports from county representatives, of the work carried on in four counties, are added as contributing valuable information and suggestions.

Dundas  
County

SUMMARY OF WORK.—1. Making the personal acquaintance of as many citizens of my district as possible and the revealing of myself to them that they may have confidence in me.

2. Advisory work from office, personal and by correspondence.
3. Three months' Short Course for boys in Collegiate Institute.
4. Organizing and conducting of three day Short Courses (5 Short Courses, 1 Fruit Institute).
5. Organizing of Farmers' Clubs; supervision of these Clubs.
6. Assistance in conducting excursions to places of learning—two to Macdonald College during 1910.
7. Preparatory work leading up to organization of Horticultural Societies.