

Agricultural Economics

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Dear Stephen,

In reading over the report of the Department of Farm Economics at Macdonald College, I noted there the suggestion contained in the following paragraph regarding graduate training:-

"There is some enquiry for the opportunity for graduate training of students in economics who intend to specialize in the problems of agriculture. It is obvious that this work cannot be provided by a small department unless by some arrangement whereby the major portion of the work could be secured at McGill. The Department at Macdonald College might get in touch with the students and provide the problems for investigation. In regard to possible investigational work on the problems of agriculture, the lack of, need for and advantages from statistical investigation and analysis warrants special emphasis.

The potentialities of McGill University and Macdonald College as a graduate school for workers in agriculture would indicate that this development might be given some consideration."

Will you please consider, if there is anything in the suggestion made here, how far can the Department of Economics at McGill concern itself with Agriculture? I know that the members of your staff give a great deal of attention to economics of manufacturing industries. Can it help in any way with the economics of the agricultural industry?

I hope you are enjoying your vacation.

Ever yours faithfully,