

Two years ago the Government announced that they would assist local County or District Associations formed to advertise the agricultural resources of such county or district. The result of this announcement is seen in the number of associations formed as above stated. Each association has had a marked influence in stimulating an interest in the agricultural development of the district and in attracting settlers and laborers to the land.

### NEW ONTARIO LIVE STOCK ASSOCIATIONS

Number in 1904.....	None
Number in 1914.....	31

These associations were organized two years ago in order to assist the live-stock industry in New Ontario by placing at the disposal of each association free of cost a pure-bred sire. The results of this plan are now being noticed, and it will no doubt have a permanent influence on the development of the live-stock industry in the newer districts. A year ago the Live Stock Commissioner for Canada adopted a similar policy with reference to all Canada, and hence the interests of Ontario as well as of the other provinces are now being looked after under his direction.

### ENCOURAGING THE LIVE STOCK INDUSTRY

In one way or another practically \$100,000 per annum has been spent by the Department of Agriculture in assisting the live stock industry of the province. There has been a great advance in the quality of stock as shown by the last Census. In the period covered by the Census the figures show that in pure-bred stock there was an increase of approximately 200 per cent. in horses, 75 per cent. in cattle, 20 per cent. in swine and 20 per cent. in sheep. Certainly there have been great increases in the number of entries at the Live Stock Exhibitions, both at Guelph and at Ottawa, as well as at the smaller shows which receive grants from the Department. The Ontario Veterinary College has also gone ahead and had last year an attendance of 373. It will this fall move into a splendid new building on University Avenue.

### EXPERIMENTAL AND DEMONSTRATION FARMS

The Department is developing a Fruit Experimental Farm in the Niagara District, and it has already attracted a good deal of attention and will prove of benefit especially to the tender fruit industry of the province.

The Department also conducts a Demonstration Farm at Monteith, in New Ontario. Considerable clearing has been done and valuable results are being secured in the cultivation of various crops. Last year the first annual Farmers' Excursion was held at the Farm and attracted over 1,600 settlers, who were very much impressed with the progress made. The Farm will be made a centre not only for testing out-crops, but for live stock, and will no doubt have a very material influence on the agriculture of the district.

### FARM LABOR AND DOMESTICS

Immigrants placed in 1903.....	1,141
Immigrants placed in 1913.....	11,003

Every effort has been made by the Department, through the Colonization Branch, to assist the farmers in their problem of securing a supply of labor. These figures indicate that both in supplying farm labor and domestic servants good work has been done. The Branch has encouraged farmers to employ men by the year, and thereby have a more stable labor supply, and this campaign has met with much success. The work of the Branch in advertising the resources of the province, and the work of the office in Great Britain in bringing Ontario to the attention of prospective settlers and investors, has been the means of attracting a great deal of capital both to Old and New Ontario.