

The recent appointment of a geneticist to the University staff should mean much to the work in agriculture at Macdonald College. Men trained in this particular field are at work in the Agronomy, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and Poultry departments, and in all of them the co-operation of a geneticist will be helpful. It is very gratifying to observe that such co-operation is already satisfactorily established.

Again, in certain phases of Plant Pathology which Macdonald has featured successfully, there is opportunity and need for close relationship with those of the Botany Department of the University who are working in plant physiology. Some further facilities at Macdonald are necessary to permit the full development of this association, but a start has been made, and it is felt that as joint effort of this kind progresses, strength and value will be added to the work of all who participate in it.

An additional grant from the Department of Agriculture of the Quebec Government is being used to provide much-needed accommodation and facilities for investigation work, to develop investigation projects of special interest to Quebec and to render service to agriculture in the province.

From this grant, fourteen thousand dollars was set aside to build and equip greenhouses for biological work. These are now in use. Another similar amount has been authorized for the construction of an animal parasite plant, and plans are now being completed for it. The intention is to build the plant this spring.

A programme for vegetable improvement is being developed, and a well qualified man has been engaged to take charge of it.