

of this Chamber, to which I am proud to belong, that I will make the following remarks, and not as a representative of other interests of whatever nature.

After having been admitted member of the *Chambre de Commerce du district de Montréal*, I quickly realized that this Chamber was not my debtor; on the contrary, the advantage was all on my side, given the important questions which are being taken up by this Chamber or unfolded by able experts. I also noticed that this institution — Canadian in the fullest sense of the word — was a splendid platform where speakers always found thoughtful listeners. I was not without observing that the *Chambre de Commerce*, through the authority of its *Bulletin* and the competence of its members, is in a position to spread sane principles as well as to fight for just and worthy causes. In short, I can affirm that its work has been beneficial to the community at large.

The agricultural development of our country by the diffusion of intensive cultivation and the operation of industries connected with agriculture, are, in my opinion, which is shared by many others, the effective lever, the powerful spring that will boost agriculture and give it back the place it deserves, the first one. This idea is forging its way ahead; and it is comforting to note to what extent of late people all over Canada have become interested in the development of agriculture. It is the question of the day, the favorite topic of all competent Canadians. A bulky literature has accumulated on that subject of late, and it is ever on the increase. Everyone is doing his best to throw light on a question so closely connected with our daily life. This will allow me to shorten my own remarks and to be content with explaining what is meant by intensive cultivation, also to point out the ways and means by which we could diffuse it.