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To the Honourable
The Minister of Agriculture.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your approval Bulletin No. 40 of the Experimental Farm series on 'Clover as a Fertilizer.' This has been prepared jointly by Mr. Frank T. Shutt, Chemist of the Dominion Experimental Farms, and myself.

The question of the maintenance of the fertility of soils is one of the utmost importance to farmers. The soils of a country are a natural resource of immense and permanent value, which should be so treated as to increase rather than lessen in value as time goes on. Where soils have had their productiveness impaired by careless farming, they may be rapidly improved or gradually restored to fertility by occasional dressings of barn-yard manure and the ploughing under of crops of green clover. Such treatment will also be found of inestimable value in maintaining the fertility of farm lands generally. In Bulletin No. 40 evidence is submitted gathered chiefly from the experimental work conducted for some years past at the Central Experimental Farm, as to the usefulness of clover for this purpose. It is believed that this information will be of much value to farmers in all those parts of the Dominion where clover can be successfully grown.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director Experimental Farms.

OTTAWA, July 7, 1902.