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For the purpose of this address our subject may be discussed under three headings: The Status of Agriculture in Canada, The Value of Science in Agriculture, and the Improvement of the Practice of Agriculture in Canada through Education, Demonstration and Research.

The Status of Agriculture in Canada

In order that we may properly appreciate the importance of research in agriculture in this country it is first necessary that we should understand the position of agriculture among the industries of the Dominion.

It is not too much to say that agriculture is Canada's basic and most valuable industry, the industry above all others for which the country as a whole is best adapted, the industry employing the most men and that creates more wealth annually than all our other industries put together. It has been the pioneer occupation of our people and it will remain, I believe, the staple business of our people. Upon its economic development and progress depends in a very large measure the welfare and prosperity of our national life.

To those whose lives and work are cast among the varied and important activities of one of our larger centres, these statements regarding the status and importance of agriculture may appear somewhat strange and perhaps overdrawn, but I am confident that they will, in the main, be confirmed by those who have studied the life and work of the Dominion as a whole and its natural resources, and more especially by those who know Canada by actual travel. It is