

MACDONALD COLLEGESUMMARY.

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It is apparent from the foregoing departmental surveys that Macdonald College has, by reason of her geographical position, relationship with McGill, past achievements and prior position in the field, an excellent opportunity of developing into the leading institution in Canada for graduate instruction and research in the sciences related to agriculture. It is also apparent that all departments have been labouring under serious handicaps in attempting to develop their work in this field, among which may be mentioned heavy teaching schedules, low salaries, lack of adequate assistance, equipment and funds and absence of graduate assistantships and scholarships. A measure of relief in these respects is basic to future progress and, without it, the institution may lose the splendid opportunity that now presents itself. However, it is unnecessary to dwell on these needs here, since this aspect of the question is more fully dealt with in the report of the Faculty of Agriculture. If the recommendations contained in the latter report are put into effect, most of these difficulties will disappear, since the improvement will be reflected equally in the undergraduate and graduate field.

Even on the present basis important contributions have been and are now being made by certain departments. In other cases constructive proposals are put forward that entail a regrouping of personnel and a pooling of present resources, without large additional expenditures. In still other cases funds are already in sight for at least partially realizing projected developments.