

To the Honourable

The Minister of Agriculture.

Ottawa.

Sir,—I have the honour to submit herewith, for your approval, Farmers' Circular No. 5, entitled, "Powdery Scab of Potatoes," which has been prepared by the Assistant Dominion Botanist, Mr. J. W. Eastham, B.Sc.

The presence in Canada of the disease briefly treated of in this circular was unsuspected until a short time ago. Further, it is probable that it has been in this country but a comparatively short time. It is hoped, therefore, that the wide distribution of this circular, together with certain other preventive and eradivative measures now being planned or already undertaken, will have the effect of both preventing the further dissemination and quickly stamping out the disease.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. GRISDALE,

*Director, Dominion Experimental Farms.*

OTTAWA, February 9, 1914.