

OTTAWA, February 5, 1915.

The Honourable,
The Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith, for your approval, Bulletin No. 83 of the regular series, entitled "Division of Field Husbandry: Summary of Results, 1914."

Under the method it has been found necessary to follow in the issuing of the annual report of the Experimental Farms, results as secured from crop production and field experimental work do not reach the public until about eighteen months after they have been collected. It has been thought desirable, therefore, to issue a series of annual bulletins covering the above lines of work as dealt with by the Division of Cereals, Field Husbandry, Forage Plants, and Horticulture.

In these bulletins, of which this is the third, the aim is to give the more important of the season's results in a summarized form. The details of the work will be dealt with in the annual report of the Experimental Farms, to be prepared, as usual, after the close of the fiscal year.

The plan in compiling these crop bulletins is similar to that now being pursued in the preparation of the annual report. The introductory matter and the account of the experiments on the Central Farm are prepared by the officer having charge of this branch of the work, in this case the Assistant Field Husbandman. The data from the various branch Farms and Stations are supplied by the officers in charge.

It is hoped that the Canadian farmer may be materially aided by these summaries of results and the recommendations based thereon. These will, it is hoped, reach him in time for him to profit by them in 1915.

I have the honour to be, sir,
Your obedient servant,

J. I. GRISDALE,
Director, Dominion Experimental Farms.