

# Legislation For Agriculture at Ottawa

The system of free rural mail delivery so successfully urged on the late government by Farm and Dairy is to be further extended by the new government. This is but one of a number of advance steps on behalf of agriculture provided for in the initial session just closed. The cry from the country for more aid for agriculture was generally responded to in the passing of estimates. For carrying on the work of the Department proper, including assistance to and displays at exhibitions and a Dominion Exhibition, there is made available \$1,888,500. For administering new laws calculated to improve rural conditions, amounts totalling \$2,455,000 were voted. The following lists give the details:

For work of Department:	
Experimental Farms—general vote	\$180,000
Publications of Ex-Farms	15,000
Establishment and maintenance	
Experimental Ex-Farms	200,000
New Farms, Indian Head, Experimental Farms	140,000
Dairy and Fruit Branch	140,000
Experiments in Cold Storage of Fruit	28,500
Seasons for Cold Storage Warehouses	
Seed Branch	80,000
Live Stock Branch	102,000
Administration, Diseases of Animals Act	550,000
Administration, Meat and Animal Quarantine and Sale, Canadian Tobacco	20,000
International Institute and Publications	15,000
International Exhibitions	175,000
Exhibit, Imperial Institute	6,000
Dominion Exhibition	50,000
Administration and Enforcement	
Destructive Insects and Pest Act	25,000
Dominion Building, Canadian National	100,000
Seed Grain for Settlers	200,000
For new Acts:	
Appropriations to Provinces for Improvement of Agriculture	500,000
Investigations re Improvement of Agriculture	10,000
National Biological Laboratory	25,000
Erection and Leasing	
Elevators	1,500,000
Commissions, Employees, etc., re Canada Grain Act	25,000
Extension of Rural Mail Service	200,000

A RURAL DELIVERY BRANCH  
An Act was passed creating a new branch within the Post Office Department, under which the system of rural mail delivery now in operation will be improved and extended. The officer to be given charge of this important work will have the standing of a deputy minister. Special officers are to be detailed to amend old routes where necessary and to lay out new ones. Steps are to be taken to have registered mail delivered to the rural houses and carriers will be supplied with books of stamps. It is not considered practicable to make the money order and postal system a travelling one. As explained by the Postmaster General to the House, it is the intention to cautiously increase the rural delivery service as the business of the country expands.

A measure was enacted providing for the contribution of grants to assist provincial governments to carry

in the mass of reports that appear in the daily press regarding doings at Ottawa it is hard for farmer readers to determine just what the government is doing for agriculture. Often in the daily newspapers the agricultural legislation is neglected altogether. In order to give our readers an idea of how their interests are being looked after in a legislative way at Ottawa, Farm and Dairy will in future after each session of parliament publish a comprehensive article running up legislation as it applies to agriculture. We trust that our readers will appreciate these articles, the first one of which appears herewith.—Editor.

on work on behalf of agriculture. Half a million dollars was voted to carry on the work this year. For the purpose of working out a scheme, that will be a permanent basis for future expenditures under this Act, Mr. C. G. James will, during the present year, make a thorough study of the subject. This year the provinces are to receive the following amounts: Ontario, \$175,783.32; Quebec, \$138,482.40; Nova Scotia, \$34,288.45; New Brunswick, \$24,559.93; Prince Edward Island, \$6,829.85; British Columbia, \$27,334.76; Manitoba, \$31,730.05; Saskatchewan, \$34,290.20; Alberta, \$26,094.95.

## THE LIVE STOCK PEDIGREE ACT

A new measure was passed to take the place of the one enacted in 1901, under which all record associations in Canada are incorporated. The new measure is more definite than its predecessor, which was found to be too general to work satisfactorily. Under the old measure, associations had no power to spend money except in connection with the immediate work of pedigree registration. In order to give grants for prizes at exhibitions, associations were compelled to violate the Act. Under the new measure associations may spend this money as they see fit.

Under the old act it was difficult to secure conviction and impose fines for misrepresentation in connection with pedigrees. Under the new measure the Record Committee is entrusted with this work, relieving record associations of the necessity of taking action against their members. The administration is placed in the hands of the Minister of Agriculture in the same way as the Meat and Canned Foods Bill is administered.

Appropriations for the work of two branches of the Department especially are considerably increased this year. These are the Experimental Farm and the Seed Branch. The former receives \$135,000 and the latter \$20,000 in excess of last year's vote.

## EXTEND EXPERIMENTAL FARMS

The policy of extension of the Experimental Farm system, inaugurated some three years ago, is to be continued. The work of the old established farms is being extended more especially in connection with live stock. The newly acquired farms are being thoroughly equipped to do effective work corresponding with that done by the older stations.

The increased Seed Branch vote is to be used in connection with field and crop and seed grain competitions.

Under the old government assistance was rendered through the Seed Commissioner's Branch by assisting in organizing and advertising the competitions and fairs and printing the reports. The prize money had to be provided by the agricultural societies through grants from the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, with the exception of what was given by the Dominion Government for Provincial seed exhibitions. For some provinces this arrangement was apparently satisfactory, but for others it was not, and the result was that those provinces that did not apply to the Seed Commissioner for judges did not secure any assistance from the Dominion Government for this work.

The new policy of the Hon. Mr. Burrell, on the other hand, puts each province on the same basis and offers them all financial assistance on the amount of a refund of two-thirds of the amount awarded in prize, under certain limitations, the organization of the competitions and fairs and the selection and payment of judges to be left with the Provincial Departments of Agriculture. The subsidy will be paid through the Seed Commissioner's Branch, and under the ar-

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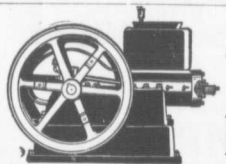
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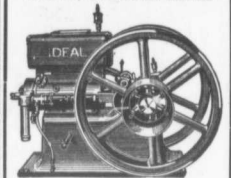
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