

## DEPARTMENT OF PLANT PATHOLOGY

This department was first organized in 1920 when the then existing department of Biology was divided into the departments of Entomology and Botany. From the first the chief endeavour was the teaching of Plant Pathology and so in 1926 the name was changed from the department of Botany to the department of Plant Pathology. Since the organization of this work forty-three students have taken undergraduate and thirty-five, post graduate studies (either as major or minor work) in the department. This includes a present registration of seven undergraduate and four post graduate students. While the numbers are not large they are quite in keeping with the demands for men in this field which is limited. A very fair proportion of the workers in plant pathology in Canada today are graduates of Macdonald and seven are engaged in this work in other parts of the Empire including four who are in the employ of the British Colonial Service. Thus the teaching work and graduates of the department have been given recognition.

While teaching is the chief undertaking of the department a good deal of extension and investigational work is carried on. These last two endeavours have increased steadily so that at present they are more extensive than at any previous time and both these activities should be increased as funds will allow.

The department teaches the ordinary undergraduate botanical courses including: General Botany, Morphology of Plants. Anatomy and Cytology, and Taxonomy. Emphasis, however, is given in the undergraduate work to the courses in Plant Pathology and Mycology