

Agricultural Instruction Act

Editor, The Guide: What are the amounts coming to the provinces from the Dominion treasury under the Agricultural Instruction Act, and to what uses is that money intended to be put?

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The grants made to the provinces by the Dominion Government under the Agricultural Instruction Act for the fiscal year 1918-19 are herewith given:—

| Province | Amount |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Ontario | \$336,303.28 |
| Quebec | 271,113.76 |
| Nova Scotia | 81,716.69 |
| New Brunswick | 64,110.80 |
| Prince Edward Island | 31,749.22 |
| British Columbia | 69,199.06 |
| Manitoba | 77,113.11 |
| Saskatchewan | 81,728.48 |
| Alberta | 66,965.62 |
| Veterinary Colleges | 20,000.00 |
| Total | \$1,100,000.00 |

Agreements have been entered into with all the provinces embodying the projects to which the moneys received from the Federal Government are to be devoted.

The work to be carried on during the current year is similar in the object and character to that of previous years. It relates to the following spheres of activity:—

First: Assistance to elementary agricultural education. This field includes school agriculture; boys' and girls' clubs and competitions, and school fairs; agricultural schools; short courses, and aid to agricultural colleges. The curriculum of the public schools, particularly of the rural schools, is gradually changing and considerable attention is being paid to nature study and elementary agriculture, including school and home gardening. This is evidenced by the large proportion of the grant being devoted to this class of work. This year the College of Agriculture of the province of British Columbia participates in the grant for the first time.

The second main division of work is that of instruction and demonstration. Under this head, the grant gives assistance in the following fields, namely: Agricultural representatives' work; livestock; dairying; field husbandry; seed production; poultry; horticulture; insect and plant disease control; beekeeping; drainage; demonstration farms; co-operation and marketing; demonstration trains; and to the instructional work carried on by the extension services of the respective agricultural departments.

The amount allotted to Women's Work is given in acknowledgement of the difficulties and disadvantages associated with domestic life on the farm and in response to the needs of farm women. In some of the provinces, the grant supplies all the funds employed in the conduct of Women's Institutes, Homemakers' Clubs, and Home Economic Societies. In other provinces, such as Ontario, it provides for the holding of special classes of instruction in domestic science and the household arts.

Value of a Victory Bond

In view of the fact that unwary holders of Victory bonds are being induced by unscrupulous profiteers at prices ranging from \$90 to \$97, it is suggested that the Dominion Government should take action, by issuing an order-in-council making it an offence to deal in Victory bonds at any price beneath the price officially fixed.

Victory bonds are as negotiable, almost, as bank notes, and are worth a certain figure. Among the ideas which have been put forward with a view to enlightening every holder of a Victory bond in regard to its value to him, one is that the Post Office department should stamp all mail matter with a plainly lettered announcement that the official selling price of a Victory bond is \$99, and in addition the interest due on it.

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