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Sir Arthur Currie -

I am informed that Professor Coulson's record at Queen's was a very good one. He registered here for his Ph.D. work in Plant Pathology and I understand had completed all his course work at the time of Dr. Dickson's departure in 1927. Since that time the responsibilities of the department and a heavy teaching programme have made it impossible for him to do further work. Minnesota, with whom he has had some communication, is quite prepared to give him credit for the work already done here so that at a later date, if it seemed convenient for him to do so, he should have no difficulty in obtaining his doctor's degree.

Professor Coulson's teaching work has been highly satisfactory. He has also shown marked capacity in the administration of the department. He has had neither time nor help to enable him to undertake a great deal in research. He has managed, however, to keep some investigations going and the progress in some lines of work is sufficient to definitely indicate his capabilities.

The spray service work in the Province of Quebec was organized and carried on under the direction of Professor Coulson this last year. In his contacts through this type of work, he has won the confidence of the fruit growers and the officers of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. He is well regarded in the Federal service and in the recently organized Canadian Phytopathological Society he was elected to the executive as one of two councillors, the other being Dr. D.L. Bailey, Professor of Plant Pathology, Toronto University.

I may say Dr. Dickson recommended him for the head of the department when he left. Since that time Professor Coulson has gained considerable experience, he has become much better known and he has made good as acting head of the department.

Dr. H.S. Cunningham was born in Nova Scotia and on a farm I believe. He graduated from here in 1917 with the B.S.A. degree and for a time did county representative work in Nova Scotia. He was then given an appointment at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College at Truro and returned to Macdonald to take his M.S.A. degree in Agronomy and Plant Pathology. During this time he retained his position in Nova Scotia. He severed his