

respectfully submit our opinion that the question of whether or not there is real overproduction in the world to-day is beside the point, because the aim of scientific research is not necessarily greater, but cheaper and more efficient production, by which alone Canada can compete with other countries. A comparison of States which support research and those which do not is sufficient evidence of the value of such work. The present widespread fear of Russian competition in the world markets is based on the fact that, even in her hour of direst economic need, that country has been using every effort to increase research and its application to agriculture and industry. We cannot conceive that the Government of Canada will adopt a less far-sighted policy.

2. In case that the cut of appropriation to the Laboratories of Plant Pathology and Entomology indicates that they are not esteemed at their true value, we venture to point out:
 - (a) They protect against importation of diseases by inspection at ports (witness the country's freedom from black wart disease in potatoes).
 - (b) They assist export trade by inspection and certification of crops and products (for example, the potato, apple (and other crop) inspection service).
 - (c) They apply scientific research to the study and control of existing diseases and to the breeding of disease-resistant varieties of crop plants.