

operative. When the Senate amendments came under discussion Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to the astonishment of everyone, warmly defended the Senate's action and declared himself entirely opposed to the very provisions which had been unanimously agreed to and approved by all his followers. The Senate adhered to their destructive amendments, and the bill failed to pass, the result once more indicating **the extraordinary confusion and division of opinion which prevails in the councils of the Opposition.**

THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

In line with the proposal for improving the highways of the country was the bill introduced by Mr. Burrell, the Minister of Agriculture, providing grants extending over a period of ten years and aggregating in all ten million dollars for assisting and extending agricultural instruction in the various provinces. Little thought or consideration seems to have been given by the late Government to any such step. Every progressive country in the world is devoting its energies to improving its methods of agriculture, and it is beyond question that remarkable results have been attained through well-directed efforts for this purpose by means of practical instruction and demonstration. Not only through instruction at colleges and training schools, but by actual demonstration on the farm or in the orchard those who are engaged in this fundamental industry can be effectively assisted. Wonderful and abundant as are the opportunities in the great western provinces of this Dominion, I am confident that equal opportunities can be afforded in the eastern provinces if advanced and improved methods of culture are taught, comprehended and employed. In many countries, including even this Dominion with all its marvellous heritage of fertile lands, the tendency of population is towards the cities and towns.