

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS OF THE FARM SYSTEM.

The value of the work of the Experimental Farms to the country has been deeply appreciated by the farming community both in and out of Parliament, irrespective of political allegiance. There has been no tendency on the part of the representatives of the people to ask for a curtailment of the work. On the other hand, the call has been strong for its extension.

Until recently certain provinces were served only by Farms in adjoining provinces while conditions of soil and climate in certain districts differed so widely as to require special facilities for the study of agricultural problems. By Farms or Stations every province has now been reached and in addition sub-stations have been established to serve outlying districts and sections within provinces possessing unusual conditions.

During the past four years eleven new Farms or Stations have been added to the five original Farms. These are situated at Charlottetown in Prince Edward Island; Kentville in Nova Scotia; Fredericton in New Brunswick; Cap Rouge and Ste. Anne de la Pocatière in Quebec; Rosthern and Scott in Saskatchewan; Lethbridge and Lacombe in Alberta and Invermere and Sydney in British Columbia. To these must be added sub-stations situated at Kamloops in British Columbia, Fort Vermillion on the Peace River and Forts Smith, Resolution and Providence and Athabaska Landing beyond the 60th parallel of latitude where some experimental work is being carried on.

A further recent development of the system has been to greatly strengthen the staff of officers. The number of scientifically trained assistants in all the Divisions at the Central Farm has been materially increased in order to cope successfully with the ever increasing work.

The duties and responsibilities of the heads of certain Divisions have been increased. Mr. Frank T. Shutt, M.A., F.I.C., who has been associated with the work of the Farms since their establishment, in addition to his duties as Dominion Chemist has been made Assistant Director of Experimental Farms. Mr. W. T. Macoun has been raised to the position of Dominion Horticulturist which gives him authority over the horticultural work of all the Farms. The scope of the cereal work has been widened by the elevation of the Cerealist, Dr. Charles E. Saunders, to the position of Dominion Cerealist. The Live Stock work of the system has been put in charge of Mr.