

Policy

Macdonald College is unique as the only agricultural college in North America on a private foundation.

All provinces in Canada have their Departments of Agriculture, and in all of them schools, colleges, or faculties of agriculture exist, supported wholly by the Province. In that they are integral parts of the Department of Agriculture, it follows that all educational agencies, such as fairs, exhibitions, institutes, associations of fruitgrowers, bee-keepers, live stock men, poultrymen, etc., as well as the school or college, are brought in direct touch with the farming community. In Ontario, and to a lesser extent in the other provinces, the district representative or agronomist of the Department of Agriculture is a college graduate located in a comparatively small district, in direct contact with the farmer and his family, and so able to advertise the claims of the college as an educational factor.

Macdonald College has no such advantages as this, and has further to do its work in a province largely French speaking, and in competition with two French Colleges of Agriculture.

Students are legislated into our academies, universities, and faculties of theology, law, dentistry, medicine, and engineering. If men or women were allowed to teach, practice law, dentistry, medicine and engineering without passing a prescribed examination, the attendance of students at high schools and universities would be only a fraction of what it is at the present time. Very few seek knowledge for its own sake.