

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GLASGOW AGENCY.

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GLASGOW, 31st December, 1889.

SIR,—I have the honour herewith, in accordance with instructions, to submit this my eighteenth annual report for the year ending 31st December, 1889.

The death of Mr. Simon Beattie, of Annan, Dumfriesshire, who was a very old friend of mine, occurred since my last report. He was a man who did a great deal of good for Canada, having had more to do with the introduction of pure-bred stock into our various Provinces than any other individual. I had the pleasure of accompanying him about twenty years ago through a large number of the best herds and flocks in Britain, and there was no person better liked or appreciated in regard to his judgment of stock by the chief breeders of this country than Mr. Beattie. He had also in many ways been of great assistance to people emigrating to Canada in connection with his business. In fact, his death was a great loss to our country.

During the winter months I have taken all favourable opportunities for distributing our literature and giving information by meeting people by appointment, particularly the agricultural classes at shows, fairs, &c., coming in contact with many farmers and their sons in connection therewith. There continues to be a great desire in all cases for the fullest information regarding the new districts in the North-West, the Mackenzie Basin and British Columbia—the latter more particularly—as its varied and important interests, from becoming better known, are the more highly appreciated.

The older Provinces also, as in former years, attract a great deal of attention, the Industrial Fair in Toronto being especially noticed in the press of this country.

I am constantly meeting with the Tenant Farmer Delegates sent out a number of years ago, chiefly under my auspices, and giving them information on all matters pertaining to our country which may be of interest to them, as well as sending them anything of a printed description of the same character. In several cases I have given letters of introduction to influential farmers who have gone out during the past season to visit our various Provinces, and these I think will be productive of good results.

As in the past, I have had large numbers of callers here for information regarding all of the Provinces, many young men coming during the autumn months for information as to going out in the spring to learn farming, particularly in Ontario; also many heads of families wishing the fullest information preparatory to leaving in spring. In fact, I have had more applications of this description than has been usual of late years.

Although we had no exhibit at the Royal Show at Windsor, I attended it for a couple of days, and saw large numbers connected with Canada, and gave them information in regard to stock matters. I also saw many farmers, with whom I had conversations respecting various portions of our country.

I likewise attended the Highland Society's Show at Melrose, and saw large numbers of farmers, and had conversation with them as to many of our Provinces, and had a quantity of our literature distributed. I also met numbers connected with Canada in stock matters, to whom I gave all the information in my power.

In respect to Crofter emigration this year, I may say that under the instructions of the High Commissioner I left Glasgow on the 28th of March to join Mr. McNeill at Stornoway, with the object of assisting in facilitating the movements in bringing down the 49 families selected in the Outer Hebrides to sail for Canada in the