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The Division of Agricultural Intelligence and Diseases of Plants, deals with:—

(a) Agricultural Information: Enquiry, collection and publication of practical information relating to animal and vegetable culture and production; enquiries and monographs regarding vegetable and animal produce; collection and abstraction of various periodic information as to the agricultural situation in every country.

(b) Plant Diseases: Distribution and prevalence of disease; remedies, destructive pests; entomology.

The Division of Economic and Social Institutions deals with the following matters: wages of agricultural labour; statistics and information concerning the organization of agricultural co-operation, insurance and credit.

The following bulletins are now issued regularly by the Institute:

- 1 A monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics.
- 2 A monthly Bulletin of Economic and Social Intelligence.
- 3 A monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Intelligence and Plant Diseases.

Of these the Statistical Bulletin already mentioned, supplies in a tabular form information as to the area, production and condition of the crops of wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn, rice and cotton in the principal producing countries of the world, based on the official information supplied to the Institute. Supplements to the Bulletin are issued from time to time containing the news received by the Institute between the regular monthly issues, and the results of any census of livestock which may be taken in any country are also published as soon as they are available.

The information furnished by this Bulletin, coming as it does from official sources, is unquestionably the best guide which has ever been made available for the use of farmers and others whose interest it is to study market possibilities.

While there is still room for improvement, some of the adhering countries not having yet perfected their methods of securing the necessary information, the reports furnished by the Institute are already infinitely more reliable and trustworthy than the unauthoritative and often inspired reports emanating from speculative and commercial sources.

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