

# ONTARIO GETS \$175,750 OF GRANT

### Cheque for Half That Amount Was Received From Federal Government Yesterday, and Money Has Been Apportioned for Different Work in the Province.

The Ontario Government has received its share of the \$500,000 grant for agriculture, which the Dominion Government decided to divide among the nine provinces at its last session. It was announced at the parliament buildings yesterday that this province would benefit to the amount of \$175,750 of the federal grant. A cheque for one-half of this sum has been received and the balance will be payable when Hon. J. S. Duff, minister of agriculture, decides that it is necessary to further promote the work of development throughout the province.

Hon. J. S. Duff has been in conference with Hon. Martin Burrell at Ottawa during the past few days mapping out the work that the provincial government wished to accomplish with the financial assistance from the Dominion Government. In all, 17 branches of the department will benefit by the grant.

This grant has no connection whatever with the work of C. C. James, former deputy-minister of agriculture, who was recently appointed to a Dominion post in the department of agriculture. It is explained that this money is merely a preliminary to a permanent scheme that Mr. James is trying to bring about for the government, fixing the amount that each province is to receive each year. The federal grant comes at a very opportune moment to further advance some of the schemes of Hon. Mr. Duff.

The following gives the plan for expenditure of federal grant for agriculture: Field Husbandry Building, Ontario Agricultural College, \$40,000. This will provide for accommodation for the department of field husbandry at the college. It will not only furnish much-needed room for the large and growing classes in long and short courses, but it will also give greatly increased facilities for the work in seed improvement, carried on in conjunction with 5000 farmers throughout the province. It will also give increased class accommodation.

District Representatives, \$21,000. This will be used to pay the expenses of some of the salaried representatives with the work of new representatives, and also to extend the work and usefulness of representatives already appointed.

Poultry Work, \$10,000. The object of this is to further develop the poultry industry throughout the province. To do this it is necessary to extend the equipment at the colleges to carry on breeding work on larger scale in order to supply both birds and eggs of the best breeds. Two extra men will also be employed, one to attend to the time to the work of the plant, and one to do extension work among district representatives. In addition, provision for a 2000 egg incubator, a new poultry house and improvements in the administration and teaching accommodation. It also includes a sum to make a study of handling eggs in Great Britain, Denmark, etc., for which purpose Prof. W. R. Graham is to be sent to England a few days ago. He will also represent Canada at the international poultry conference in London in July.

Milking Short-horns, \$12,500. This provides for the purchase in England of a small herd of high-class milking short-horns in order to test the possibilities of the development of a class of cattle in Ontario which will be profitable both for beef and milk production. They will be handled almost entirely at the Ontario Agricultural College, Fort York, and the head of the department of animal husbandry will leave shortly for England to make the purchase.

Fruit Works, \$9000. This includes \$3000 for the Ontario Horticultural Exhibition in addition to the \$2000 they are now receiving, \$3000 for orchard competition, and \$3000 for a market commissioner to develop markets for the sale of Ontario fruit in the west.

Short Courses, \$7000. This makes provision for a largely-increased number of short courses in stock-raising and seed improvement, which have proven so effective and popular. It also includes salary for a temporary seed specialist to be attached to the institutes branch and to be engaged largely in this line of work.

Eastern Ontario Live Stock Building \$10,000. This is a contribution toward more accommodation for the Winter Fair held at Ottawa to encourage the live stock industry.

Special Grants for Agricultural Exhibition Buildings, \$10,000. This includes \$5000 for Fort William and Port Arthur, \$2500 for London, and \$2500 for Windsor.

Agricultural Work in Connection With Public Schools, Including School Gardens, Seed Displays, Etc. \$10,000.

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ary schools in agricultural study and agricultural work is one of the most important lines at the present time. This money is to assist in a propaganda of this nature now being carried out thru the co-operation of the department of education and this department.

Drainage Work, \$5000. This is to enable the drainage staff at the Ontario Agricultural College to meet the demands for assistance in this line being received from all parts of the province. It will also be used to demonstrate the possibilities of drainage in certain sections where it has been maintained drains would not work.

Live Stock in Northern Ontario, \$5000. This is to provide for placing male animals of various classes at different points in northern Ontario in order to establish a live stock industry on proper basis.

Women's Institutes, \$3500. This is to gather information as to the actual conditions of the dairy farms in a few counties in eastern Ontario, and a few counties in western Ontario. This information, it is felt, will be most useful in making future dairy work more effective.

Western Ontario Creamery Works, \$1500. This is to employ competent man to

give instruction among those engaged in producing cream for creameries in Western Ontario.

Soil Survey, \$500. This is to provide means for obtaining information as to the making of a soil survey of the province, and testing the advisability of such a plan. The question of maintaining the fertility of the soil is one of the most important demanding consideration at the present time.

Miscellaneous Work, \$3735. This makes provision for incidental items which may be found desirable, such as experiments in vegetable growing, assistance in live stock shipments, encouraging alfalfa growing, etc.

Ontario Veterinary College (Additioral Land), \$25,000. This provides for the purchase of the land necessary to finish out the block of the present L-shaped site on University-avenue, with a view to later extending the college to be a Dominion institution.

"ROOT COTTON" A NEW TROPICAL PRODUCT. An interesting new tropical product is the "root cotton" lately described by S. Kusano, a Japanese botanist. It is a fibrous covering of the roots of Fagaria integrifolia, an abundant plant of the Philippines, and especially of Botol Tobago, an island near Formosa. The substance seems to be a kind of

cork tissue, resembling the ordinary cork developed on the bark of trees. The fibers, of light straw color and silky lustre, are very fine, soft and weak, and are easily pulverized to a waxy powder. They are less hygroscopic than ordinary cotton, having remarkable resistance to wetting by water.

In Tobago the natives use the root-cotton for caulking boats and in the Philippines it is employed for such purposes as stuffing pillows. Not least of the advantages of this material as a possible article of commerce, is the fact that it can be removed without injury to the roots, thus making cultivation simple.

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