

The Experimental Farms Branch is cut some \$800,000, or approximately 39%, the Health of Animals Branch, a like amount, or 35%. By limiting the area of Tuberculosis eradication work it would seem that with the amount allotted the Health of Animals Branch might carry on its important health protective service without undue disturbance. But in the case of the Experimental Farms which constitute the major investigation and related services of the department, such a substantial cut is likely to cripple the work as a whole, if the reduction is to take the form of general curtailment. It is believed by many familiar with the work that the effect of such a drastic cut can only be met satisfactorily by the elimination of a number of farms. Such a course naturally would be unpopular with those immediately affected, including the representatives of the constituencies in which farms might be discontinued, but such opposition should not be allowed<sup>to</sup> jeopardize the value of the work as a whole.

Farm Economics is a new branch and represents a type of work not sufficiently developed in Canada. It is being greatly stressed in other countries where information regarding types of farm organization, operation costs, production and marketing trends, and the commercial relations of agriculture is proving of great value, not only to farmers but to business men and Governments as well. It is regrettable that such a small appropriation should be reduced 28%, or from \$12,000.00 to \$8,600.00, and with two men on the present staff with salaries of \$7,620.00 it is difficult to understand how they can function effectively.