

Good Roads

The Ross Government set apart, in 1901, \$1,000,000 for good roads. Already six counties have adopted the county system of highways, and many others have the matter under consideration.

Niagara Falls Electrical Power

The Ross Government have granted charters to three different companies, under which they have the right to develop 375,000 h.p. The projected works will cost \$25,000,000, and will yield the Province a revenue of \$275,000 a year. It is expected that the first supplies of power will be available in a few months.

Ontario's Public Institutions

63,445 persons were, in 1903, cared for in the 215 asylums, prison, reformatory, gaols, hospitals, schools, and other public institutions of the Province. \$31,605,917 has been expended, in the 36 years, 1868-1903, under these heads.

Average cost per patient in American asylums, \$188; in Canadian, \$199; in Ontario, \$125

Progressive Agricultural Administration

Grants for Agriculture, 1904 (including Department).....	\$397,756
CAPITAL INVESTED IN FARM LANDS, BUILDINGS, ETC.	
Value of Farm Lands.....	\$620,869,475
Value of Buildings.....	247,629,153
Value of Implements.....	63,906,190
Value of Stock.....	154,327,267
Total.....	\$1,086,822,085

CHEESE FACTORIES AND CREAMERIES

Number of Cheese Factories.....	1890	1903
Number of pounds of Cheese produced.....	817	1,126
Value of Cheese produced.....	79,364,713	165,306,573
Number of Creameries.....	\$7,189,957	\$17,203,233
Number of pounds of Butter.....	39	265
Value of Butter produced.....	1,398,580	10,812,126
	\$269,154	\$2,096,593

Farmers' Institutes

Number of meetings held, 1902-3, ending 30th June, 1903.....	837
Number of persons in attendance, 1903, ending 30th June, 1903.....	126,352
Number of meetings held, women's institutes, 1903-4, ending 30th June, 1904.....	960
Number of persons in attendance, ending 30th June, 1904.....	44,698

The Agricultural Department has the supervision of the following institutions for farmers:—

DAIRY SCHOOLS.—3 Dairy Schools—Guelph, Kingston, and Strathroy, attended by 2,240 persons.

PIONEER FARM IN ALGOMA.—One hundred and fifty miles west of Fort Arthur, for the purpose of testing the soil and climate of that portion of New Ontario.

EXPERIMENTAL FRUIT STATIONS—located at 15 different points in the Province.

479 Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.

14 different Associations, such as Fruit Growers, Dairymen, and Breeders' Associations of different kinds.

THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, with an attendance in 1903 of 728 students.

THE SIR WILLIAM MACDONALD INSTITUTE, for instruction in Domestic Science, opened this year, and attended by 107 farmers' daughters.