

a government may be in advancing the interests of agriculture, it is extremely doubtful if any form of assistance can equal scientific service. Every country in the world recognizes that this is the best contribution that can be made to agriculture and even those in much greater distress than ourselves continue to build and extend this service.

It is not to be supposed that this service has been limited to the field of agricultural production alone; nor in addition has it merely had to do with the marketing of farm products, its ultimate effect may be most apparent in the sound development of the country's trade and commerce.

Canada's position in the export trade for farm products has never been more critical than it is today. She finds herself with a surplus quantity of a larger number of products than ever before. It is imperative that they be sold abroad, but, with all of these she has to face the most formidable kind of competition. Behind every single product that is now in a position to command consideration in the export trade is to be found a network of services including education, regulation and research, based largely on government services. Our position with any of these products is not yet so secure that we can afford to diminish our efforts in any way. Certain agricultural industries may be temporarily distressed and their product may now be of low value in the world's markets, but to relinquish their position might mean a great sacrifice ultimately and the services upon which they depend, once discontinued, or too drastically curtailed, cannot be readily brought back again with the return of more normal conditions.

Of late years, work of much potential value in certain fields has been undertaken and, indeed, has reached a point where returns of value are to be anticipated. It does not seem good business, therefore to lose irrevocably all that has gone into this work in trying to tide