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# Canada's Most Bonused Industry

Over \$3,000,000 voted annually to aid farmer—Why imperil the good done with this money?

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The importance of the farming industry to the people of Canada is abundantly demonstrated by the fact that there is not a province in the Dominion which has not established a department of Government to promote and safeguard the interests of agriculture. From Atlantic to Pacific a veritable army of experts is engaged in assisting the farmers of the country in their efforts to grow bigger and better crops, to produce finer fruit, to raise better live stock and to make more excellent butter and cheese. Experimental farms, where all manner of crops and soils are being tested for the general benefit of the agricultural community, dot the broad expanse of the Dominion. Agricultural colleges of international reputation, built and maintained by Government, are open to receive the sons of the soil, intent on acquiring that knowledge which will make them more expert farmers. Societies and associations, supported generously with provincial funds, exist in every county for the purpose of bringing the farmers together and encouraging them to improve the quality of their products. Problems of cold storage, the destruction of noxious weeds, the extension of markets, the spraying of fruit, drainage and a hundred and one other questions are handled by experts in the employ of the State and for the direct advantage of the farmers. In brief, between the Dominion and the Provincial Governments, this industry is being bonused annually in these directions to the extent of several million dollars, and there seems to be no limit to the extent to which the State will go to carry out its paternal policy.

## **Expenditures of the Dominion Government.**

In the first place, there is the Dominion Government. During the fiscal year 1909-10, it expended close on to a million dollars through its Department of Agriculture to help the farmers of Canada. Of this sum over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars was paid out to cover the expenses of the thirteen experimental farms maintained by the Government. Nearly two hundred and fifty thousand dollars went towards putting into force policies for protecting the health of live stock. The dairy division spent \$13,908.42; the fruit division \$33,667.91; the live stock department

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