

trees and sometimes ornamental plants are grown there, and the children take them over to their parents' homes, after they have made a very interesting exhibition. (1) Well understood and carried out, this idea is more calculated to sow in the young minds indelible remembrances and strong attachments to the sphere where they have been brought up. It does not teach technical knowledge to the youngsters, but it is the base of an education appropriated to their position.

I would respectfully suggest that this system be adopted in our country schools and that, in order to hasten its adoption, the school commissions or the Government of this Province, or both, give prizes to the schools having the best gardens. The authorities would, of course, determine in advance a standard and a program as uniform as possible. A few dollars thus spent would give splendid returns. Let it be tried; the results would be surprising.

DEMONSTRATION FARMS

As second means of agricultural education and propaganda, the demonstration farms seem to have, in my opinion, the greatest efficiency for spreading rapidly among the masses the methods of scientific and progressive cultivation. They ally theoretical lessons to practical ones, demonstrations to examples that are visible.

Who is not aware of the power of example?

The terrific events that are going on in Europe have just given a very impressing instance of this, though it

(1) Read the result of the "First School Exhibition held at St. Casimir, Portneuf County, September 12, 1914", in *Le Journal d'Agriculture et d'Horticulture* of October, 15. There is also, at Verchères, a school museum, which is full of promise.