

In the year 1886 there were twelve members of the Union conducting experiments with fertilizers in about as many counties over Ontario. The number in 1887 increased to sixty, and this year it reached nearly one hundred.

About 300 packages of fertilizers and 600 packages of grains were sent from this institution last spring for experimental purposes at the expense of the union.

Surely no person can doubt that valuable work is being accomplished in the hands of those who, owing to their educational advantages, ought to be the most capable for such work.

In conclusion I wish to say that, in reviewing the work of the Experimental Department for the past year, a good deal of satisfaction is felt, and we trust the results may be of practical value to all interested. The importance of experimentation is becoming more evident all the while, and a deeper interest is being manifested by Ontario farmers as they are led to see that the results are of direct benefit to themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

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