

be taken by some countries as a model and example for the development of new lands. I am rather proud of the fact that to-day our sister Dominions, Australia, South Africa, India and other parts of the Empire, and even the Mother Country herself, are constantly sending to Canada agricultural experts to get hints and information regarding the kind of work that is being done in Canada to serve for instruction and models in their own lands.

Other countries can give us similar information. But I am afraid we are rather conceited people and have a good opinion of ourselves. There was a time not long ago when we were very modest, lacking in self-confidence, and inclined to look to the United States for everything good and great on the American Continent. We have got over that. While not too boastful or proud I am glad we have left some of that modesty aside, and that the Canadian people to-day are self-confident and able to do things for themselves, and perhaps for the world at large.

In agricultural matters, however, we can learn a great deal yet from the older countries. We have a good deal of practical information within our borders, but there is a vast amount of scientific information the older lands can offer us to help and guide us in practical work.

In addition to statistical information the Institute will get from all countries regular reports of all that is going on in the agricultural world and reports of scientific investigation and discoveries, and reports of experiments which are being carried on in hundreds and hundreds of experimental stations, not only in the new but in the old world, which can afford us a safe and sound guide in agricultural work. The Institute will be a centre to which all of this will come, and the result of this information, properly collated, will be of great value to Canada.

The King of Italy is very much interested in this work, and it is small wonder he should be. We are inclined on this continent to look upon Italy as an old land. It is a very old civilization, but it is a land which to-day is flowing with milk and honey—a great agricultural land from which we here in our youth can learn a great deal. We spread ourselves over a great deal of land, and do not do either ourselves or the land justice—our methods are slipshod and wasteful. True we get big results, but for a small and few people to spread themselves over millions of acres of this Dominion it would be impossible for us to work the land intensively and scientifically and