

OTTAWA, ONT., May 7, 1912.

To the Honourable the Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa, Ont.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit for your approval Farmers' Circular No. 1,—
'Potato Canker Imported into Canada,' prepared by Mr. H. T. Güssow, Dominion
Botanist. This circular deals briefly with Potato Canker, inoculation with which
apparently unpreventable and incurable potato disease, Canadian soils are threatened.

The fact that the potato crop in Canada, even at this early stage in her develop-
ment, runs from sixty to ninety millions bushels, worth from thirty-five to fifty mil-
lion dollars annually, indicates the importance of every citizen, as well as the dif-
ferent Provincial governments and the Federal government doing everything in their
power to prevent the introduction of this most dangerous potato disease into our soils.

The wide distribution of the brief statement of facts in connection with this
matter, as given in the circular, should do much to make clear to our citizens the
importance of their uniting with the government to insure that none of the potatoes
recently imported from Europe shall find their way into the soil as seed.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. H. GRISDALE,

Director, Dominion Experimental Farms.