

GENEROUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

In its agricultural policy the Government has been actuated by a desire to promote the prosperity and welfare of farmers in all sections of the Province without respect to class or creed. It was recognized that the carrying on of this work required generous financial support and the figures show that nothing has been withheld in this regard. The increase may be best shown by a comparison of the appropriations for agriculture in the past year and in the last year of the Liberal Government:—

1904	\$ 475,678.00
1918	1,506,946.47

Along with the amount consideration should naturally be given to the question of the manner of the expenditure. That the apportionment has been progressive just as the amount has been generous is indicated by the fact that the appropriations have passed the Legislature without any criticism from either side of the House. This was true last session as in previous sessions. There was no criticism either from the Liberal opposition or from United Farmer members. Neither has there been criticism from the press. These facts are substantial proof of the fact that the appropriations have been both well planned and reasonably adequate.

IMPROVING FIELD CROPS.

Every farmer in the Province grows field crops and consequently every farmer has been, consciously or unconsciously, benefited by the work which the Government has carried on. One of the outstanding features of this work has been the maintenance of extensive experimental plots at the Ontario Agricultural College and the trying out of new varieties of grain on these plots through the members of the Experimental Union and in other ways in different parts of the Province. In this way new varieties have been introduced and adopted generally throughout the Province. This work naturally requires years of development, but during comparatively recent years the following new varieties have been introduced by the Department and adopted by the farmers:—

Mandschenri and O.A.C. No. 21 varieties of barley;

O.A.C. No. 72 and O.A.C. No. 3 oats;

Dawson's Golden Chaff and O.A.C. No. 104 winter wheat;