

St. John's, Newfoundland,

September 23, 1914.

Hon. S. D. Blandford, Minister of Agriculture and Mines, St. John's.

Sir,—I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration the report of my work in investigating the partridge berry, in which I have been occupied from the 1st of July to the present date.

I have endeavored to make the statement of my findings as complete as possible in the present state of my knowledge; as you will notice, however, I have indicated at several places in the report that I desire to reserve my report on certain points till a later date, that I may have the benefit of consulting authorities which have not been accessible here. I trust to be able to place in your hands supplementary reports on these points before the first of next year.

Permit me to point out that the work of this year is of little value in itself, unless followed up by the continuation of the investigation through another season. Only by so doing can you hope to arrive at a definite solution of the question of crop variation. The various methods of cultivation suggested should be given a practical trial. The pollination experiments should be repeated on a much larger scale. Investigation of the several fungus diseases should be continued until the successful tracing of the life-history of the parasite points the way to control.

In submitting this report, I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. S. TORREY.