

The Honourable

The Minister of Agriculture,
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith for your approval the manuscript of a bulletin prepared at my request by Miss Margaret Macfarlane, on the Preservation of Fruit and Vegetables for Home Use, with results of experiments in canning, drying, pickling and preserving, with recipes of methods recommended.

The information in this bulletin is based on that available from many sources in regard to the general principles underlying the successful preservation of food, on recipes found by long experience to be good, and on experimental work at the Central Experimental Farm in 1917 and 1918. The work in 1917 was in charge of Miss Laura Kirby, while Miss Macfarlane conducted the experiments in 1918. Both these ladies are graduates in Household Science of Macdonald College. It has been thought important to publish the tables giving the different methods tried so as to impress on those who are about to preserve fruit and vegetables the necessity of adopting the best methods. Owing to the continued high cost of food and the great interest in canning and the preservation of fruit and vegetables during the past few years, this bulletin should be in great demand throughout Canada.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

E. S. ARCHIBALD,

Director, Dominion Experimental Farms.

OTTAWA, May 1919.