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INFORMATION FOR THE ELECTORS.

The Government and the Farmer.

EXPERIMENTAL FARMS.

The Central Experimental Farm at Ottawa was established in 1886, and immediately afterward branch farms were located at Nappan, N.S., Brandon, Man., Indian Head, N.W.T., and Agassiz, B.C. The system, as it stands to-day, under the zealous and intelligent direction of the Minister of Agriculture, is one of the most complete in the world. It is capable of the widest usefulness to the farmers of Canada. That this institution is appreciated by the class it was intended to serve, is proven by the demand for new varieties of seed, the inquiries made by individuals, and the extensive circulation of the bulletins. These bulletins give the results arrived at from time to time, and are prepared with a scrupulous regard for accuracy of detail and clearness. They are looked upon as absolutely reliable. Last year the samples of grain sent out aggregated between eighteen and nineteen tons. The bulletin list bears 20,600 names of farmers living in all parts of the Dominion, and during the year past, 36,362 letters were exchanged between individuals and the members of the Farms' staff. At the Central Farm, 1,240