

During the past five years more than 7,000 packages of seedling forest trees and cuttings and more than five tons of tree seeds have been sent out in small bags by mail free of charge to farmers in different parts of the Dominion who have applied for them, and thus a general interest in tree-growing has been awakened. An annual report is published containing particulars of the most important work done at each farm, and this report is sent to every farmer in the Dominion who asks for it. A very large number is distributed annually. Occasional bulletins on special subjects of importance are also issued from time to time, all of which are read with interest by a large proportion of the most intelligent farmers in the country. The officers of all the farms attend most of the more important gatherings of farmers in different parts of the Dominion where opportunities are afforded for giving further explanations regarding the work conducted and the results achieved from year to year.

### DAIRYING SERVICE.

586. The Dairying Service of the Department of Agriculture was begun in 1890, when a Dairy Commissioner was appointed to act in affiliation with the Central Experimental Farm. The good work of developing the agricultural resources of Canada through the dairying branch of farming has made steady and rapid progress during the year. The extension of dairy farming is particularly gratifying, in view of the fact that by means of it the coarse grains and fodders are consumed largely upon the farms where they are grown. The elements of fertility, which are necessary to the continued growth of good crops, are thus left on the farms in the form of manure. A continuous and general selling of the crude, bulky and primitive products of agriculture tends to deplete the soil of the substances which are required to enable it to carry profitable crops. The production of fine food-products of concentrated quality and value, such as butter, cheese, pork and beef, affords scope for the exercise of intelligent labour with profit, and at the same time protects the land against exhaustion.

587. There is much less difference between the qualities and values of the cheese from the different provinces and the different sections in each than used to prevail. The methods of manufacture are now nearly uniform throughout the whole Dominion; and while the districts which were formerly backward are now nearly abreast of the foremost in quality of product and in market price obtainable, the dairymen in the districts which were formerly far ahead have also been the gainers by the general improvement. Frequent and commendatory comments have appeared in trade journals outside of Canada on the fact that the manufacture of adulterated cheese is entirely prohibited within the Dominion.

588. The enlargement of the quantity of dairy products has been mainly in the article of cheese. The quantity of Canadian cheese exported during the year ending 30th June, 1895, was an increase of 54 per cent over that exported in the year 1890. The demand in Great Britain for it has been steady; and the general excellence of quality and the total absence of adul-