

(a) Dominion Experimental Farms and Stations.

Central and Branch Farms.—Inaugurated in 1886 by Act of Parliament (49 Vict., c. 23), the Dominion Experimental Farms system was at first made up of the Central Farm at Ottawa and four Branch Farms:—one at Nappan, Nova Scotia, for the Maritime Provinces; one at Brandon for Manitoba; one at Indian Head for the Northwest Territories; and one at Agassiz for British Columbia.

The opening up and rapid settlement of the Dominion have led to a corresponding increase in the number of Experimental Farms and Stations.¹ These, with an Experimental Fox Ranch, now total 26, with a total acreage of 12,818·51, as compared with the original five farms, having a total acreage of 3,472, as established in 1886. The following table shows the present number of Farms and Stations, with the acreage of each and the date of establishment.

DOMINION EXPERIMENTAL FARMS AND STATIONS, 1927.

Farm or Station.	Province.	Acreage.	Date established.
Central Farm, Ottawa.....	Ontario.....	467	1886
Kapuskasing Station.....	Ontario.....	1,270	1910
Harrow Station.....	Ontario.....	198·3	1909
Charlottetown Station.....	Prince Edward Island.....	168	1909
Summerside Fox Ranch.....	Prince Edward Island.....	5	1925
Nappan Farm.....	Nova Scotia.....	465	1886
Kentville Station.....	Nova Scotia.....	452·9	1912
Fredericton Station.....	New Brunswick.....	525	1912
Ste. Anne de la Pocatière Station.....	Quebec.....	251	1911
Cap Rouge Station.....	Quebec.....	345·31	1911
Lennoxville Station.....	Quebec.....	600	1914
La Ferme Station.....	Quebec.....	1,200	1916
Farham Station.....	Quebec.....	95	1912
Brandon Farm.....	Manitoba.....	652	1886
Morden Station.....	Manitoba.....	302	1915
Indian Head Farm.....	Saskatchewan.....	680	1886
Rosthern Station.....	Saskatchewan.....	650	1908
Scott Station.....	Saskatchewan.....	520	1910
Swift Current Station.....	Saskatchewan.....	640	1920
Lacombe Station.....	Alberta.....	490	1907
Lethbridge Station.....	Alberta.....	400	1906
Invermere Station.....	British Columbia.....	82	1912
Windermere Station.....	British Columbia.....	285	1923
Summerland Station.....	British Columbia.....	545	1914
Agassiz Farm.....	British Columbia.....	1,400	1886
Sidney Station, Vancouver Island.....	British Columbia.....	130	1912

In addition there are seven sub-stations, viz.:—Wainwright, Alberta; Salmon Arm, B.C.; Fort Vermilion and Beaverlodge, Alberta; Forts Smith, Resolution and Providence, Northwest Territories; Horse Farm, St. Joachim, Que., (operated from Cap Rouge); and Betsiamites, Saguenay Co., Que. Experimental work under the Division of Illustration Stations is conducted on 10 farms in Prince Edward Island, 15 in Nova Scotia, 17 in New Brunswick, 43 in Quebec, 13 in Ontario, 13 in Manitoba, 24 in Saskatchewan, 16 in Alberta and 13 in British Columbia. Small experimental plots are also being operated at several points along the line of the Hudson Bay railway.

Organization of the System of Experimental Farms.—The Central Farm at Ottawa, as its name implies, is the centre or headquarters of the system. Thereat are situated the Director, having control and general supervision of the whole, and the chief technical officers, each having charge of his special line of work, both at

¹ The five original farms established in 1886 are known as "Experimental Farms"; those added since are styled "Experimental Stations" No distinction in the work is implied by these titles.