

Information obtained as a result of the experimental work is available in the form of free publications to anyone interested. The laboratories of the various departments of the College examine and report on specimens sent in by growers, and the field plots, orchards, stables, and barns are open to visitors at all times. One department is a distribution centre for plans and blueprints for farm buildings and gives assistance with various farm construction and engineering problems, including the planning of drainage systems. Members of the staff assist with regional short courses throughout the Province and act as judges at agricultural and domestic science exhibits at fairs, etc.

The teaching and experimental staff number about 70 members, and the total enrolment for the session 1938-39 was 918.

*Institut Agricole d'Oka.*—The Institute, located at La Trappe, Que., was founded in 1893. In 1908 it was affiliated to Laval University and is now affiliated with the University of Montreal.

The farm covers 1,800 acres and the diversity of soils makes possible the carrying out of extended experiments. The orchards cover about 67 acres, with nearly 4,000 fruit trees, and particular attention is directed to fruit culture, apple growing being a specialty. Live stock raised includes Belgian horses, Ayrshire and Holstein cattle, sheep, and hogs. Some 2,000 hens are kept, the Chantecler breed having been originated at the Institute.

In addition to the regular four-year course in agronomics, a two-year course is provided for farmers' sons, and short winter courses are offered to farmers at the request of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. During the past ten years, special emphasis has been placed upon short courses designed for farmers' sons. In the winter of 1929-30, home courses were started at Oka; designed for 4,000 students, they were so popular that the total attendance reached 15,000. Annual summer courses for rural school inspectors are conducted, and about 100 inspectors attend. Similar short courses, open to farmers of particular districts, are also offered and have had great effect in focusing the attention of the rural population on the possibilities of life on the farm. Following one of these courses, no less than nine new societies of young farmers were established in the district of Shefford alone.

In addition to the province-wide activities of the Institute, special work has been done by the members of the staff in the Montreal district, such as research and farm contest work. Specialized work in the localities surrounding the Institute are the organization of a live-stock breeders' society in the County of Two Mountains, and an association of young breeders of baby chicks in the same county. The foundation of the Institut Rosell at Oka has done much to popularize 'yogurt' in Canada and has encouraged the making of pure starters for the production of this product at home.

For the past ten years the Institute has published literature on stock and poultry raising; botany; fruit, vegetable, and flower culture; and a four-volume course on general agriculture. The demand for these publications indicates that they are greatly appreciated by the farmers of the Province.

*Ecole Supérieure d'Agriculture de Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière.*—This school, situated along the Lévis—Rivière-du-Loup line of the Canadian National Railway, has a student body of about 175 boarders. The school was established in 1859 by Abbé François Pilote. It now has a triple aim: agricultural research; agricultural instruction of all grades; and agricultural extension work by means of lectures, home courses, co-operation courses, exhibitions, etc.