

## 6. CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (LINCOLN).

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### REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (ABRIDGED).

Fifty-three students were enrolled in 1923, the number in residence being up to the full limit of accommodation. Of these, eight were holders of agricultural bursaries under the Education Department, and one held a Kitchener Scholarship.

Eleven students sat for various subjects set by the New Zealand University for the Bachelor of Agriculture degree. Five students or ex-students completed the degree course, bringing the total number who have obtained the degree up to seventeen, while nine others will complete their attendances at College this year, and should, in the ordinary course, obtain the degree at the end of 1924.

The work of the students, both in class and on the farm, has been satisfactory. Competition for the scholarships and prizes offered was very keen. Twenty-four students left at the end of the year; of these, four had been in residence for one year, three for two years, and seventeen had completed the full course. Of the latter, thirteen satisfied the examiners and were awarded the diploma of the College.

The College and farm buildings have been kept in a good state of repair, and many necessary improvements have been effected during the year. The farm buildings, which were erected over forty years ago, of wood and iron, have now reached a state where repairs are impossible and replacement is necessary. This, and the question of new laboratories, have been exercising the minds of the Board for some time. The Board feels that the work should be done. The present laboratories are not in keeping with modern requirements, either in regard to the teaching or research being carried on at the College. The farm buildings are worn out, and new buildings will have to be erected. The Board have no funds at their disposal for carrying out these improvements, but they feel confident that once their claim is brought before Parliament the necessary funds will be placed at their disposal.

The farm has been maintained at its high state of fertility. The best evidence of the truth of this statement is that the grain-yield for 1923 was the highest obtained on the College farm since the inception of the College. The live-stock have also been maintained at their former high standard, and continue to be a useful source of revenue as well as of high educational value to the students. The usual large gathering of farmers attended "Farmers' Day" at the end of 1923, and were given every opportunity of seeing stock and crops.

The Hon. Minister of Education, Wellington.

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R. E. ALEXANDER, Director.

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