

6. CANTERBURY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE (LINCOLN).

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (ABRIDGED).

Fifty-two students were enrolled in 1924, the number in residence being up to the limit of accommodation. Of those enrolled seven were holders of bursaries under the Education Department. Eleven students sat for various subjects set by the New Zealand University for the Bachelor of Agriculture degree or the certificate in Agriculture. Four students completed their degree course at the college, and should obtain their degree; and this brings the total number who have obtained the degree from the College to over twenty.

The work of the students in class and on the farm has been satisfactory; it is pleasing to record the keenness of competition for scholarships and prizes offered.

Sixteen students left at the end of the year; one had completed one year, three two years, and twelve the full course. Of those who completed the course eight satisfied the examiners and were awarded the diploma of the College.

Applications for entrance to the College are still in excess of the accommodation provided, indicating that the College training is meeting with approval, and also indicating that there is a strong demand for higher agricultural education.

The farm and its surroundings have been properly cared for, and the high fertility maintained; in spite of the bad seasons College yields were above normal and almost double the average yields for New Zealand. The live-stock have also been maintained at the highest standard. A striking illustration of this is shown by the results obtained at the first Royal Show: a consignment of fourteen entries won eleven prizes, three champions, three reserve champions, and the Sheepowners' Shield for greatest number of points in purebred sheep.

That the College is fulfilling its functions so far as the Canterbury farmers are concerned is evidenced by the number of visits from farmers and correspondence received, and expressions of opinion from these visitors and correspondents, and also from the demand on the College staff to attend and address meetings all over Canterbury.

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