

# IMPERIAL TOBACCO PRODUCTS LIMITED

May 11, 1973

Mr. L. C. Laporte,  
Executive Director,  
Canadian Tobacco  
Manufacturers Council,  
1808 Sherbrooke West,  
Montreal, Quebec.

Dear Mr. Laporte,

Attached is a memorandum giving the 1973 program for the ITPL Practical Experimental Farm. Discussions with all companies, the Growers' Board, etc., as directed in Minute No. 5 CTMC Meeting January 31, 1973, were held, and the program incorporates the views that have been expressed. The memorandum goes into detail that will be of interest to R. & D. and Leaf personnel among CTMC companies.

Although certain aspects of the program for the CDA Station, Delhi, are presented, we can expect a more complete revelation of the Station's program during the meeting called by Dr. Hamilton on May 16.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

### ITPL Practical Experimental Farm

- 1) Production of Experimental Tobaccos for the BAT Sheet Project PRT-71.
- 2) Experiments related to mechanization of flue-cured farms, including trial of mechanical harvesting and Johnson Modular Curing System.
- 3) Commercial Scale evaluation of three proposed varieties in collaboration with CDA Station.
- 4) Use of the farm by machinery manufacturers to demonstrate up to three different mechanical harvesters.
- 5) Small plots. Nicotine levels of varieties.

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CDA Research Station, Delhi

- 1) Close planting experiments.  
Detailed program to be submitted to CTMC with modest request for financial assistance.
- 2) Exploration of new varieties with respect to nicotine content, and subjective smoking quality.

The ITPL program includes the purchase of a mechanical harvester and a Johnson Modular Curing System unit.

Apart from the experimental data to be obtained, the proposed program will provide the opportunity for interested growers and company representatives to observe the practical aspects of the work by visiting the Farm in person.

Attached is a statement showing the 1972 budget and actual cost and the 1973 budget for the CTMC Agricultural Research Program. The 1973 budget at \$107,650 compares with a 1972 actual of \$116,878. However, it is anticipated that the CDA Station will submit an additional research proposal for support of close planting experiments.

Yours sincerely,



R. M. Gibb

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