

Dr. Waldemar E. Sackston, who has since 1958, been Head, Plant Pathology Section, Canada Department of Agriculture Research Station, Winnipeg, Manitoba, is leaving the Department on September 12th after 19 years of service to accept the post of Professor of Plant Pathology at Macdonald College, McGill University. Dr. Sackston's research with the Department has been focused on the diseases of oil-seed crops, and he has gained an international reputation as a specialist in the diseases of sunflowers and flax.

Dr. Harold A. Senn, Director, Plant Research Institute, Ottawa left the Canada Department of Agriculture on August 31st., after 22 years service, to join the staff of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, as Director of the Biotron and Professor of Botany, Dr. Senn is recognized internationally as an authority on the design and operation of plant growth rooms and greenhouses in which environmental conditions are precisely controlled.

Dr. Jens J. Nielson, Goettingen, Germany, has accepted a post-doctorate fellowship to work with Drs. R. Rohringer and D.J. Samborski at the Canada Department of Agriculture Research Station, Winnipeg, Manitoba, on the obligate parasitism of the rust fungi. Dr. Nielson recently received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Goettingen for his studies on the obligate parasitism of Peronospora brassicae in cabbage under Prof. Dr. W. H. Fuchs, Director of the Institut für Pflanzpathologie.

Dr. Gregoire L. Hennebert, Louvain, Belgium, has also accepted a post-doctorate fellowship to work at the Plant Research Institute, Ottawa. He will study, with Dr. S.J. Hughes, the taxonomy of the Hyphomycetes, particularly of genera related to Botrytis and their host specificity. He was awarded the D.Sc. degree by the Catholic University of Louvain this year. His thesis concerned a revision of the genus Botrytie and was completed at the Laboratory of Plant Pathology under Prof. Dr. V. Estienne and Prof. Dr. P. Staner,

Dr. Ilkka Kukkonen, University of Turku, Finland, returned to Finland at the end of August after working 13 months with Dr. D.B.O. Savile at the Plant Research Institute, Ottawa, on a post-doctorate fellowship. Dr. Kukkonen is engaged in a taxonomic and experimental study of the smut genus Cintractia. In addition to working through the abundant material in

the herbarium at Ottawa he has done extensive field work near Ottawa, in the arctic and sub-arctic, and in the Yukon and northern British Columbia,

Dr. John T. **Slykhuis**, Head, Plant Pathology Section, Plant Research Institute, Ottawa, has accepted the invitation of the Australian government to make observations on cereal virus diseases in that country for a two and a half month period, During his absence from Ottawa he will also visit Japan, the Philippines, New Zealand, India, West Pakistan, Iraq, Jordan and Egypt.