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Chr. H. Olesen, Director of Aktieselskabet De Danske Spritfabrikker (The Danish Distilleries Ltd.), died at Copenhagen on 29th September, 1960.

Olesen was with the Danish Distilleries Ltd. for over fifty years and was appointed Director in 1920. During his term of office the firm expanded greatly and its factories are now among the most up-to-date in the world.

In Danish agriculture he will be remembered for his great interest in potato cultivation; it was under his direction that the firm started experimental work on potatoes. After the First World War he realised the value of the potato as a raw material for alcohol production, and in 1921 the Danish Distilleries Ltd. purchased their first experimental farm, "Frederikshøj", near Aalborg. The results obtained from potato trials on this farm soon became valuable to growers in Denmark and other countries.

Olesen realised the value of exchanging experience and often sent members of his staff to foreign countries to study potato work there and welcomed experts from many other countries to the firm's experimental farms.

Although he was not actively engaged in experimental work himself the results of his work for the potato industry will be seen for many years to come.

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