

tions, a great deal of time could be saved members of the staff, as they would simply mail a copy of the paper containing an answer to the questions sent.

In a word, the province of an agricultural college paper is, to give college news, news of ex-students, latest information in the different branches of agriculture, reviews of books, bulletins, etc., lessons on nature study, for pupils in rural schools and on the farm, together with original articles by the students, ex-students and staff. To accomplish the greatest amount of good, an Agricultural College paper should reach 100,000 homes in Canada. This can be done by good editorial work, first-class business management, and co-operation among students, ex-students, staff, farmers, rural school teachers, and Departments of Agriculture and Education.

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### **The Farmer and Good Roads.**

The earliest history of road improvement takes us back more than two thousand years to the days when the Roman Empire was at its zenith. Of such a high character was the work of those early times that some of these old roadways are said to exist still in good condition. To farmers whose knowledge of road construction is limited to those made of clay or sand, such records may seem almost incredible. The fact remains, nevertheless, that where roads are built in the proper manner, and of the right material, they continue for ages an ornament to a country and a source of pleasure to those who travel.

That the farmers of this province who are alive to their own and their country's welfare should be deeply interested in road improvement, is beyond question. Bad roads constitute the greatest drawback to rural life, and from the lack of good roads the farmers suffer more than any other class. Of the benefits to be derived from improved highways there are many. A noted authority has said that good roads and the schoolmaster were the two most important agents in advancing civilization. The increased value given to adjoining farms is of great importance. In this connection statistics give us the important fact that those