

With such men as these giving addresses through the country and THE GUIDE, it can't be very long until the majority of western farmers belong to the G.G.A.
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SUMMER PROGRAM OF AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Manitoba Agricultural College is planning to carry on a very comprehensive program of agricultural extension work during the coming summer. From the beginning the college has recognized two channels through which its work could be effective. First, by instructing at the institution, those who come to it to pursue the studies of the various courses, and secondly by going to the country to reach those who cannot conveniently assemble at the college.

Farming Competitions

For the purpose of putting into effect this second chief function of the college, "good farming" competitions were organized two years ago. This year again, under the auspices of the provincial agricultural societies, a considerable amount of work will be carried on with the object of making Manitoba a land not only of well-kept farms and productive fields, but of homes, possessed of such surroundings as make life on a farm happy and congenial.

Seed Grain

The provincial department of agriculture is offering special grants for agricultural societies that will undertake this work, under the direction of the college. One feature which it is proposed to emphasize is the production of grain for seed purposes. Plans are being made for judging fields of grain while in the head, and afterwards publishing a report of the grain and the best fields, so that those who desire pure grain seed may know where to get it.

Institute Meetings

In addition to selecting trained judges for agricultural society shows, the college has planned also to address a number of meetings after seed-time for the purpose of discussing such questions as the best methods of eradicating weeds, soil cultivation, selection of breeding stock, etc. It is proposed to hold as many of these meetings as possible at points in the country, remote from the railway centres. The college having now been in session for four terms, has turned out a considerable number of young men brought up on Manitoba farms who are skilled in the practice as well as the science of agriculture, and it is the intention to make use of a number of these ex-students who are specially equipped to give demonstrations in stock judging, etc.

Weed Bulletins

In order that farmers who are earnestly desiring to control the weed pest may have available the best information possible, Professors Bedford and Lee, of the college staff, now have in course of preparation an illustrated bulletin dealing with the chief weeds of the province, and it is hoped that copies will be available at the time of the municipal weed convention and short course, which will be held at the college on June 14, 1910. Steps are being taken to carry on experiments to determine the best methods of eradicating sow-thistle.

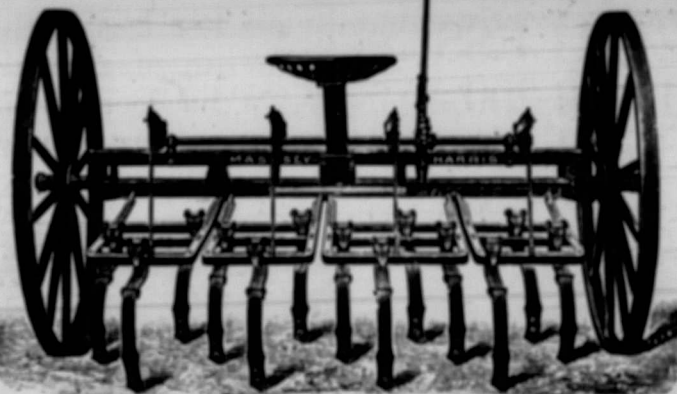
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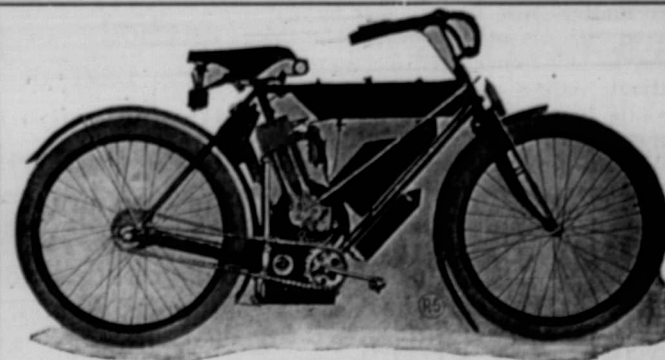
An Irish journal has this gem in answer to a correspondent—"We decline to acknowledge receipt of your post-card." This is very much like the remark of the Corkonian who travelled into Kerry to an insulting enemy to tell him to his face that he would greet him with "silent contempt."

A minister in Glasgow was annoyed by people talking and giggling. He paused, looked at the disturbers, and said, "Some years ago, as I was preaching, a young man who sat before me was constantly laughing, talking and making uncouth grimaces. I paused and administered a severe rebuke. After the close of the services, a gentleman said to me, 'Sir, you made a great mistake; that young man was an idiot.' Since then I have always been afraid to reprove those who misbehave themselves in church lest I should repeat that mistake and reprove another idiot." During the rest of the service there was good order.

The popularity of Peter Piper's celebrated peck of pickled peppers will probably wane as a snare to catch the tongue that would fain be agile; but the test has formidable rivals. The following short sentences, as their authors maintain, do wonders in baffling the ordinary powers of speech: "Gaze on the gay gray brigade." "The sea ceaseth, and it sultheth us." "Say, should such a shapeless sash shabby stitches show?" "Strange strategic statistics." "Give Grimes Jim's gilt gig-whip." "Sarah in a shaw shovelled soft snow softly." "A cup of coffee in a copper coffee-cup." "Smith's spirit-bask split Philip's sixth sister's fifth squirrel's skull." The Leith police dismisseth us." Mr. Fisk wished to whisk whisky."

For the benefit of those who are getting tired of "Truly rural" as a cure for stammering, the following is respectfully submitted:—"Pronounce rapidly, "She sells sea shells; shall she sell sea shells?"

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