

## ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

What are the tests by which we are going to come to a conclusion as to whether the Department of Agriculture is doing its duty in the Province of Ontario to-day? Are you going to the Agricultural College at Guelph to make your tests there? Let me say that if you go there you will find two young men there to every one that was there when we came into power upwards of nine years ago, when, as hon. gentlemen opposite claim, there were more boys on the farm to draw from than at present. Will you make your test as to what is being done? You will find a better equipped college, you will find a better curriculum, you will find accommodation for the man who can take a four weeks' course, a six weeks' course, a two years' course, a four years' course; each can go to that institution and find not only employment for all the time he can give, but will find the teachers there to give him the best results for the time he can devote to the particular part of the institutional work that his means and his time allow.

## RURAL DEMONSTRATORS.

But this is not all. When was there a time in this Province when there were thirty-seven District Representatives, experts, demonstrators—call them what you please—well-manned, well-equipped, familiar with local conditions, rendering not intermittent, but day-to-day service to local people, carrying scientific knowledge of the best farming methods to the home of the farmer's son, to the women's institutions, to the different organizations throughout this Province that are interested in the great work of agriculture that must in the end be the mainstay and the backbone of this great Province—a system unparalleled in any state or Province on this continent—a system envied by all and copied by many. Take the work of these men, their leadership in all the organized activities of the rural communities, their contact with thousands of boys and girls through the rural school fairs, their instructive and inspiring association with hundreds of boys in the four and six weeks' courses. Take, if you will, the Women's Institutes, increasing in number, keen and energetic in action, lofty in ideals for