

which was ably seconded by Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin. The first speaker bore testimony to and spoke in very flattering terms of the grand work which it was apparent to all was being accomplished by this institution—the Central Experimental Farm—and anticipated illimitable benefits to such members of the farming profession as availed themselves of its advantages.

Mr. T. J. MacLaughlin, the secretary of the club, in seconding the vote of thanks, said he was sure that all present had enjoyed themselves very much. That new and comparatively unfinished as the Experimental Farm was, compared with what it would be in the near future, and immature as its aims and objects must yet necessarily be, all present must have been surprised at what they had seen and heard in connection with it. The vast improvement wrought in so short a time was astonishing, and the director and his assistants had every reason to be gratified at the results of their labours. In pointing to the benefits to be derived from such an enterprise, he said that the farmers readily admitted that they were sorely in need of scientific knowledge as to the best methods of cultivating and preserving their crops. Such information this institution would be the means of disseminating amongst them, and he hoped, when the time came for them to do so, they would show their keen appreciation of the Hon. Mr. Carling and the Government he represented, for propounding and carrying into effect this important system, which was, as he understood it, designed to raise the standard of the agricultural profession, the most important of all our industries, from a state of ignorance and drudgery to one of enlightenment and ease. From what they had seen and heard at this excursion, and from what they knew of the energy and ability of Prof. Saunders and his able assistants, he had the utmost confidence that under his supervision and with their assistance the designs of the Experimental Farm system would be fully carried out, and the benefits anticipated by the country at large fully realized.

The vote of thanks was presented by Mr. Whyte, the President of the Club, and passed unanimously.

The party then took the vans and returned to the city delighted with all the interesting objects witnessed as well as grateful for the opportunity which had been afforded them of seeing the farm under such favourable auspices.