

These matches were held in the years 1849, 1850, and 1851, in connection with the exhibitions of those years. They were then omitted, the work of encouraging good plowing being assumed by the local societies. In 1873, however, the work was again taken up by the Agriculture and Arts Association, four matches being held each year in different parts of the province. The holding of these matches was continued to the end of the association's history.

PRIZE FARM COMPETITIONS.

In 1880, under the auspices of the association, the prize farm competitions were begun. To the Hon. Charles Drury belongs the honor of having originated the idea of these competitions. It was thought that if prizes were offered in different districts for the best-managed farm, competition for the prizes would serve as an encouragement and stimulus towards good farming. For

the able management of its energetic principal, Dr. Andrew Smith, has had an unusually successful career, its students coming from, and its graduates being found in, every quarter of the continent.

REGISTRATION OF LIVE STOCK.

A very useful part of the work of the Agriculture and Arts Association, and one of vast importance to the stockbreeders of the country, has been the registration of purebred stock. This work, begun very early in the history of the association, was for a long time carried on by it wholly alone; but in later years separate associations of the breeders of the different sorts of live stock were formed, each one in the interests of some particular breed of stock, and for the purposes of registration these individual associations and the Agriculture and Arts Association worked together. Similarly, co-operation was also



Kingston Dairy School.

the purpose aimed at the province was divided into six districts, and the competition was limited to one district each year, a gold, a silver, and a bronze medal being allotted at each competition. When a competition had been held in each of the six districts of the province a sweepstakes prize was offered for the best-managed farm among those that had previously obtained medals. The sweepstakes prize in the first series of competitions was won by Mr. Simpson Rennie, of Kelvin Farm, Scarboro, in 1886. In 1892 the competitions were discontinued, and no second sweepstakes prize was awarded.

THE ONTARIO VETERINARY COLLEGE.

In 1862 the Ontario Veterinary College was placed under the patronage of the association, and remained so till the end. This college, under

undertaken for the purposes of holding shows, granting prizes, etc.

In 1881 Mr. Henry Wade was appointed secretary to the Agriculture and Arts Association, and it is not too much to say that to his efforts and influence as chief executive officer of the association, the formation of a number of the separate associations referred to above was due. Mr. Wade was also secretary of many of these associations, and still continues so to be.

DISESTABLISHMENT, DECEMBER 31ST, 1895.

About eight years ago it was generally recognized that what had been the chief work of the association—namely, the holding of a large exhibition annually—was no longer necessary, the exhibitions held at Toronto, London, Ottawa, and other places being sufficient for the country's