

and took part in the discussions. One of the Clubs in the county developed into a Fruit Growers' Association. It purchased all the spraying materials and supplies for the members during the past season, and is making preparations for packing and marketing their crop next year. There are but sixteen members in this Association, but I think it will grow rapidly. We spent a good deal of time with the members during the spraying season, assisting them in the preparation and application of spray materials, and testing the mixtures and pumps. Each member of this Association speaks in the highest terms of the results obtained from spraying. In Wellington district, there are few fruit growers who will not be spraying another year.

I attended the annual meetings of the cheese factories at Bloomfield, Wellington, Allisonville, Hillier, Consecon, Ameliastburgh, Rednersville, Quinte, Massassaga and Mountain View factories, and was also present at the meeting of the Cheese Board of Trade.

During the last school year, we conducted two classes in agriculture in the Collegiate Institute. In the Long Course were six pupils, while in the six-weeks or Short Course there were thirty registered. The coming year we are planning to extend the Short Course to ten weeks and we have every reason to believe the attendance will be greater.

We endeavoured to encourage the rural schools to give attention to school gardens. The Mountain View school had a very good garden and the people of that section have taken a deep interest in the work. The teacher, Mr. J. M. Root, came to us for advice, and afterwards carried out the suggestions given. The garden contained plots for each class of corn, oats, barley, goose wheat, millets, roots, vegetables and flowers. It was maintained in first-class shape and created much interest. Indeed, several other teachers have expressed their intention of taking up this work another year.

Dr. Morley Currie, M.P., donated \$50 for prizes for the best essay and collection of weeds from each township in the county, the plans and conditions of the contest being made out by us. Five of the seven townships of the county had entries, and the competition succeeded in interesting a large number of young men in a study of farm weeds. A number of teachers also became interested in the contest. Two of the contestants and winners of this competition told me that they had decided to attend the agricultural course at the beginning of the year.

Underdrainage has been practised but little in this county. Interest was created as a result of a drainage survey on a farm near Pieton, and discussion at a demonstration held on the same farm in July, 1909. I have knowledge of 12,000 tiles being laid as a result.