

College Reporter.

The two weeks' short course in stock and grain judging, which lasted from the 8th to the 21st of January, was taken advantage of by a large number of the farmers of Ontario. There were in all over two hundred enrolled. This is only the second year that this special course has been given, still it is, as shown by the attendance, already in great favor. It is a course especially adapted to those who cannot afford to spend several years in taking a full college education; and it comes at that time of the year when anyone so inclined can easily "break away" from duties at home and perhaps put to good use hours that would otherwise be spent to little purpose. However, a means of filling up empty time is not the only thing supplied by this course; it really supplies a standing need. If one would take the time to go from one end of this province to the other he would find that the greater part of its rural population are working at a loss—toiling from daylight to dark, wasting their energies to no purpose and coming out at the end of the year with their profits and loss account balancing on the wrong side of the page; either that, or else but a small difference to credit. This state of affairs exists largely because of the lack of enlightenment. In this age of competition the producer cannot afford to be indifferent as to what he produces or as to the quality of his products. Consumers are critical and whatever is best on the market gets first choice and first money; and what is inferior is either not chosen or sells below a profit standard or perhaps

even below cost. Therefore, to produce the best even at the cost of quantity should be the motto of every farmer of Ontario. To do this the only thing required is to know how, and to know how is the privilege of every one in this day of advancement. Those who spent the two weeks at the O. A. C. will now be in a position to work more intelligently and profitably, and they will never rue the few days that they put in at college. It is to be hoped that each year will find large classes taking the course in stock and grain judging.

On January 27th the Scotch curlers, who are touring in Canada, were in Guelph. On arriving in the city they were met by a deputation of citizens and given a hearty welcome to the *Royal Stadt*. An address was given them by the Mayor and the freedom of the town was conferred. This over, the visitors at once boarded a car, which was gaily decked with bunting, and proceeded to the college. After reaching here an inspection of several of the departments was made as well as the new Massey Hall and Library. As soon as this was done the party all repaired to the college reading room, from which the reading tables had been removed, and for them substituted tables loaded with the necessities and luxuries of life.

The party consists of some of the best curlers afforded by the land of the heather, and needless to say they are enthusiasts of the game. In the afternoon they met in the Victoria Rink the curling clubs of the city and