

courteous, and much credit is due to the local newspapers for the benefit which the Province of Ontario derives from Farmers' Institutes to-day. I trust that the friendship of the press to the Farmers' Institute system may long continue.

In closing my work as Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for this province, I wish to thank the local officers and directors, and the regular and supplementary speakers for their constant and able co-operation. That the Farmers' Institutes of Ontario are on a sound basis and acknowledged by every province in Canada and nearly every state in the American Union to be a practical, progressive and model system of agricultural education is due in a large measure to the untiring energy and self-sacrificing spirit of many of the local officers.

I have also to express my gratitude and thanks for the help which I have received in my work from my official superiors. The Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture, and Mr. C. C. James, the Deputy Minister, have each been a tower of strength to me in my efforts to establish and maintain the Farmers' Institute system of the province as now existing.

It is right, too, that I should say that Mr. A. P. Westervelt, who has been for five years my assistant, and who has acted as accountant of the Farmers' Institute system, also deserves very much credit. He succeeds me as secretary-treasurer and managing director of the Dominion Live Stock Associations and of the Provincial Winter Fair, having been recently elected to these positions by the unanimous vote of the directors. He also continues as accountant of the Farmers' Institute system and assistant to the Superintendent.

Prof. Geo. C. Creelman, B.S.A., has been appointed my successor as Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, and I earnestly ask for him the hearty support and co-operation of all parties interested in agriculture and in the welfare of Ontario. He has a great and growing work before him. The Farmers' Institute system is now but in its infancy, its possibilities for good being, humanly speaking, almost unlimited.

F. W. HODSON,
Superintendent.

Parliament Buildings,
Toronto, Oct. 21, 1899.

To Institute Officers.

In the next issue of FARMING will be published a short record of the work of the past year, showing the institutes which held the largest number of meetings, the meetings which were the most largely attended, the institutes having the largest membership and those having the smallest membership. We expected to be able to pub-

Regular Meeting to be Held in December, 1899

DIVISION 7A.

MAJOR JAMES SHEPPARD, QUEENSTON.—“Country Roads: How to Improve Them”; “Planting and Care of Orchards”; “Propagating Fruits, Grafting, Budding, etc.”; “Forty Years Experience in Growing Corn”; “Tomatoes for Home and Market”; “Ensilage and the Round Silo”; “The Export Bacon Trade.” Evening Subjects: “Four Reasons why we Till the Soil”; Three Historical Days on the Niagara River.”

J. G. DAVIDSON COLLINGWOOD.—“The Practical Veterinary Treatment of Stock”; “The Management of Live Stock in Health and Disease”; “Feeding for the Show Yard”; “Permanent Pastures,” with collection of specimens of the best grasses for Ontario conditions; “The Diseases of Canadian Live Stock with Treatment”; “The Nutritive Ratio of the Different Foods Grown and Fed on the Farm”; “The Value of Artificial Manures in Canadian Farming”; “The Chemistry of the Farm”; “The Soils of the Farm and their Treatment.”

1. Alton, Science Hall.....	Peel.....	Nov. 27th.
2. Brampton, Concert Hall.....	Peel.....	“ 28th.
3. Woodbridge, Orange Hall.....	W. York.....	“ 29th.
4. Weston, Eagle Hall.....	W. “.....	“ 30th.
5. Agincourt, Temperance Hall.....	E. York.....	Dec. 1st.
6. Markham, Town Hall.....	E. “.....	“ 2nd.
7. Whitevale, Wilson's Hall.....	S. Ontario.....	“ 4th.
8. Columbus, Town Hall.....	S. “.....	“ 5th.
9. Bowmanville, Council Chamber.....	W. Durham (Afternoon).....	“ 6th.
10. Courtice, “Sons” Hall.....	W. “ (Evening).....	“ 6th.
11. Orono, Town Hall.....	W. “ (Afternoon).....	“ 7th.
12. Newcastle, Town Hall.....	W. “ (Evening).....	“ 7th.
13. Millbrook, Town Hall.....	E. Durham.....	“ 8th.
14. Bethany, Town Hall.....	E. “.....	“ 9th.
15. Blackstock, Town Hall.....	W. Durham.....	“ 11th.

DIVISION 7B.

J. S. WOODWARD, LOCKPORT, N.Y.—“Animals Simply Machines: What for, and How to Run”; “Potato Culture”; “Summer Fallowing versus Fall Following”; “Weeds, the Poor Farmer's Friends”; “Silos and Silage”; “Corn, How Best to Grow and Use it”; “Economical Milk Production”; “Warm Stables—Close Housing, High Feeding, and Constant Watering the Corner Stones of Success in the Dairy”; “Profitable Beef-Making”; “Sheep on a Dairy Farm”; “How to get most Money out of Sheep”; “Nitrogen Traps—How to Use Them”; “What Becomes of the Food Eaten by the Animal.” Evening Subject: “A Lay Sermon.”

1. Uxbridge, Town Hall.....	N. Ontario.....	Nov. 27th.
2. Beaverton, Alexandra Hall.....	N. “.....	“ 28th.
3. Oakwood, Township Hall.....	W. Victoria.....	“ 29th.
4. Lindsay, Town Hall.....	W. Victoria.....	“ 30th.
5. Fenelon Falls, Dickson's Hall.....	E. “.....	Dec. 1st.
6. Bobcaygeon, Town Hall.....	E. “.....	“ 2nd.
7. Peterboro', County Council Chamber.....	W. Peterboro (Afternoon).....	“ 4th.
8. North Monaghan, Town Hall.....	W. “ (Evening).....	“ 4th.
9. Lakefield, Town Hall.....	W. “.....	“ 5th.
10. Warsaw, Agricultural Hall.....	E. Peterboro.....	“ 6th.
11. Westwood, Town Hall.....	E. “.....	“ 7th.
12. Stirling, Moon's Hall.....	N. Hastings.....	“ 8th.
13. Madoc, Masonic Hall.....	N. “.....	“ 9th.

DIVISION 8.

WM. RENNIE, TORONTO.—“How to Restore and Maintain Soil Fertility”; “Economic Feeding of Live Stock”; “Beautifying the Farm.”

MISS BLANCHE MADDOCK, GUELPH.—“Scientific Dairying”; “Bacteria or Germ Life as it Affects the Home, the Soil and the Dairy.”

1. Baltimore, Chapman Hall.....	W. Northumberland, Nov. 27th.
2. Grafton, Town Hall.....	W. “ 28th.
3. Brighton, Music Hall.....	E. Northumberland, “ 29th.
4. Warkworth, Town Hall.....	E. Hastings, “ 30th.
5. Frankford, Sweetman's Hall.....	W. Hastings, Dec. 1st.
6. Wallbridge, Town Hall.....	W. “ 2nd.
7. Demorestville, Town Hall.....	Prince Edward, “ 4th.
8. Bloomfield, Town Hall.....	“ “ 5th.
9. Shannonville, A.O.U.W. Hall.....	E. Hastings, “ 6th.
10. Plainfield, C.O.O.F. Hall.....	E. “ 7th.
11. Newburgh, Finkle's Hall.....	Addington, “ 8th.
12. Centreville, Town Hall.....	“ “ 9th.

DIVISION 9A.

T. G. RAYNOR, B.S.A., ROSEHALL.—“Selection and Cross-Breeding of