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The Ontario Agricultural College.

This institution we regard as absolutely indispensable in an educational point of view to the farmers of Canada. It consists of a college proper, experimental grounds and farm, and is situated one mile out of Guelph, in the County of Wellington, Ont. The number of graduates, or associates as they are termed, is 164, of which 27 graduated this present year, 17 of them being farmers' sons. A much larger number, however, have not been able to return the second year, or the number of graduates would have been much greater. These are, however, actively engaged in farm work in all parts of the Dominion, turning to good account the large store of valuable knowledge gained at the College.

The course covers two years, with a post-graduate course for any desiring it. October 1st is the usual time of entrance, and June 30th the time of release, although there is a summer term for the advantage of students not well up in practical farming. Every student is required to do a certain amount of practical work, for which he is paid. This enables him in part to pay his way, and prevents the decay of the old love for the practical work of the farm.

The course of study is divided into five departments: These are (1), *Agriculture, Live-Stock, Dairy-*

ing. Living specimens of the stock are brought into the class room when lectures are being delivered. (2). *Natural Sciences*—those which bear directly on farming, as chemistry, geology, botany, etc., with the special and practical study of insects, grasses, smut, rust, etc. (3). *Veterinary Science.* Horses are brought regularly into the class room and examined for soundness, and pupils are practically taught how to administer medicines. (4). *English Literature and Political Economy*, where the practical branches receive chief attention. (5). *Mathematics and Book-keeping.* Here, as in all the other departments, practical subjects, as arithmetic, mensuration, farm book-keeping, etc., receive the larger share of attention. Where else, we ask, in all Canada, can young men of the farm receive an education approaching this in utility, and who can take a full course at this institution without receiving immense benefit? The charges are so very moderate that an industrious student not afraid to work can get through at an outlay of from \$40 to \$60 a year. The tuition is \$20 a year, payable in advance. It should be borne in mind that each county has the privilege of sending one student free of tuition fees.

The present staff of professors is composed of men of marked ability and unimpeachable character. The

professorship of agriculture is vacant at present, and it is to be hoped that the man best qualified to fill the position will be sought out, regardless of all other considerations.

For the advantages that will accrue to students attending see page 213, also see advertisement on another page.

An Easy Way of Getting a Start in Improved Stock.

In the March issue of the JOURNAL, p. 66, occurs the following quotation from a subscriber: "Don't you think if you would offer the boys who would get you enough subscribers, some kind of pure-bred stock, that it would be drawing them in the proper channel?" We promised at the time to give the matter our attention, and now that the canvassing season is coming on we proceed to redeem that promise. We have accordingly drawn up a list of live-stock premiums to be captured by canvassers, which will be found in one of the closing pages of this issue. It was our intention to defer publishing this list until later in the season, but circumstances which would take too long to explain have induced us to take the step at once.