
Preface



AFTER this pamphlet had been completed, the writer received the circulars and bulletins issued this year, and in 1912, by the Ontario Department of Education, showing the extensive work now begun in that Province in Agricultural Education. An account of that work might well serve to illustrate the principles which are here urged, but it is hoped that the pamphlet as it stands may be of use in drawing attention to this important subject from a social and historical point of view.

The Hon. Martin Burrell, in introducing the Agricultural Aid Bill to the House of Commons this year, stated that the purpose of the grants, among other things, would "embrace the increasing of the efficiency and equipment of our agricultural colleges; the establishment of agricultural schools, of dairy and horticultural schools, of short courses in agriculture; the initiation of agricultural teaching in the public schools and work by travelling or located qualified instructors."