

Mr. James McIntosh.

BACK to 1875 is a long call when talking of things collegiate.

When we remember that the first Ontario Agricultural College degrees were conferred in 1888, and that some of our graduates are really gray-headed, 1875 sounds very remote; and yet it was in this year that Mr. James McIntosh first became connected with the Mechanical Department of this institution. He was born in Huntley, Aberdeenshire, Scotland, September 21, 1824. He emigrated to Canada in 1854 with the family of the late James Innis, M.P., so well known for many years as editor and proprietor of the Guelph "Mercury." Mr. McIntosh first found employment in Hamilton as a ship-builder. He afterwards moved to Guelph, where, in 1857, he was married to Miss Margaret Innis, sister of Mr. James Innis. She proved to be a devoted and sympathetic wife, a sharer of his trials and triumphs for forty-seven years, until her recent death in 1904.

In 1875 Mr. McIntosh accepted the position as manager of the Mechanical Department at the Ontario Agricultural College, which position he held continuously for twenty-four years, and during all of that time he seldom lost a day from his College duties. He saw the College grow from an ordinary farm to a great educational institution; he saw the buildings develop from a farm-house and farm-barn to a multitude, with acres and acres of floor space; he saw the staff of teachers

and officers grow from nine persons in 1875 until the present time, when nearly two pages of the College calendar are filled with list of names, titles, and duties of the College staff. The following comprised the entire staff when Mr. McIntosh entered the institution: Charles Roberts, Esq., Principal,



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Professor of Agriculture; William Johnston, B.A., Rector, Interim Lecturer on Natural Sciences except Chemistry; George Baptie, M.A., M.B., Interim Lecturer on Veterinary Surgery and Practice; Rev. Robert Burnett, Interim Lecturer on Horticulture;