

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., DEC. 2, 1898.

The Agriculturists' Mass Meeting.

Despite the almost unpassable condition of the roads throughout the county the Agricultural meeting in Temperance Hall on Friday afternoon was a large and extremely representative one.

J. W. Bigelow presided and read letters from Premier Murray, Attorney General Longley and Superintendent McKay expressing their regrets for inability to attend.

The chairman then called upon Prof. Sears to give an address on "The true mission of an Agricultural School." In beginning the professor said that he could see no reason why the farmer should not be educated in his profession as most other business men were.

Mr. John Donaldson, who led in the discussion which followed, spoke of the benefits of an Agricultural School in helping the farmer by giving him a trained mind and at the same time eliciting much information useful to him by means of experiments and scientific investigation.

Inspector Bowen presented a paper upon the subject of "What the Public Schools can do to further promote the interests of Agriculture and Horticulture." He advocated that the different parts of the common school curriculum should be emphasized according to the needs of the different localities in which the school is situated.

Mr. Ralph Eaton only spoke briefly, intimating his intention to reserve time for the more important discussion at the close.

Dr. D. F. Higgins thought that the common school teacher ought not to be expected to teach farming as a subject, but that they might awaken the children's interest in agriculture and show them that it was a profession worthy of their talents.

"The classification of the province into fruit districts" was the subject of a paper read by Dr. H. Chisholm. Viewed from the standpoint of their advancement in fruit growing the counties of the province might be divided into three classes, Kings being in the first and Colchester in the third group.

Mr. J. Rufus Starr followed, giving an account of fruit growing in eastern Nova Scotia which he showed was very backward. This backwardness, he claimed, was not so much due to natural conditions of soil and climate as to lack of knowledge on the part of the growers.

A paper on "One Phase of Agricultural Education" was read by Mr. W. C. Archibald. Mr. Archibald made a strong plea for agricultural training in the neighboring republic for every million inhabitants there is established a college for agriculture and mechanical arts with an experimental station of several hundred acres.

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There are two conditions in the farmer's life which should cease: (1) his unequal position in the social scale; (2) his unequal profits from the business. Agricultural training would tend to remove these conditions. The farm requires an intelligent laborer as any industry.

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Whereas, the school of horticulture at Wolfville, is also being carried on at a great disadvantage;

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