

O. A. COLLEGE.

Closing Exercises—Diplomas, Medals and Prizes.

SPEECH BY HON. R. HARCOURT.

The annual closing exercises of the Ontario Agricultural College were held in the dining hall on Tuesday afternoon...

The President, in opening, said he was glad to be permitted to welcome the visitors to the college; glad to welcome them on behalf of the Hon. Mr. Harcourt...

Mr. A. G. McKenzie gave a comprehensive and clever valedictory. He referred to the various feelings which come over those students departing from the college...

The diploma were then presented to the associates as follows, the chairman, in presenting them, and Mr. Harcourt, in bestowing the diploma, varying the routine with humor and sound advice...

- W. L. Carlyle, Chesherville, Dundas, Ont.
D. Z. Gibson, Willow Grove, Haldimand, Ont.
W. L. Haight, Wellington, Prince Edward, Ont.
F. C. Harrison, Ronda, Spain.
G. F. March, Thornbury, Grey, Ont.
A. G. McKenzie, Paris, Ont.
R. N. Morgan, Kerwood, Middlesex, Ont.
W. F. Newcomen, Epping, Essex, England.
E. C. Perry, Smithville, Lincoln, Ont.
C. H. Sparrow, Antrim, Carleton, Ont.
A. Spencer, Salmon Point, Prince Edward, Ont.
A. Thompson, Thornton, Simcoe, Ont.
White, Clarksonburg, Grey, Ont.
Wilkin, Yokohama, Japan.

Mr. N. Morgan then, on behalf of the graduates, returned thanks to the first-year boys, they returned thanks and formally said farewell.

- College Gold Medal—D. Z. Gibson.
Silver Medal—F. A. Wilkin.
Second Silver Medal—R. N. Morgan.
Special medals given by Mr. J. W. Robertson, deputy commissioner for the Dominion.
Gold Medal—1st in Live Stock and Dairying (2nd year), W. L. Carlyle.
Silver Medal—1st in Live Stock and Dairying (1st year), R. S. Shaw, O. A. C.

- PRIZES—FIRST YEAR.
Agriculture, Live Stock and Dairying—1, R. S. Shaw, O. A. C.; 2, J. E. Crealy, Strathroy, Middlesex, Ont.; 3, W. L. Carlyle.
Natural Science—1, R. S. Shaw; 2, L. G. Bell, Qu'Appelle, Assa., N.W.T.
Veterinary Science—1, R. S. Shaw; 2, W. D. Dyer, Columbus, Ontario County, N.Y.
English Literature—1, L. G. Bell; 2, R. S. Shaw.
Mathematics and Bookkeeping—1, W. D. Dyer; 2, H. L. Beckett, Hamilton, Wentworth, Ont.
General Proficiency—1, R. S. Shaw; 2, J. E. Crealy; 3, L. G. Bell.

- PRIZES—SECOND YEAR.
Agriculture, Live Stock and Dairying—1, W. L. Carlyle; 2, L. Z. Gibson.
Natural Science—1, F. A. Wilkin; 2, D. Z. Gibson.
Veterinary Science—1, W. L. Carlyle; 2, D. Z. Gibson.
English Literature and Political Economy—1, F. A. Wilkin; 2, D. Z. Gibson.
Mathematics and Bookkeeping—1, F. A. Wilkin; 2, D. Z. Gibson.
General Proficiency—1, D. Z. Gibson; 2, R. N. Morgan; 3, E. C. Perry.

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Agriculture and Dairying—1, R. S. Shaw, 4, A. M. Soule, 5, E. G. Crealy, 6, W. D. Dyer, 7, H. Harcourt, 8, H. L. Beckett.
Natural Science—1, R. S. Shaw, 4, H. L. Beckett, 5, A. M. Soule, 6, W. D. Dyer.
Veterinary Science—1, R. S. Shaw, 4, F. A. Wilkin, 5, A. M. Soule, 6, W. D. Dyer.
English Literature and Composition—1, L. G. Bell, 8, W. H. Harvey, 2, R. S. Shaw, 4, H. L. Beckett.
Mathematics—1, W. D. Dyer, 4, J. E. Crealy, 2, H. L. Beckett, 5, T. J. Hurley, 3, R. S. Shaw.

- Second Year.
Agriculture, Live Stock, Dairying—1, W. L. Carlyle, 4, F. A. Wilkin, 2, D. Z. Gibson, 5, A. G. McKenzie, 3, R. N. Morgan.
Natural Science—1, F. A. Wilkin, 3, R. N. Morgan, 2, D. Z. Gibson.
Veterinary Science—1, W. L. Carlyle, 3, F. A. Wilkin, 2, D. Z. Gibson.
English Literature and Political Economy—1, F. A. Wilkin.

The gold medal was presented by Hon. Mr. Harcourt, the Stanley silver medal by Mr. James, the second silver medal by Mr. Clarke, the Robertson medals by Mr. Laidlaw and Mr. Strachan, and the prizes by Prof. James, Grenade, Shuttleworth, and Shaw, Hannon, Beattie, Harvey, and Shuttleworth, all with appropriate words of commendation.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt then delivered an excellent address. After expressing his pleasure at being present, and referring to the notable absence of Hon. Mr. Dryden, he touched on Ontario's territorial and natural wealth, and went on to speak of her educational institutions, showing how dependent on the other, the university supplying high school teachers, and the high schools public school teachers.

He referred with pride to the progress of the Provincial university and the spread of higher education. He then said: Considering the special needs of this Province, remembering of what vast importance its agricultural interests are, all concede that much is to be expected from the successful management of this College.

I believe that it is well equipped, that it has in its staff of teachers, and that its graduates are exerting a wide influence for good. It has seen troublous days, ever and anon a fierce light has been upon it, but it has not suffered for want of criticism, and it did seem for many a long day that it would die an untimely death.

Some there are now who are unreasonable when they speak of it, yet the settled and best public opinion views it as a necessity and bespeaks for it an honored career. Its future depends on continued good management, and its every student and graduate can do very much to contribute to its success.

It is a word then to the students. Time was in this Province when the farmer was a rich man, and a matter of course. While these conditions lasted there was little need of study or thought of the part of our farmers. Now conditions have changed.

Prof. James said there were certain occasions which inspired a man with thoughts and words; others, which only caused feeling. This was one of the latter. When he came to the College five or six years ago, he came with fear and trepidation, and if his work had been in any degree a success, it was, in addition to the help of the staff, because of the sympathy and co-operation of the students.

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istry of a field glass and a beautifully written address. Mr. F. A. Wilkin, 2nd year, made the presentation, while Mr. H. Field, 3rd year, read the following address: Mr. F. A. Wilkin, 2nd year, made the presentation, while Mr. H. Field, 3rd year, read the following address: Prof. G. C. James: Dear Sir,—Having learned that your connection with this Institute is about to cease and that you have accepted an important position in another part of the wide field of Agriculture, and feeling this to be the last time that you will appear before the students in the capacity of professor, we, on behalf of the students, desire to take advantage of the occasion to express to you both our regret and our congratulations.

We regret that you are about to leave us, that we shall not again be permitted to search with you into the depths of the great science of chemistry. Your skill and untiring energy in the class room will ever be remembered by those of us who have been fortunate enough to take a course at the college during your presence. Your interest in the welfare of the students and graduates has shown that your heart was in your work.

We congratulate you that you have passed into such a high and honorable position as Deputy Minister of Agriculture for the Province. We recognize the fact that the prosperity of this country depends to a great extent on the development of its agriculture. To aid in this development, a skillful man must be placed at the head of affairs.

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Prof. James' skilful and thorough work in his department, his gift of clear and forcible expression, his unassuming manner and constant readiness to help, have made him a great favorite at the College, and his loss will be much felt, though his sphere of influence has been raised and widened.

The gathering then broke up at four o'clock, and were subsequently entertained by the Matron, Mrs. Craig, to refreshments in the reading room.

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