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evening. Experienced showmen know the importance of securing a glossy and soft-feeling quality of hair, and this can only be obtained by blanketing and careful and industrious grooming, which does not mean scratching with a sharp currycomb, but frequent brushing, the use of soft woolen dusting cloths, and, what is still better, a free use of "elbow grease," or long-continued hand-rubbing, which is the best possible agency to produce a gloss and a kindly feeling.

Training animals to lead gently and naturally by the halter or line, to walk freely with a proud and sprightly carriage, and to stand well in the best positions to show themselves to advantage, counts for much more in the showing than many exhibitors reckon upon. We have seen prizes awarded to animals judged in a fixed standing position which we apprehend would not have gone to their credit had they been required to walk around the ring before the ribbons were tied. Judges are now rightly paying more attention than formerly to this feature in all classes of stock. An animal intended for breeding purposes ought certainly to be capable of walking freely, and the idea contained in the axiom, "No foot, no horse," is being wisely extended so as to apply to all live stock, for it is certain that quality and strength of feet and legs and their proper placing are of no small importance as indications of constitutional vigor and prepotency.

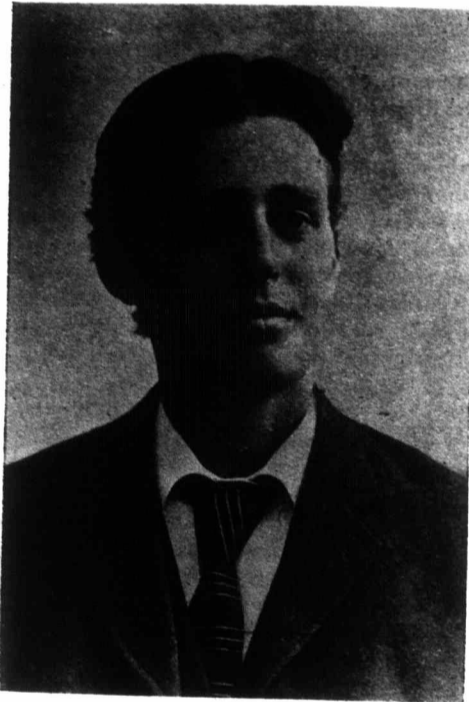
The same general idea of early planning and thorough preparation as is outlined in the foregoing remarks apply to all exhibits intended for competition, whether they be agricultural or dairy products, or fruits and flowers. Strict attention to the adoption of the most approved methods in the selection, cultivation and development of the best varieties of grain or roots, the fertilizing, thinning and protection of fruits, and the most scrupulous cleanliness in the handling of milk from which butter or cheese is made in order to secure the highest degree of perfection in quality and aroma, are absolutely necessary to success where competition is so keen and trained judges of fine discriminating taste are called upon to officiate. In every department of our great agricultural and industrial exhibitions the standard of excellence is advancing, and those who would stand among the winners in this friendly rivalry must learn to realize that the best is none too good.

The 1899 Graduating Class from the Ontario Agricultural College.

In this issue we take pleasure in presenting photogravures of the members of the 1899 graduating class from the Ontario Agricultural College. It will be gratifying to our readers to notice that these young Bachelors of Scientific Agriculture (the degree conferred by the Provincial University) all come from Canadian farms, and also that they have decided to follow agriculture in one or other of its branches. We congratulate them on successfully completing their course, and bespeak for them, one and all, careers of usefulness, that will do credit to themselves and their alma mater.

Mr. A. M. High, B. S. A., was born on a farm in Lincoln Co., Ont. His parents are of German descent, known as Pennsylvania Dutch. Mr. High secured his associate diploma at the end of his second year, in 1894, and did not re-enter the College till October, 1896, and graduated at the end of the 1898-9 College year. While at the College Mr. High was appointed by his fellow students to the office of treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association, and editor of the Horticultural Column of the O. A. C. Review. He has given especial attention to horticulture, which line he intends to follow from now forward.

Mr. Chester D. Jarvis, B. S. A., of Guelph, was born near London, Ont., in 1876, being the son of Mr. L. G. Jarvis, the well-known poultry judge and late manager of the Poultry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College. Mr. Jarvis, after receiving a good general education, worked on his father's fruit and poultry farm at Port Stanley, Elgin Co. In 1896 he entered the O. A. C.,

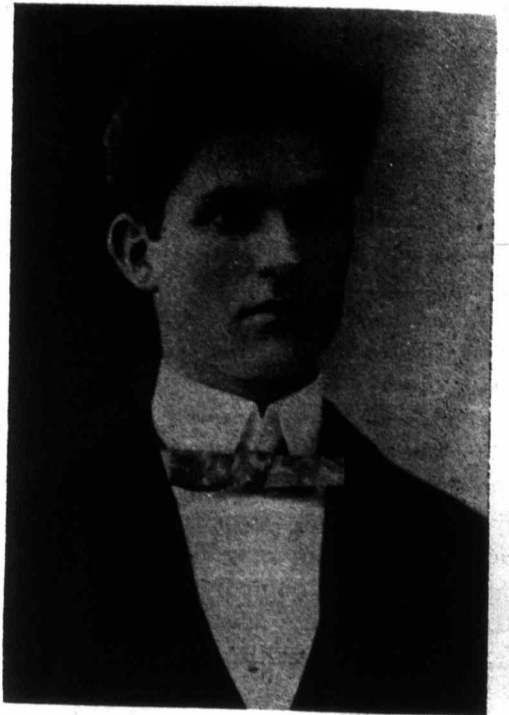


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where he passed all examinations with good standing. Two years later he received his associate diploma, was awarded the scholarship in veterinary science, won first place in the essay competition at the College, and was awarded the Minister of Agriculture's prize. During his third year he was elected president of the O. A. C. Literary Society. Mr. Jarvis specialized in horticulture, and intends to follow this line of work. He is now employed at the Horticultural Department, assisting in experimental work in fruit and flowers.

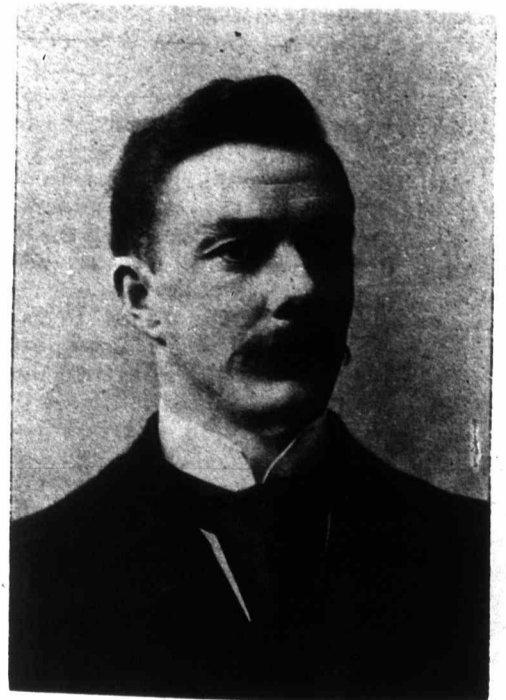
Mr. Wm. N. Hutt, brother of Prof. Hutt, Horticulturist at the Agricultural College, was born in the Township of Stamford, in the County of Welling. He comes from a long line of farmers of U. E. Loyalist stock, who were the pioneers of the Niagara district. His father, F. A. Hutt, is one of the leading farmers and fruit-growers of his county, and has always taken a deep interest in agricultural and municipal matters. Mr. Hutt was brought up on the farm, and attended the public and high school in his township. For two years he attended the St. Catharines Collegiate Institute, and there obtained honor matriculation and a first-class certificate. For a couple of years he taught school near home, and spent his summers on the farm. Mr. Hutt has always been a close student of agricultural problems, and has kept in close touch with the current agricultural literature of Canada and the United States. He has also been a speaker at local Farmers' Institutes, and a writer for the agricultural press. In the fall of 1897 he entered the O. A. C., taking the first two years' work of the course in one year, and has graduated this year as a specialist in horticulture. At the College Mr. Hutt took prizes for oratory and essay writing. It is his intention to follow the science and practice of agriculture, which he considers well worthy of any man's best thought and energy.

Mr. F. R. Mallory, B. S. A., was born in 1880, in the Township of Sidney, County of Hastings. His father is a farmer of direct U. E. Loyalist descent. His mother is a niece of the late Hon. Senator Read, who was born in the County of Suffolk, England. Mr. Mallory's father's 400-acre farm is one of the oldest in the country, being one of the first cleared by the U. E. Loyalists on their advent to Canada. His forefathers for five generations on the side of both parents have been farmers, and three generations on his father's side have lived upon the farm now in possession of his father. Mr. Mallory attended the public school until the age of thirteen, when he passed the entrance examinations. He then worked upon his father's farm until the age of fifteen. In January of 1896



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he entered the Commercial Department of Albert College, Belleville; concluded his commercial course in April of the same year. With the purpose of following agriculture in view, he entered the first-year class at the Ontario Agricultural College in October of 1896. In his first-year examinations he stood well up in general proficiency and passed with honors. In his second year he passed with honors in nearly all subjects. Entered the third year in October of 1898 and obtained the degree of B. S. A., being an honor man in nearly all subjects, and distinguished himself by writing the best thesis handed in by those who were candidates for B. S. A. In his third year, Mr. Mallory was agricultural editor of the O. A. C. Review. In his second year he held the position of secretary of the Young



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Men's Christian Association. Mr. Mallory at present intends to assist his father in managing and working the farm, upon which is kept herds of Holstein cattle and Berkshire and Tamworth swine.

Mr. W. J. Price, B. S. A., was born at Coningsby, Wellington Co., Ont., on September 9th, 1877. His father, Enoch Price, was born in Ireland, and for many years has followed the occupation of farming, formerly in the County of Wellington, but at present in Dufferin. His mother was born in Canada, of English parents. During Mr. Price's College course he won several prizes. Some of these were: first prize in general proficiency in the first year, first in English, first in natural science