

The Agricultural College.

At the request of the Hon. Chas. Drury, we insert this illustration of the Ontario Agricultural College. We sent our artist to Guelph about a year ago, and got up some sketches and plans to illustrate the "Model Farm" which we submitted to the Hon. A. M. Ross, the late Commissioner of Agriculture, and we are pleased to see that the newly appointed Minister has adopted them.

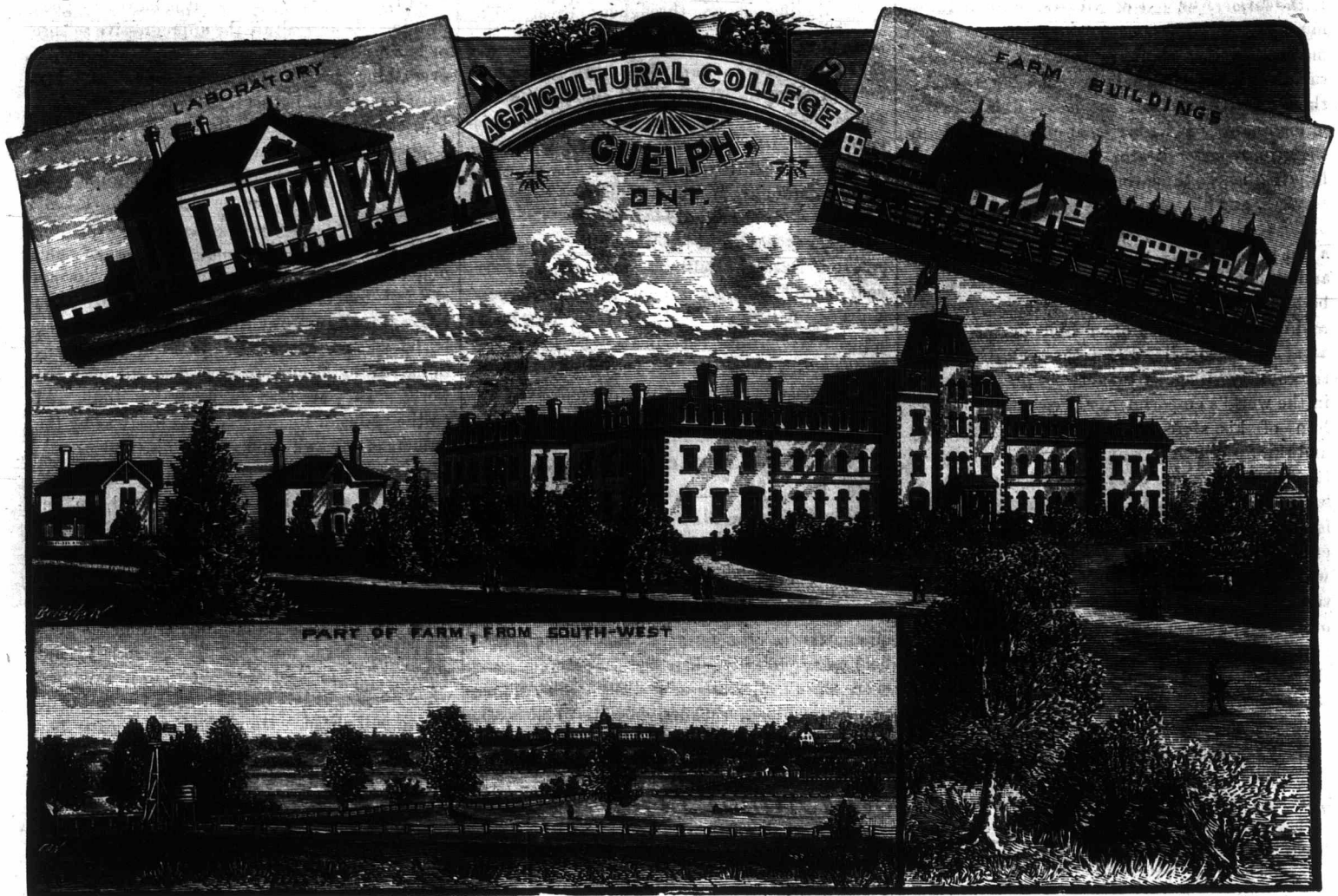
Mr. Drury is now employing all his energies to popularize this institution. We had the pleasure the other day of taking a drive with him around it, and a most sorry plight we found it in—so bad that he was utterly astonished, and will immediately attempt to improve it. Great improvements have been made in the approach to the buildings, and in the buildings themselves, and great improvements are in contemplation.

plant must have been previously tested and proved worthy of trial, and must be a variety not now known in Canada. No old variety with a new name will be entitled to receive the award. We have a test ground on which we test new varieties. The award will be made after a fair trial. None of the varieties so sent will be disseminated without permission of the senders. Information about the most valuable varieties will be given in the ADVOCATE.

In response we received four samples, which have now been partially tested. Two of the varieties are very promising, one appears doubtful, and one has since been withdrawn from competition by the proprietor. None of these varieties will yet be publicly described, as the best does not justify the awarding of the prize, although they may all be meritorious. We would advise any one having a promising new variety to send it in.

locality. Change your seed by procuring grain from some good farmer who has a different soil than yours. Clean well, lime and brine your seed; use vitriol in the brine if any smut is feared. Test the new kinds well before accepting them as general field crops.

On the Westwell Farm the Democrat and Roger were the main wheat crops this year; on an adjoining farm the Landreth was promising, and on another farm the Manchester was the favorite. The largest number of varieties that we have seen growing together this season is on a plot selected for the purpose by Messrs. John S. Pearce & Co., seed merchants, of this city, and grown under the superintendence of Mr. George J. Griffin, the former manager of our seed department, but for many years past in the employ of the above firm. We placed some of



Up to the present time, as a model farm and experimental station it has not been a success; as an educational institution it is good, and we believe that a farmer's son who wishes to benefit himself may do so by attending now, better than any time heretofore.

Winter Wheats.

On page 226 of August number for 1887, we made the following offer:

We have previously given \$100 to exhibitions to be expended for prizes. This year we purpose expending \$125 as premiums for the best seeds, etc., therefore we will offer \$50 for 4 ounces of either spring or fall wheat that bids fair, after testing, to be of more value than any of the varieties of spring or winter wheat we have already introduced; \$25 for 4 ounces of any potato that bids fair to be of more value; \$25 for the most promising variety of vegetables. \$25 for the most promising variety of fruit. This offer is open to all the world. Any seed or

We are in receipt of reports from several government and other experimental stations in both Canada and the United States; we have visited the Model Farm and several other localities where we could obtain information, and have sent our assistants to make enquiries where we were not personally able to visit. Up to the present time we have not found any varieties more popular than the Democrat, the Scott, and the Clawson. In some sections one is the favorite, in others another variety is found more suitable. In some localities the Landreth wheat is doing very well, in others the Manchester is highly spoken of; the Sibley wheat also has its admirers. The Martin Amber is being discarded, and the swindling wheat, the Red Lion, is not equal to any of the above sorts.

Our advice is, and always has been, to sow the variety that is the most productive in your

our test wheats with them to be tried and compared with other varieties that they already have. We have prepared a tabulated record for wheat. It is early to give a full report at the time we go to press. The different seedsmen will no doubt send us their catalogues, and if these contain any new kind worth offering, we will let it be known in the next issue.

On the first of next month we intend to send out a new variety of wheat, which has now been tested, and bids fair to equal our celebrated Clawson, Democrat, Scott, or any other variety. We are not now selling seeds, and the only way to procure our choice, new, tried and promising varieties is through our prize list. See it in another part of this journal.

For want of space we have had to lay over much valuable matter until next issue.