

AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

A SERIES OF MEETINGS THAT SHOULD BE PROFITABLE.

Hon. C. H. Labillois, commissioner of agriculture says it is the government's intention to commence an active agricultural campaign of an educational nature throughout the province at once. At the suggestion of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association the government has decided upon a series of institutes to be held at the leading agricultural centres of the various counties and in which the farmers will be given an opportunity to participate.

Mr. Labillois has fixed for the meetings for Carleton Co. Jan 28, 29 and 31. He will be at St. Basil the 26th, and Andover 27, afternoon and evening.

The subjects to be taken up include tuberculosis, wheat raising, poultry raising, best type of cow for milk production using live animals for illustration, characteristics of a profitable beef animal, talks on soil fertilization dealing with the requirements under the various systems of farming, how to best increase flocks of sheep, market requirements how to cater to home trade and to export trade, bacon and pigs, healthy homes.

Hon. Sidney Fisher, Dominion minister of agriculture, at Labillois' request has arranged with David MacRae of Guelph, Ont., an authority on various branches of practical farming to attend these meetings. Mr. Macrae will remain in the province from January the 4th until the meeting of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association at Fredericton, February 15th.

Other speakers will be Dr. Fletcher, of the Government experimental farm who will probably attend the central meeting at Fredericton and a few institute meetings, Robt. Robertson, manager of the Nappan farm, Saxby Blair, horticulturist, and Mr. Hopkins of the Nappan creamery. It is also hoped to have Gilbert and Shute of the Dominion Experimental Farm. Messrs. Tilley and Mitchell, dairy superintendents, will also attend as many meetings as possible, and W. W. Hubbard, editor of the Co-operative Farmer, will also be a speaker. Mr. Labillois will be present at as many as possible and when he cannot attend will be represented by the deputy commissioner, Thos. A. Peters.

One of these meetings will doubtless be held here under the auspices of the People's Union Agricultural Society and the Dairy Association.

Preparations should be commenced early in the month for the meetings, and more than anything else is the importance of a large attendance of farmers and others who should be interested.

Fuller particulars will be given in a later issue. Until then it should profit the farmers to think well over the matter.

At the last meeting of the Agricultural Society it was decided to hold a public meeting on January 6th, which is one week from next Thursday.

DIFFERENT REASONS.

In a little New Hampshire village there lives an old lady who has such a sweet spirit of kindness toward all the world, that she is unable to comprehend the entire lack of that spirit in some other people.

Not long ago one of her granddaughters, a gay young city girl, was paying her a visit, and one day told her of a ragged and intoxicated man whom she had seen on the street just before leaving home.

"I cannot bear to pass a man like that," she said vehemently, at the end of her story.

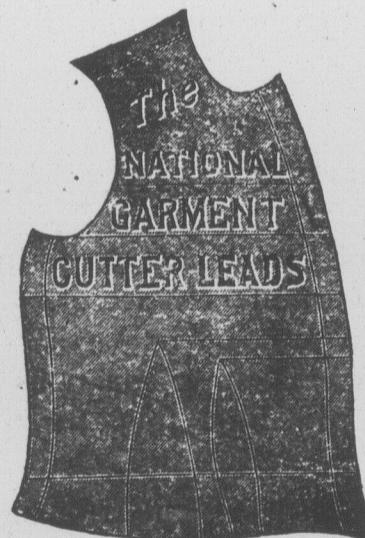
"I know just how 'tis, dear," said the old lady, laying one of her soft wrinkled hands on the girl's head. "It does seem as if you'd got to stop and speak with the poor creatures just a minute, don't it? I never can bear to pass 'em by without a word; it don't seem human!"

The gay little granddaughter was quite disturbed by this misinterpretation of her words, but she did not undeceive her grandmother as to her meaning. For some reason she felt ashamed.—Youth's Companion.

WILL ISSUE POSTAL NOTES.

The postmaster general has decided to adopt the system of issuing postal notes, which has been in existence in great Britain for some years. The system will go into effect on the first of July next. Paper notes about the size of a bank bill will be printed on thin linen paper in the following denominations: Twenty, twenty-five, thirty, forty, fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty and ninety cents, one dollar, one dollar and a half, three four, and five dollars. The cost of obtaining these notes will be one cent each, up to forty cents; two cents between that figure and \$2.50, and three cents each for all above that. These postal notes will replace the post office money orders for the transmission of all sums through the post. It is expected that the rates fixed will give a small profit.

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