

CARLETON COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

To the young man who is satisfied with his present state of fitness, this article does not apply. But to the young man who is looking out into life with the desire to be of service as strong within him as the desire to fit himself to live life to its fullest and to do his own work worthily we have a message.

The world moves on. And in no other sphere of human activity has progress been made more rapidly than in the varied phases of agriculture. Farming occupies a position today greatly removed from that occupied by the agriculture of a couple of decades ago. And with this wider field of endeavor has come new demands for wider education. The farmers' club, the women's, the newspapers and the agricultural press are some of the roads to greater knowledge that lie immediately at hand. To them must be added the avenue open through our agricultural schools. And to those residing in Carleton County this last named avenue is not closed, for there is offered at the Carleton County Vocational School a two years' course in Agriculture and Farm Mechanics, the controlling aim of which is to fit for a useful life and a sense of leadership. What can we expect from such a course? In the first place such a course cannot train a young man who knows nothing of farming to be a good farmer. It does not pretend to do so. But the farmer's son who can take the course should be a better farmer, and a broader minded man for his training. There he will learn some of the "whys" of the things he has been taught to do as a boy; he will find out the various methods of doing things that are giving the best results under conditions similar to those with which he will have to deal. But of greater importance than the formulae he may learn will be the forming of the habit of seeking out and applying to his problems those principles that constitute the basis of good farm practice, and he will receive the broadening effect on his make up of meeting and working with his fellow class-mates. True education does not consist in a number of "points" stored in the brain, but of a broadened personality.

The course given at the Vocational School does not consist merely of a group of agricultural subjects such as field crops, livestock, soil chemistry, etc., but it incorporates within it a practical course in Farm Mechanics, including gas engine instruction, automobile repair, concrete work, carpentry, forging and blacksmithing, for all of which ample facilities are provided. Nor would the above brief outline be indicative of a well rounded off course were we to omit mention of the academic training that goes hand in hand with the practical work taught. English grammar and composition, arithmetic, farm accounts and banking, civics, economics and public speaking occupy an appropriate amount of the agricultural student's time.

The course starts on Wednesday, November 1, and the school term ends on or about April 15, depending upon the season. No tuition fees are charged. The only expense to the student is that of board and lodging while in Woodstock—a period of approximately twenty weeks. A limited number of homes wherein board and lodging may be had for \$5 per week are yet available.

What is the answer? Shall you make an effort towards self-improvement by fitting yourself to better perform your work? This is for you to decide, but your decision must be made early, for only a very few weeks are to pass before the course in question is to start. Applications for enrollment, and any letters soliciting information should be addressed to R. W. Maxwell, Woodstock, N. B.

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