

OPPOSITION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

In the Session of 1893, Mr. Whitney opposed the appointment of an Assistant in the Department of Natural History.

In 1897 he opposed a grant of \$1,400 to the Poultry Association of Ontario.

In 1899 he opposed the vote of \$2,500 for instruction in fruit spraying; a vote for \$1,000 for the Pioneer Farm; and \$2,600 to the Western Dairy School.

Mr. Whitney voted against the appointment of a Good Roads Instructor, although it is universally admitted now that such an appointment was of great advantage to the Province.

Mr. Whitney opposed the appointment of a Drainage Referee although the municipalities have already borrowed nearly two millions of dollars for drainage purposes.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES

No. of meetings held, 1902-3, ending 30th June, 1903, 837
No. of persons in attendance, 1903, ending 30th June, 1903, 126,352

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

No. of meetings held, 1903-4, ending 30th June, 1904, 960
No. of persons in attendance, ending 30th June, 1904, 44,698

GENERAL WORK OF THE AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

The Agricultural Department has the supervision of the following institutions for farmers:—

DAIRY SCHOOLS.—3 Dairy Schools—Guelph, Kingston and Strathroy, attended by 2,240 persons.

PIONEER FARM IN ALGOMA.—One hundred and fifty miles west of Port Arthur, for the purpose of testing the soil and climate of that portion of New Ontario.

EXPERIMENTAL FRUIT STATIONS—located at 15 different points in the Province.

479 Agricultural and Horticultural Societies.

14 different Associations, such as Fruit Growers, Dairymen, and Breeders' Associations of different kinds.

THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, with an attendance in 1903 of 728 students.

THE SIR WILLIAM MACDONALD INSTITUTE for instruction in Domestic Science, opened this year, and attended by 107 farmers' daughters.