

LETTER NO.5

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Dear Sir:-

Your two letters addressed to Miss Grace Bennett for the Women's Institute have been handed to the new secretary of the Brookbury W.I.; Mrs. S. B. Coates, Bury, Que. Grace is away to South Durham teaching.

I know of no prospective student from Brookbury. The reason is that everybody who can are leaving the farms and the rest are too poor to send their sons. There isn't much in farming to make a young man want to attend an agricultural college. A farmer gets 5 or 10¢ per hour for working on the farm, but if he employs a laborer, carpenter, teacher, blacksmith, dentist, doctor, lawyer, or surgeon, he must pay them from 25¢ to \$100 per hour. If you think 5¢ or 10¢ is too low an estimate you might figure out what he gets per hour for feeding a two-year old steer that will bring him \$40 or less; or a 6 mos. old pig that will bring \$15 or \$18. An average cow will yield about \$100 worth of cream or butter. How much does the farmer get per hour for feeding and milking her?

We hear about the underpaid country school teacher, yet