

received the degree of Bachelor of the Science of Agriculture from the University of Toronto. His course being so distinguished, he was offered (and accepted) the post of assistant to Professor Robertson in the dairy department of the college, and was afterwards appointed to the position of assistant chemist.

In 1891, when Professor Shuttleworth was called to Guelph to take the post of Professor of Chemistry at the Ontario Agricultural College, Mr. Harcourt was appointed to succeed Mr. Shuttleworth as Professor of Agriculture in the Prince of Wales' College, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Here he remained until June, 1894, when circumstances again called him to take charge of his father's farm at home.

In addition to the qualifications for his post which he possesses from his long experience as a farm manager, and as a student and teacher of agriculture, Mr. Harcourt has also gained for himself a capital reputation as a speaker and lecturer at our Farmers' Institutes. With such eminently practical qualifications as these, we have no doubt but that Mr. Harcourt's accession to the staff of FARMING will prove a great advantage to our readers.

Reliable Incubator.—The Reliable Incubator and Breeder Co., of Quincy, Ill., publish a combined poultry guide and catalogue which is well worth the price asked for it, ten cents. It contains some valuable information for poultry-raisers generally, and those who are interested in the subject should get it.

Useful to Sheepmen.—Every sheep should be dipped some time in the fall to ensure comfort by freedom from insects during the winter. Cooper Dip will benefit the sheep greatly, and cause a heavier growth of wool. It is, without doubt, the best all-round dip on the market. The U. S. Government has just purchased a large parcel in preference to any other, for use on Indian flocks.

Ontario Veterinary College.—Session 1896-97 of this well-known institution will commence on Wednesday, Oct. 14th. The prominent positions held both in Canada and the United States by graduates of this college are evidences of the value of both the theoretical and practical knowledge imparted. The prospects for a continued large attendance of students are most encouraging.

The Genuine Tolton Pea Harvester and New Basket Buncher.—We understand from this enterprising firm that they have just had one of the most successful seasons for these implements. Their new patent pea buncher, which can be attached to the pea harvester, gathers the peas into a neat, compact bunch, and makes the pea harvester complete. Their sales of the harvester and buncher has greatly exceeded their most sanguine expectations. Reports from all parts of the country indicate that there will be a big demand for the buncher

next season, as it just completes the harvester and now makes the once back-breaking work of harvesting peas only child's play. The ease, economy, and perfection of harvesting a crop of peas with the harvester and buncher is such that no practical farmer can afford to do without one.

Dispersion of an Ayrshire Herd.—Owing to the ill-health of the proprietor, the Sydenham herd of Ayrshires will be sold some time the coming fall (probably about the middle of October). This herd is one of the oldest as well as one of the most prominent in the province. It was commenced in 1862 by the purchase of some of the premium stock at the Provincial Show held that year at Kingston, and further increased the following year by additions made at the Provincial Exhibition at Montreal from stock imported by the Montreal society. From that time to the present, this herd has never failed to take its place in the leading shows of this province with marked success. For the last nine years of the old Provincial it was awarded the herd prize in addition to numerous individual prizes. They won the only two gold medals ever offered by the Dominion. The one hundred dollar prize given by the *Farmer's Advocate* for the best five cows of any breed for general purposes and profit. These cows were all raised by the exhibitor. With a selection of eight animals from this herd taken to the World's Fair at Chicago in 1893, they took seven prizes and a highly commended ticket. In milk contests at various fairs representatives from this herd won seven prizes, viz., twice at Toronto, once at London, Guelph, Ottawa, and twice at Kingston, taking first against all breeds. The herd numbers about forty head the number usually kept on the farm.

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The Montreal Exhibition.—The fire that occurred in the Montreal Exhibition grounds will not prevent the exhibition being held on the dates previously advertised, viz., from the 11th to the 19th of September.

Dairy School Opening.—The dairy school in connection with the Agricultural College, Guelph, will reopen January 15th, 1897, and remain in session to the 26th of March, a period of ten weeks. The course includes two branches of the dairy industry, a factory course and a home dairy course. In connection with the latter, a course of lectures and practical work in the management of poultry is to be added. This is an inducement that should bring many young people from the farm to take the course, and thereby qualify themselves more fully for these two most important branches of their work. The course is free to residents of the province. All applications for admission should be made to the president of the college, and at once, so as to avoid any disappointment.