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## AND RURAL HOME

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### THE AUTOMOBILE QUESTION

What are the farmers of Ontario going to do about the automobile question? In spite of their desires it has been played with for several years by the members of both political parties in the Ontario Legislature. The Legislature is again in session. Unless the farmers of the province get busy immediately and make their desires known in unmistakable terms, it is altogether likely that another session will go by without anything being done.

As farmers we do not desire that any legislation shall be enacted that will be unfair to the owners of automobiles. The time may not be far distant when many of us will be using automobiles of our own, as is now the case with farmers in numerous sections of the United States. What we do desire is that we shall be protected from reckless parties who

race their automobiles over the country roads without any regard to the rights or convenience of others. We would like to see the Government deal special officers to apprehend such persons. We would like to see them made liable for any damages they may cause through their disregard of the law. We would like to have the penalties increased and to see these people sent to gaol without the option of a fine, in the case of a second conviction.

These foregoing are reasonable requests. The Government should grant them. The Government is not likely to grant them unless the farmers of the province make a united demand for such legislation. This demand can best be made by the signing and forwarding of petitions. Farm and Dairy has a large circulation in all parts of Ontario. We will be glad to publish a petition form if our readers will agree to circulate it among their neighbors for signatures. Are you willing to do your part? If only twenty of our readers will write us that they will undertake to push this matter in their sections we will publish a petition form, for which it should be possible for our readers to obtain thousands of signatures from all over Ontario. This is your chance to do something. Do not wait for some one else to write to us. Write to us yourself. See if we cannot get this matter handled properly as was done last year with Free Rural Mail Delivery.

### COLLEGE EXTENSION WORK

The growing popularity of the district branches of the Department of Agriculture, that have been inaugurated in six different counties of Ontario, is a sign of the times, and is most encouraging. The short course in stock and grain judging held at Lindsay recently, and which was reported in Farm and Dairy for Feb. 11th, was an unqualified success. A similar course conducted at Ayr, under the direction of the Galt branch, and which is reported in another column, also proved highly successful, the attendance being so great as to seriously tax the capacity of the accommodation provided.

The Corn Growers' Convention and Exhibition arranged by the Essex branch and held recently, proved to be of a most valuable educational nature. So great was the attendance, that on one day many had to be turned away.

The value of a course in stock judging is more or less recognized by all. The same cannot be said of a course in grain judging. Let us consider the possibilities that lie within the kernels that we plant annually in the soil. It has been shown that an increase of one bushel an acre would mean an increase of 150,000 bushels in the counties of Essex and Kent alone. Recent discoveries indicate that if proper methods of selection are practised, an increase of five or more bushels on the average may be expected. This means much to the farmer, the merchant and the manufacturer; in fact, every man, woman and child in those counties.

When we consider that these results may largely be accomplished through the medium of corn shows, conventions and judging classes, such as have recently been held, we gain some slight conception of what this movement in secondary education means to the province of Ontario.

That these several branches should meet with such abounding success, augurs well for the continuance and the extension of this work. The spirit of earnestness and inquiry with which those attending these courses have been imbued, has been most gratifying to those in charge, and seems to show that the time is ripe for a rapid extension of this educational work, which is to mean so much to our farmers in the years to come.

### AN ILLUSTRIOUS EXAMPLE

To a desire to learn, to enthusiasm about business methods, can be attributed the success of the Muskoka farmer, Mr. J. J. Beaumont. The story of how he gained a footing in a new country, how he profited by the experience of others, and how he mastered the problems which confronted him, as outlined on page three of this issue, should give encouragement to all, and inspire them to put forth greater efforts and to make the most of every opportunity.

With many of us to-day, our besetting sin is indifference. Too many are satisfied with what they have. We need to take advantage of, and apply the information about our business that is available. We must not look to the Government and to others to help us further. Our principal help must come from ourselves. When utilized in the proper spirit, how great that help can be is well illustrated by the success of such men as Mr. Beaumont.

### PROVIDE A FARM OFFICE

What manufacturer would attempt to run his business without an office? We, as farmers, being business men, should have an office in which to transact the many items of business connected with the farm. We are inclined at times to look enviously to the manufacturer as having made a great success, as well as money, in his business. How did he do it? Was not his business office a large factor?

In every farm house there should be, if possible, a separate room, which could be termed the office. Failing this, there should, at least, be some corner wherein could be kept the books and papers relating to the farm. A separate room is much to be preferred. Such a room, when furnished, and conveniently arranged, will form a den in which the farmer and his son will retreat in their leisure moments to talk over matters and read the newspapers and agricultural journals. Cannot many cases of the boy leaving the farm be traced directly to the lack of a proper understanding between father and son? An office or den would tend to bring them together more, away from the other members of the family, where

the many things relating to the farm could be discussed and talked over together.

Go into the average farm home to-day and where do we find the current literature and farm periodicals? Generally, they are anywhere but in that place where they can be picked up on a moment's notice. They may be on the table from whence the busy housewife hustles them when preparing the meals. More likely they are behind the cupboard or under the stove, where they have been flung when last used.

The information, going to the average farmer weekly in the form of agricultural journals and bulletins as they are generally made use of, serves largely as a pastime only. These may, and should, be made valuable works of reference. Some place such as can be provided in the office should be available on all farms in which to file all agricultural literature. This when indexed becomes invaluable.

A system of indexing, which is simple, yet effective and satisfactory, is to blue pencil on its cover each paper or bulletin as it is read. For instance, with those containing a valuable receipt, notes on alfalfa, plans of buildings, chicken houses, etc.; these subjects can be marked in bold writing on the covers; then in going hurriedly through the file one may pick out the issue containing the information desired. An office on the farm is a crying necessity. It should be provided at the earliest opportunity.

### AN ESSENTIAL TO HEALTH

Fresh air is one of the first essentials of life. An abundant supply is necessary at all times. Its value in earlier days was little understood if such a conclusion might be drawn from the lack of provisions made for supplying it to houses and to live stock when in winter quarters. Winter is a severe tax upon the health of any life that is maintained within unventilated buildings.

Our Canadian winter is one of the most healthful of seasons. With plenty of fresh air supplied at all times by some adequate means of ventilation, the winter need have no terrors. It is when we seal ourselves up in heated rooms from which the outside air has been excluded that health begins to wane.

If one would cope with the pulmonary affections to which man is heir he should aim to breathe pure air at all times. Such can readily be obtained, though true, frequently at a loss of heat. Any increase in the fuel bill, however, as a result of ventilating will be largely offset by better health and fewer calls from the doctor. Make fresh air your watchword. It will lengthen your days.

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