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ANNUAL MEETING

SECOND DAY. (AFTERNOON SESSION)  
2 O'CLOCK P. M.

The president in the chair called the Convention to order, and called upon Mr. Creelman, Superintendent Farmers Institutes to address the convention.

Mr. Creelman: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: It is an unexpected pleasure for me to be called upon to say a few words to the O. B. A. this afternoon. It has been my pleasure to be connected with the Department of Agriculture and a few days ago in conversation with the Hon. Mr. Dryden and Mr. James they suggested that as I had not been in the habit of attending the O. B. K. whereas it had been my privilege to attend the other Agricultural Associations of the Province, that it would be a good idea if I would come and get acquainted with, as they say, "as good a lot of fellows as there are in the Province of Ontario." I am glad to get acquainted; and probably you will be glad to know the fact that I do not know you personally, and do not know exactly what you are doing except as I have read your

reports and heard from you through the press, I may be able to say some things from an unprejudiced and outside standpoint that would have more weight than if I were in the ring as it were and intimately associated with you.

There never was a time in the history of agriculture in the province



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of Ontario when farmers were so anxious for information as they are to-day. I am sure of that. Last week only in the city of Guelph we had assembled there 20,000 people from the farms of the province of Ontario to look, to listen to addresses and to see the products of the farm in