

tractive, so well equipped and conducted, they will minister with some abundance to the physical, social, mental and moral well being of those who provide them, own them and use them.

Some of the reasons for many of the defective conditions found in our schools are: (1) Half-hearted compliance with the requirements of the Department of Education and the reports of the inspectors; (2) Ignorance regarding the physical, social and mental effects of unsanitary arrangements; (3) False economy in erecting schools and making alterations; (4) Lack of regular medical supervision; and (5) Gross carelessness on our part as citizens—a carelessness similar to that which cost us so much of our natural resources in, say, forest areas.

We might proceed to suggest remedies, but our space will permit us only to point out the lines along which action could profitably be taken: (1) A vigorous campaign of public education regarding conditions which are desirable and possible in rural schools. We have seed trains and experimental farms, why not demonstrate model rural schools? We educate the farmer along the line of grain growing and stock raising, why not show him ideal schools? Boys and girls are surely as precious as wheat and beehives! (2) Competition in neatness, etc., among schools to promote progress and initiate change. In this matter home economic societies and rural organizations can do much and are doing much. During the past few years the progress has been remarkable in many localities. (3) An extension of the work of the boards of health and other organizations having to do with rural conditions, such work to be in co-operation with local authorities. That a determined effort will be rewarded with success is assured us when we consider the results obtained from the campaign for physical drill introduced several years ago. In this case the teachers and pupils heartily took the matter up and even now we can see a change in the carriage of our senior pupils.

As a final word, let it be observed that we are on the eve of great things in the educational world. Whilst we are busy with questions of studies, with programs suited to the needs of the people, let us not forget that the physical welfare of our children is a basic requirement without which all our other efforts would be rendered abortive.—E. K. MARSHALL.

Shorthorns and Yorkshires at Elmgrove.

In the advertising columns of this issue Jas. R. Fallis of Elmgrove Farm, Brampton, Ontario, announces that he will not hold his annual fall sale of Shorthorns owing to pressure of other business, but states that he never had a more select lot of females on the farm. The families represented include many of the more popular present-day strains such as Secret's, Nonpareils, Broadhook's, Kilblean Beauty's, etc. He mentions a half dozen young cows and about double this number of young heifers, all of which are well forward in calf to the service of the good breeding, young herd sire, Last Command. This bull is a choice, thick fellow sired by the noted show bull, Bandsman Commander, and his second dam was Meadow Beauty 3rd imported. The only young bull on the farm at present is a four-months youngster from the imported Broadhook's cow, Broadhook's Lass, and sired by Broadhook's Stanford. The dam of this calf is one of the most outstanding matrons in the herd, and the sire, Broadhook's Stanford, was the former herd sire in service at Elmgrove. The calf has all the ear-marks of a promising herd sire. In Yorkshires the offering includes several bred-sows, one or two choice young boars and a number of young litters that will be ready to leave the sow by Oct. 15.

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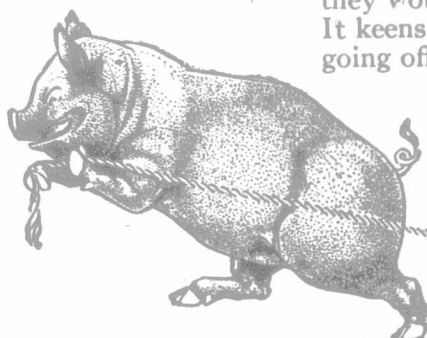
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