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Our Sixth Annual Exhibition Number



WE have pleasure with this issue in presenting our sixth annual Exhibition number. The Farming World was the first in the field with an Exhibition number in 1898. Each year since that date has seen this special issue growing in importance and interest. It is to-day looked forward to with eagerness by farmers and stockmen. They expect something good and are never disappointed. This year's production is a worthy follower of what has gone before.

Speaking of special issues reminds us that The Farming World is particularly generous to its subscribers in this regard. During the year there are issued regularly several special issues, including a poultry number, a dairy number, a horse number, etc. These special numbers are, so to speak, text books, containing reliable information on special subjects, and have been found of great value for reference. Our friends should remember this when discussing the merits of The Farming World.

The present issue will be found of more than usual interest. The illustrations are new and portray attractive subjects. The letter content makes most interesting reading. Every article has some special significance for Canadian farmers. Of special merit, perhaps, are those picturing some of the famous stock farms of the old land, while those upon ranching and the new lands of Western Canada are especially noteworthy. Nova Scotia fruit culture, the French-Canadian farmer, and our own important live stock industry are most pleasantly dealt with by well qualified contributors. The paper on Agricultural College Work in Canada, contains one or two suggestions that are well worth considering by everyone interested in agricultural education. And don't forget the home features. They will be found of interest and value to everyone living in a farm home.

What more need be said. The number speaks for itself. Tell your friends and neighbors about it. A large extra edition has been published from which we shall be glad to send copies, while they last, to names and addresses sent in.

We Welcome You

The Farming World welcomes its many friends to the great Dominion Exhibition now in progress in this city. It can do this with very good grace, too. For several years it has persistently and effec-

tually advocated an all Canada exhibition, and has been no small factor in bringing it to pass. When on the grounds look up The Farming World stand in the new manufacturers' building, near the eastern entrance. There, some member of the staff will welcome you, and, if you desire information regarding subscriptions and advertising, he will gladly supply it.

An Encouraging Outlook

Our British market correspondent's letter this issue is of more than ordinary interest. The failure of the English fruit crops will greatly enhance the value of Canadian apples this fall and winter. The Canadian crop is only a fair average, which will also make the output this year of still greater value. Farmers should, therefore, give every attention to saving the crop. Even if you have not got No. 1 quality they will be worth saving.

Another encouraging feature of our correspondent's letter is his remarks on the meat situation. If his reasoning be correct there should be a good export demand for cattle the coming fall and winter. Good feeders and stockers are hard to get in Canada also, and firm prices may be looked for for well fitted cattle.

Should the Dominion Aid the Agricultural College?

Elsewhere in this issue is outlined a scheme by which the Government at Ottawa may, without in any way trespassing upon the sacred ground of provincial rights, make a substantial annual grant towards the maintenance fund of the Ontario Agricultural College. After many years of struggling and varying successes, the college has now reached a place in the very front rank of the world's agricultural institutions. It is indeed an institution of which every Canadian may feel proud, and any scheme by which its advantages might be thrown open to farmers' sons and daughters in all parts of the Dominion should meet with the approval of everyone interested in the promotion of agricultural education in Canada.

Of course, it may be said that many students outside of Ontario now attend the college every year. Quite true, but the tuition fee of \$100 which they have to pay limits this attendance to the more well to do. Were the fee made uniform for students from any part of Canada, the rank and file of our farmers in the other provinces could and would send their sons.

A college of agriculture in a course of erection in Nova Scotia, and Manitoba has decided to erect one, though nothing definite has been done so far. These schools could not be equipped to do the advanced work now being done at Guelph except under greater expense, perhaps, than these provinces would be willing to undergo. But they could be equipped at comparatively little cost, as Nova Scotia is now doing, to do effective and practical work by means of short courses. These short courses would reach the masses, while those who desired a wider and more advanced training could attend at Guelph. Should the school garden idea develop outside of Ontario as it likely will, and it became necessary to employ only graduates of the Guelph College to superintend these gardens, the other provinces should be given a chance to have their own students trained for the work.

Many other reasons might be advanced why the the Dominion Government should favorably consider this proposition in the interests of higher agriculture in Canada, but we have not space to deal with them now. We have a precedent for it, however: the Government at Washington makes an annual grant to each State of about \$15,000 towards the maintenance fund of the State agricultural college and experiment station. Sir Wm. C. Macdonald's gift to the Guelph College carries with it a proviso that students from all the provinces shall be admitted to the nature study and domestic science classes on the same footing. Why not extend this to all the other branches taught at Guelph. It would nationalize our agricultural educational system, bring the provinces into closer touch with each other, and create a distinctly forward movement that would aid very much in developing the agricultural resources of the country.

We shall be glad to have the views of all interested parties on this important matter.

Rural School Libraries

The movement for rural school libraries in Ontario is growing very fast. The total amount expended by the different rural school boards for libraries last year was \$6,447. Many schools contributed much more than what entitled them to the maximum grant of \$10.

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