

sey, Coleman; Ben Harris, Woodbridge; Geo. T. Mitchell, Cobourg.

Wyandottes.—G. S. Oldreive, Kingston; J. H. Magill, Port Hope; C. J. Daniel, J. M. Ramsey, Henderson & Billings, St. Mary's; J. Dorst, Toronto; Ben Harris, L. P. McConnell, Watford; Chas. Grimsby, Toronto; W. C. Wilson & Son, M. T. Burn, Mrs. J. H. Shales, Toronto; L. Saunders, Guelph; James Dundas, Deer Park; Chas. Massie, Port Hope; and F. A. Powell, Norway.

Rocks.—A. H. Lake, Toronto; J. E. Bennett, Toronto; Henderson & Billings, J. S. Jeffrey, St. Catharines; T. Brown, Durham; McCormick & Millard, Rockton; S. Wicks & Son, Mt. Dennis, Ont.; J. H. Parsons, Osaco; T. C. Hare, Whitby; H. C. Bonnick, Eglington; W. H. Bessey, Columbus; Wm. Ellerby, Weston.

Leghorns.—Jno. Ramsay, Owen Sound, and Barker & Muir.

The other sections were equally as well filled, but we have not space here to give any further list. There was a fair exhibit of turkeys, geese and ducks, the chief winners being: In turkeys, Mr. McDougall, Milton, and T. Brown, Durham; in geese, O'Brien & Colwell, Paris; and in ducks, John Colon, Guelph, and O'Brien & Colwell. There was a good show of poultry supplies, incubators, etc., and all seemed to be doing a good business.

The Stoney Creek Women's Institute

By Mrs. F. M. Carpenter, Fruitland, Ont.

The Women's Institute of Saltfleet held their regular meeting at the hall on December 14th, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Then, after preliminary business, Miss Reichter, of Hamilton, played an instrumental solo in her usual delightful style, after which Miss Rose, of the O.A.C., Guelph, who by her pleasing and affable manner has won many friends in Stoney Creek who are always pleased to welcome her and hear what she has to say, gave us a very interesting talk on milk, showing it was a perfect food, wonderfully adapted for the office it is naturally intended to discharge, inasmuch as it is a perfect food containing caseine, a nitrogenous matter nearly identical in composition with muscular flesh, fat, sugar and various salts, the most important constituent of the latter being phosphate of lime. She, by chart, exhibited the composition of milk, giving the constituents in the different proportions, having a sample of each component part in small bottles. She impressed on mothers the benefit to be derived by encouraging their children to drink milk as much as possible, and by no means to give them strong tea. She gave some useful suggestions as to the care of milk, absolute cleanliness being a very important factor as it was very susceptible to taints of any and every kind. She took up butter-making, the care of the stables, how the milk is secreted in the udder of the cow, how the quantity and quality of the milk is very dependent on the manner in which the cow is treated, that the kindness and consideration shown them should be second only to that shown to their own family. Her address contained a fund of practical hints which we hope may prove a benefit to all who had the pleasure of listening to her. Mrs. Gordan, of Hamilton, then, in her beautiful clear, soprano voice, sang "The Soldiers of the Queen," which was most appropriate at this particular time. After an intermission of five minutes Miss Reichter again favored us with a piano solo, which was followed by Miss Rose, answering the contents of the question drawer, which were principally on subjects relating to the home, after which Mrs. Gordan sang "Home, Sweet Home." A committee was appointed to draft a letter of regret to Mr. F. W. Hodson, our late superintendent of Farmers' Institutes, also a letter of congratulation to Professor Creelman on his appointment as successor to Mr. Hodson, copies of which I herewith enclose for publication. Our very interesting

meeting was brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

To F. W. Hodson, Esq.,
Dominion Live Stock Commissioner,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—The Women's Institute of Saltfleet have learned with regret of your retirement from the position of Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for Ontario, a position which you have filled during the last five years with so much credit to yourself and advantage to the public generally.

It was during your management of the Farmers' Institutes that our Women's Branch at Stoney Creek was established, and we have always felt grateful to you for the assistance which you so cheerfully rendered us in the formation of our society.

While we regret your severance from our institutes, we must also congratulate you on your well earned promotion to a broader field of usefulness in the position of Live Stock Commissioner for the Dominion of Canada.

Allow us to again thank you for your kindly interest in our Women's Institutes.

Signed on behalf of the Institute.

MRS. F. M. CARPENTER.
MRS. ERLAND LEE.
MRS. G. M. HILL.

To Prof. G. C. Creelman,
Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for Ontario.

DEAR SIR,—The Women's Institutes of Saltfleet wish to congratulate you on your appointment to so important a sphere of usefulness as Superintendent of Farmers' Institutes for Ontario. Although institute work has made great progress during the last few years, we feel that a wonderful future is before us. Our people are waking up to the necessity of adopting more modern methods in every branch of industry, and we feel that woman has her work in assisting to bring about that result.

Our work applies more particularly to the home life on the farm, and anything that we can accomplish by way of better sanitation of our homes and hygienic methods in the preparation of foods, etc., more scientific care of children, with a view of raising the general standing of the health of our people, mutual improvement.

Anything and everything that will conduce to the welfare of our people, and the elevating of our homes, is work that we, in our Women's Institutes, can very materially assist in bringing about.

Our Women's Institute of Saltfleet extend to you a hearty welcome, and wish you every success in your new and wide field of usefulness.

Signed on behalf of the Institute.

MRS. ERLAND LEE.
MRS. G. M. HILL.
MRS. F. M. CARPENTER.

A Farm Water System

A Quebec subscriber, a few weeks ago, asked for information in regard to running water in stables for stock. The subject is a good one, and we should like to see it discussed. In the meantime the following description of a farm water system, by a writer in the *Michigan Farmer*, will be quite *apropos*:

"The pollution of our creek by sewage from a near by village forced us to seek other means of securing a supply of pure water. After thorough examination, aided by an expert, it was decided to erect a windmill, with tower 12x12 feet at base and 60 feet to top of mill, so as to catch the wind from every quarter. The mill stands between house and barn, for convenience of pumping to both, and of watching and adjusting in frequent passing. Also, since it was in so prominent a place, to make it tasteful as well as useful, it was done off in five stories—first, the pump room; second, tool and storage room; third, open outlook; fourth, tank room; fifth, wheel attachments.