

The Short-Course classes, now generally spoken of as the "Winter Course," have been offered six times, with an average attendance of ninety-seven. For the most part the members of these classes came from farms and went back to farms. They were men and women who wished to extend their knowledge of the farming business.

The graduates in Agriculture number fifty-nine in all, beginning with eight in the Class of 1921, the

first graduating class in agriculture. Seventeen received degrees in 1925. These men are now all widely scattered, but not more widely scattered than the graduates of other Faculties. Only six are not connected with agriculture and only three of these not directly connected. They are doing the work for which they were trained. It is a record of which the Faculty feels justly proud.

The Faculty also feels, I think, justly proud of the place it has held

in the University in competition with the other Faculties in athletic, debating, leadership in student organization, and in other activities. We feel that what appeared to be an experiment on the part of the first President has amply justified itself. All Faculties are working on common ground in common classes and laboratories and we cannot help but feel that something has been accomplished toward a better understanding of, and a better feeling among, the various groups.

## An Impression of F. M. Clement, B.S.A., M.A. Dean of Agriculture (By a Colleague)

Some years ago a young man from an Eastern College was giving the finishing touches to the pruning of a tree. Standing aside for a moment, as if to see the whole in one swift glance, his muttered "how's that" caught the ear of a keen, possibly sceptical, afterwards quite friendly critic, Peter McArthur. The professional fledgling, with the ink barely-dry on his parchment, was the present Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of British Columbia. The use to which the alert mind and facile pen of Peter McArthur put the "how's that" is to be found in the pages of Pastures Green.

Possibly that involuntary movement, that standing aside to see the parts in relation to the whole, to see all in the proper perspective is Professor Clement's outstanding quality, his critical characteristic.

A native son of Canada, born in Niagara of a long line of yeoman farmers, reared in an atmosphere of historical lore, it is no surprise to find in Dean Clement a mixture of the aggressiveness and at times impatience of the new world, and the contemplative cautiousness which is a part of those who have a profound respect for, and a devotion to, the experiences and lessons of the past. Graduating from the University of Toronto after four years at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, four years filled with everything that was worth while, including a record on the playing fields, he went to Elgin County as one of the pioneer Agricultural Representatives, thence to Macdonald College (McGill) as Lecturer in Horticulture, thence to the Experimental Station, Vineland, Ontario, as Director. It is no secret, that as he progressed from Representative to Lecturer to Director he left in his trail a reputation for initiative, capacity

for work, and an aptitude for administration. He was the logical man to initiate a Department of Horticulture in the University of British Columbia when the time for such had come, some nine years ago.

Professor Clement became Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture two years later. He retained his modesty, he took advantage of the cosmopolitan interests which represent the spirit of a University and strengthened himself for the work which lay ahead. The business of agriculture, the part which agriculture plays in the economy of the community at large, the relation of the urban to the rural, and the bringing of a clear understanding of the problems of agriculture to those inside and outside the University confines have become his vocation and avocation alike . . . apart from occasional periphrastics in pursuit of the royal and ancient game. The work of his faculty has not been without recognition; and, possibly no activity outside the more strictly academic phases of the work, is destined to play a greater part in the sound development of agriculture in this province, than the surveys, which for the past six years have been carried on by various departments within his jurisdiction.

His academic standing strengthened with a further degree, recognized to-day as a sound exponent and interpreter of those things which pertain to the economics of agriculture, Dean Clement is in the prime of his professional vigour. Those competent to judge, are satisfied, that, with respect to the requirements of agriculture in the academic and in the business sense, and with respect to the constructive programme for the meeting of these requirements, he has few, if any, peers in the Dominion at the present time. This confidence, in no small measure, is be-

gotten and fostered by the conviction, that as in the days when to prune a tree was to him the crystallized expression of art, he can, and does stand aside from time to time to view the parts in the proper perspective, to see them each in relation to the envisaged whole.

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