

free course of two weeks in Stock and Seed Judging at the Ontario Agricultural College, the expenses being paid by the Department of Agriculture.

The following table gives the average results of the first prize records in the County Competitions with potatoes:—

Years.	Number of Competitions with Potatoes.	Average Yield of Potatoes per Acre (bushels).	Average Cost of Production per Acre.	Average Profit per Acre.
1913 .....	7	258	\$38.64	\$114.84
1914 .....	16	337	40.43	91.71
1915 .....	19	271	40.06	154.25

For information regarding the County Short Courses or the Acre Profit Competitions, applications should be made to the District Representatives or to Mr. C. F. Bailey, Assistant Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

**Field Crop Competitions.**—In 1907 Standing Field Crop Competitions were started in Ontario with cereals, and in 1908 potatoes were added to the list. The work during the past eight years has been conducted through the medium of the Agricultural Societies of Ontario. Each society entering potatoes must have at least ten fields in competition. In each potato competition fifty dollars is granted by the Government, and twenty-five dollars by the Agricultural Society, which amount is divided into the following prizes: Twenty, fifteen, twelve, ten, eight, six and four dollars. The official judges are furnished by the Government, and the potatoes are judged according to the following scale of points:

General Appearance . . . . .	15
Freedom from Blight and Insects . . . . .	17
Method and Thoroughness of Cultivation . . . . .	20
Purity of Variety . . . . .	10
Apparent Yield . . . . .	38
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>100</b>

The entries each year number several hundred, and the competition is keen and wholesome. An Appendix to the Annual Report of the Agricultural Societies is published each year by the Ontario Department of Agriculture, and contains the name and address of each competitor, the name of the variety of potatoes entered, and the score of points allotted to the crop. For information regarding the work of the Field Crop Competitions the reader is referred to Mr. J. Lockie Wilson, Superintendent of Agricultural Societies, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

**Potato Growing Contest for Boys.**—Through the kindness and the liberality of Mr. R. B. Whyte, of Ottawa, who donated the prizes, a potato growing contest for boys between the ages of twelve and eighteen years has been conducted for four seasons in Carleton County, and for three seasons in Russell County. An average of twenty-eight boys conducted the work in each of the past three years. The size of each plot was one-tenth of an acre, and from the returns of the plots the results per acre were determined. The prizes were awarded on the following basis:

Report of Inspector on thoroughness of field culture, etc. . . . .	100 points.
Certified report of yield as submitted by competitor . . . . .	100 “
Award of Judges one bushel exhibit sent to County Fair . . . . .	100 “
Written report of competitor showing expenses, profits, etc . . . . .	100 “