

A VISIT TO GREY COUNTY

IT was a long ride from Hamilton via Harrisburg away up to Walkerton, the county town of Grey County, but there was a model fair in that place on the 23rd and 24th of September, and it seemed an opportune time to visit that section and take notes of progress. At Guelph we were joined by Dr. Mills and Prof. Hutt,

young men to prepare themselves to become intelligent, educated and successful farmers.

THE FAIR AT WALKERTON.

The directors and officers were most active in their efforts to make this fair a grand success. The children from all the neighboring schools marched to the grounds to the music of the bands, and in spite of the usual rain accompanying a fair, there was a large attendance of visitors. One great lack at Walkerton, and at nearly every county town, is suitable and attractive fair buildings and their surroundings. The grounds are barren and uninviting, and the buildings most cheerless and often too large. No paint is ever put on them, inside or outside, and so ugly are they that no fair manager, backed up by however active and industrious a directorate, and however much aided by a patronising government, can ever work out a model fair to his own satisfaction or to that of the public. The buildings should be painted inside and out to begin with, and then the grounds about them should be planted with groups of shade trees and shrubbery as to be inviting as a park. Such a place would invite both people and exhibits and make the work of the officers much more easy because of the greater public enthusiasm.

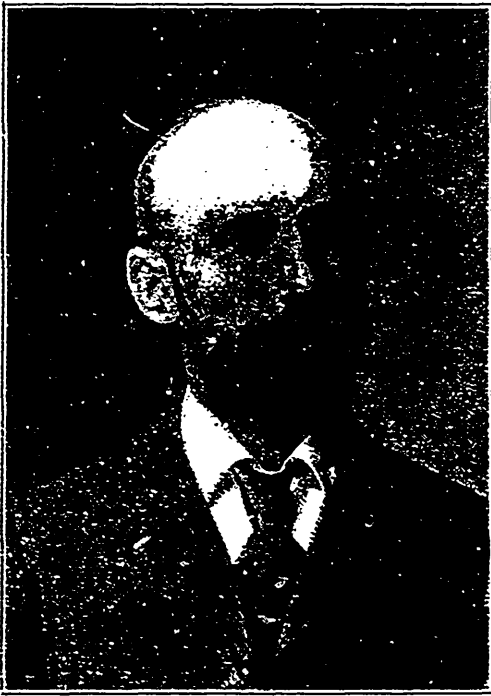


FIG. 2679. MR. A. E. SHERRINGTON.

and although the train was late, and we did not reach Walkerton until after 9 o'clock, and the public meeting in the town hall had already been going an hour, yet all three were called upon for addresses. Following a fine address on "The Home," by Miss Maddock, Dr. Mills gave a most vigorous and rousing address calculated to arouse the

THE FRUIT EXHIBIT.

The prize list for fruit was a limited one, including only about a dozen and a half varieties of apples, five varieties of plums, one of grapes, and no named varieties of pears, peaches or quinces. Perhaps the number of varieties of apples was large enough if it really included the most delicate ones for the district. They were Spy, Baldwin, King, Golden Russet, Greening, Alexander,