



[Editorial Note.—Our request to Prof. M. Cumming, Principal of the Nova Scotia College of Agriculture, for a contribution to our columns, found him too busy to prepare an article especially for the Review. We publish below, his letter in which he speaks of the progress of his work in Nova Scotia, and to which he appends an extract from a report he is issuing, which we believe will be of interest to our readers.]

Mr. Editor:

You have asked me to contribute something to the columns of "The Review." My interest in the College at Guelph and its official publication, "The O. A. C. Review," prompts me to comply with your request. No paper which comes to my office is read with greater interest than the "Review," and I am pleased to note that in every way the editors are maintaining the high standard which has been set for this publication.

Our College at Truro is making splendid progress. Four years ago we commenced with an attendance at our regular course of seventeen; now we have enrolled forty-eight. Then we had at our short course sixty-eight, and at our 1909 short course we had a regularly enrolled attendance of 221, with an intermittent attendance of over 300. These figures in regard to the College may, I think, be taken as representing the general spirit of progress which is now manifest among the farmers of the Maritime Provinces.

As you are probably aware, the farm

ers of these provinces have, through diversity of employment, limited their farming operations, the same man at different seasons of the year being sometimes a farmer, a fisherman, a lumberman, or it may be, a miner. Hence, things agricultural have not progressed as they might have. Gradually, however, a new spirit, has been coming over the farmers of the Maritime Provinces, and a greater confidence in farming as a means of making a livelihood has been established. We, at the College, are endeavoring to our utmost to encourage this most desirable movement toward up-to-date farming. Progress is our word and building on the solid foundation which we had so strongly impressed upon us when studying at Guelph, we are endeavoring to enforce the fact that "In livestock lies the salvation of Maritime agriculture." This month we are issuing a report, bearing on the live stock industry of the province in which we state our confidence in the cow as a means through which our farms shall be emancipated. In this we have tried to pen a brief tribute to