

"IT WAS A FAMOUS VICTORY"

These are the days when the Ontario Agricultural College is spelling Victory with a big "V". For the third time in succession, in a contest with all the leading Agricultural Colleges of the U.S. of America, the O.A.C. returns in triumph. A unique success is this: To maintain the standard of excellence, set by the class of 1905, through 1906 and 1907, and permanently place the trophy at the Guelph College, is something like saying that "the Old Flag never touched the ground."

Glio 1904, Ontario 1905, Ontario 1906, Ontario 1907, is the "life" history of the prize which the College team finally captured at Chicago this year. Donated by Union Stockyards and Transit Company as a replica of the famous Spoor Trophy, for four years it was the object of contention at the International Exposition. It was to become the property of the College first winning it three times, but not necessarily three times in succession. The fact that the O.A.C. has secured it in three consecutive years makes the victory more remarkable. The other condition of the contest was that the team of five students of any Agricultural College gaining the highest aggregate in the classes of cattle, sheep, and swine, offered for their examination, were considered the winners of the trophy for that year.

In 1905 the O.A.C. team were as follows:—J. Bracken, Seelye's Bay; G. G. White, Perth; H. B. Smith, Wainstead; H. A. Craig, North Gower; W. A. Munro, Chesterville.

In 1906 the following men composed the team:—H. Barton, Van-kleeck Hill; R. S. Hamer, Bradford; A. McKenny, Corinth; C. C. Nixon, St. George; W. J. Hartman, Woodbridge.

In 1907:—R. W. Hodson, Myrtle; T. R. Arkell, Arkell; E. S. Archibald, Wolfville, N.S.; D. McKenzie, Queen Hill; L. Bowes, Meaford.

Thus, fifteen men in all have assisted in making the bronze bull a part of the Ontario Agricultural College, and of these, special mention should be made of Mr. R. S. Hamer, who scored the highest individual standing last year; and of Mr. Ronald W. Hodson, who occupies the position par excellence this year.

It is also a tribute to Professor G. E. Day and his assistants, who prepared the teams; and last but not least, to the perfect harmony which, under the direction of President Crechman, prevails throughout the whole institution at the present time.

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THE PROVINCIAL WINTER FAIR

Present Buildings Too Small—Magnificent Poultry Display

The Ontario Provincial Winter Fair of 1907 has well maintained the high standard of other years. The exhibition has however, reached a stage when expansion is not possible without larger buildings and better quarters for the show. These are promised for next year and they cannot come any too soon. The present quarters are totally inadequate. They are gloomy, inconvenient and give no room for judging or seeing the animals with any degree of comfort. Plans for the enlargement of the present building should include adequate provision for both exhibitors and visitors. It is stated that provision will be made for an exhibition of horses. This would certainly add greatly to the value and usefulness of the show. But it will require plenty of room to display horses to good advantage. They cannot be judged very well without a suitable arena and the management should see that this is provided in any new buildings that may be erected. But whether horses will form a feature of next year's show or not, increased accommodation is needed for the present show. Better facilities for judging so that visitors can see what is going on are needed. The

lecture feature is an important part of the show and much better provision should be made for this work.

This year's show, while strong throughout was a little below other years both in numbers and quality. Sheep and Swine were equal to other years while the display of poultry was away ahead of anything that has heretofore been seen in Canada. There were estimated to be about 9,000 birds on exhibition. The attendance was good and on the whole the show of 1907 both from an educational and exhibition standpoint was of a high order. It is too valuable an institution to be allowed to recede. Progress must be the watchword and this can only be attained by greatly increased room for exhibitors and visitors. Detailed reports of the different exhibits follow:

CATTLE.

The fat cattle classes were not too well filled. Few, if any, showed so long an entry list as previous occasions. The stalls, too, would have showed rather too much vacant space