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Canadian Swine Breeders' Association Alberta, G. H. Hutton, Lacombe; British Columbia, A. G. Marshall South West-minister; Manitoba, W. H. English, Harding; Maritime Provinces, J. F. Roach, Sussex, N. B.; Quebec, Frank Byrno, Clarksburg; and M. Ste. Marie, Compton; Saskatchewan, Philip Leech,

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### Ontario Agricultural College Ex-Students Register.

BY DR. C. A. ZAVITZ.

Approximately twenty thousand young men and young women have enrolled at the Ontario Agricultural College since its inception in 1874. About forty-five hundred entered the regular agricultural course, eighty-one hundred the winter short courses, twenty-eight hundred the summer short courses, two hundred the Manual Training Course, and forty-seven hundred the long and short courses in Home Economics.

Within the past year a survey has been made with the object of securing the present address and occupations of the ex-students who entered the College for the regular course in agriculture, and also of ascertaining the part taken by the students and the ex-students in the recent war. Although it is exceedingly difficult to make the register entirely complete, much interesting and valuable information has been obtained.

Of the 4,491 registrations in the regular agricultural course 554 are of students in attendance at present, and 3,937 are of ex-students. Of these ex-students 1,574 received the Associate Diploma in agriculture, granted by the College at the end of the two-years' course, and of this number 698 received the B. S. A. degree at the end of the complete course. at the end of the complete course.

The ex-student register in the office of the Experimental Union now contains the addresses of 98 per cent, of the graduates, 94 per cent. of the associates, and 62 per cent. of the under-associates. Of the entire ex-student body in the regular course 311 deaths are recorded, fully one-third occurring in the recent war.

Of the students who entered the regular agricultural course 86 per cent. registered from Canada, 3 per cent. from twenty-five States of the American Union, and 11 per cent. from forty-three other

The present addresses of the ex-students show 85 per cent. located in Canada, 9 per cent. in forty States of the American Union, and 6 per cent. in thirty-one other countries. Of those who received the B. S. A. degree 81 per cent. are at present in Canada, 12 per cent. in twenty-four States of the American Union, and 7 per cent. in fourteen other countries.

Of the ex-students of the regular course now residing in Canada 72 per cent. of the total number and 67 per cent. of the B. S. A. men are located in the Province of Ontario.

According to the latest information received, 80 per cent. or four-fifths of all the ex-students of the regular course, 80 per cent. of the Diploma men, and 92 per cent. of the B. S. A. men are engaged in agricultural work.

It is found that if the forty-four years of the College, from 1874 to 1917, inclusive, are divided into four periods of eleven years each, the ex-students of the regular course are engaged at the present time in occupations according to the folowing percentages:

Four eleven- year periods	Farm- ers	Agricul- turists other than farmers	Non- agricul- turists
1874–1884 1885–1895 1896–1906 1907–1917	58 57	5 16 30 42	45 26 13 8

The percentage on the land is fairly constant, varying not more than 4 per cent. in any one period from the general average of 54 per cent. It is interesting to note that the increase in percentage of those following agricultural work other than farming corresponds closely with the decrease in percentage of those following non-agricultural pursuits.

Five ex-students, who are farmers, fill the important positions of Premier, Minister of Agriculture, Provincial Secretary, Minister of Education and Minister of Public Works of the Ontario Govern-

Included under agricultural work other than farming are officials in Government agricultural departments, agricultural college and university presidents, professors and investigators, agricultural editors, agricultural representatives, members of the Soldier Settlement Board, cheesemakers, butter-makers, drovers, farm

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