

THE ONTARIO AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, GUELPH.

This College is the only institution in the Province specially adapted to the education of farmers' sons; and the course has been so arranged that students may spend five months of the busy season of the year on their own farms.

Inquiries about the College.

"What is done at the College? Are foremen sent with students to show them how to clean stables; groom, harness, and drive horses; feed cattle, milk cows, and look after sheep; plow, harrow, and drill; dig drains and post holes; cut and cure hay, etc., etc.?"

Those who ask such questions have a somewhat mistaken idea as to the scope of work undertaken at the College. Such practical operations should be learned before students enter the College.

It is, of course, the duty and aim of the professors, instructors, and foremen of the College to give all *the practice* possible, accompanied by suitable instruction, in various operations, say in the combining and mixing of foods for different classes of stock on the farm, the feeding of animals, the judging of live stock (horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs), the care of milk and making of butter, the pruning and grafting of fruit trees, and the use of carpenters' tools for general repairs, etc.; but the main object is to instruct students in the principles which underlie farm operations and train them to enquire and *determine for themselves* why certain methods give better results than others in the tillage of land, times and ways of seeding, harvesting of crops, feeding and management of live stock, etc.,—the aim always being to combine knowledge with practice in farm operations; to teach the sciences which bear more or less directly on these operations; and, at the same time, to furnish a practical education in English, political economy, etc.,—such an education as every farmer needs.