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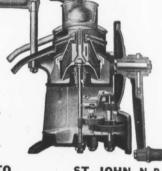
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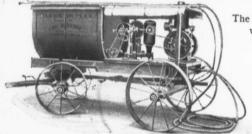
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- April-
- 1. Returns by Clerks of Counties, Cities, etc., of population to Department due. (On or Returns by Cherns of Continuation, Public and Separate Schools close for Bartell English-French Model, High, Continuation, Public and Separate Schools close for Easter. (Thursday before Easter Sunday.)
- 2. Good Friday.
- 5. Easter Monday.
- 6. Annual Meeting of the Ontario Educational Association at Toronto, Vacation,)
- High and Continuation Schools, third term, and Public and Separate Schools open after Easter holidays. (Second Monday after Easter Sunday.)
- 13. Normal and English-French Model Schools open after Easter Holidays.
- 14. Notice by candidates for Junior High School Entrance and Junior Public School Graduation Diploma examinations, to Inspectors, due. (Before April 15th.)
- 15. Reports on Night Public Schools due (Session 1914-1915). Not later than the 15th April.) Inspectors report number of candidates for Junior High School Entrance and Junior Public School Graduation Diploma examinations. (Not later than April 20th.)
- 30. Notice by candidates to Inspectors due for Senior High School Entrance, Senior Public School Graduation Diploma and the Model School Entrance examinations and the Lower School examination for Entrance into the Normal Schools and Faculties of Education. (Before May 1st.)



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# The Country Boys' Creed.

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believe that the country which God made is more beautiful than the city which man made; the life out of doors and in touch with the earth is the natural life of man. I believe that work with nature is more inspiring than work with the most intricate machinery. I believe that the dignity of labor depends not on what you do, but how you do it; that opportunity comes to a boy on a farm as often as to a boy in the city, that life is larger and freer and happier on the farm than in the town; that my success depends not upon my location, but upon myself; not upon my dreams, but upon what I actually do; not upon luck, but upon pluck. I believe in working when you work and in playing when you play, and in giving and demanding a square deal in every act in life."

### Does Drainage Pay

By C. M. Laidlaw.

type in front of nine drainage plots in as many districts in six counties of Ontario last year.

What does it all mean? Three hundred and fifty farmers gathered one afternoon in the field where a drainage plot was being established and a drainage demonstration conducted demanding to know the how

terest spread throughout the neighborhood, and people for miles around began to watch and talk about the drainage field.

Wheat was sown in the fall. In the spring quite a marked difference was noticeable between the drained and undrained areas. On many portions of the undrained part the wheat was entirely killed, while no



and wherefor of this drainage business.

Let us look more closely at one of these plots. The notoriously wet field has not grown a crop for many years—the owner said forty. The people thought of the crops produced in the "good old days," and said, "Can the land be made to produce more than usual?" The College said, "We think so, but will help you to find out." And so the College ditching machine arrived; a drainage demonstration was held; one half of the field was drained and the other half left undrained. An intense in-

bare places were found on the drained area. Early in June an estimate was made of the difference between the crops on the two areas. It was found by carefully counting and measuring the height of the stalks along two feet of drill in many places on both areas that the drained area had thirty-nine stalks that were 27.8 inches high, while the undrained had 27 stalks 21.8 inches high on the same area. An advantage of 44 per cent. in number and 28 per cent. in height for the drained land.

At harvest time, much of the undrained crop seemed hardly worth cutting, while on the drained land an dinary care was taken to have the excellent crop was obtained.

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On the undrained land the binder riddles and concaves in place in the

bumped along over the hard, crack- threshing machine. The bushels ed ground (clay), making a great measured were carefully filled, and



Similar Land When Drained.

fuss over doing so much work in when threshing was completed a few gathering so little grain.

minutes calculation showed a yield At threshing time, more than or- of 111/2 bushels per acre for

the undrained land and 293/4 bushels per acre for the drained An increase of 181/4 bushels land. per acre at war prices and much more straw to keep the stock comfortable and clean through the winter and to be returned to the land as manure the following year, answered the question on the sign board, "Does Drainage Pay?"

The response to this experiment is interesting. The owner has signified his intention to drain the undrained portion of the field as soon as the three years he agreed to leave it undrained have passed. A ditching machine has been purchased by an enterprising man in the neighborhood, and many tile are now in the fields ready to be put in as early as possible in the spring.

This is in brief form the story of one drainage plot. They all present to their respective neighborhoods throughout the spring, summer and fall a more complete and interesting story than the one given here.

The comparison of the yields from the drained and undrained land is particularly interesting at this time

when we consider that the past season was the driest on record for On-The chart given shows the tario. precipitation of the past season compared with the average for the last fifteen years.

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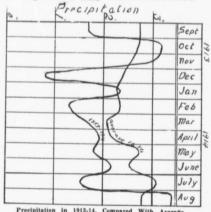
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The deficiency in rainfall during the growing season was quite marked from April to August last year, Dur. ing August the normal was exceeded. Despite the dry season, eight of the nine drainage plots showed an increase in yield due to drainage, with an average value of \$14.12. The range from the various plots was from \$8.19 to \$26.66 per acre. One plot did not show a difference in yield.

The crops grown included fall wheat, barley, oats, mixed grain and

In 1915, eighteen plots will present their answer to the common question. "Does drainage pay?" They will do so not alone in terms of dollars and cents, but also in terms of ease of cultivation, earlier seeding, fewer weeds, larger crops, greater satisfaction with one's work and more faith in farm life.



Precipitation in 1913-14, Compared With Average During Last Fifteen Years.

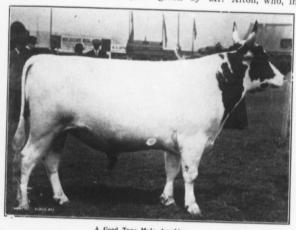
# Aprehires at Home and Abroad

By J. H. McCulloch, '16.

STUDY of the history of Avrshire cattle reveals the fact that the breed has been carefully and scientifically established. It can be said that no breed has been more popular among its particular admirers, and that no dairy breed has received more attention from competent. advanced breeders; but it can also be added that no breed has been more subject

one of the recognized breeds of Scotland, and it is thought that their history as a distinct breed began some time shortly after the beginning of the past century. Up to this time they were one of the coarse varieties of cattle which formerly occupied all the southern part of Scotland.

earliest recognition which Ayrshires received as a breed was given by Mr. Aiton, who, in 1825,



A Good Type Male Ayrshire.

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The development of the Ayrshire breed, however, has been almost phenomenally rapid. Previous to the beginning of the nineteenth century. the Ayrshire was not mentioned as

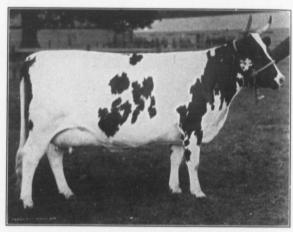
published a treatise on the dairy husbandry of Ayrshire. He described them as being puny, unshapely and not any better than the cattle of higher districts, referring, in all probability to the West Highland cattle. The Ayrshires at this time were mostly black in color and marked with white in the face, down the back and flank, and few of the cows gave more than a gallon and a half of milk per day when fresh. They were so small that the average dressed weight of mature animals

was only two hundred and eighty pounds.

At this period, cattle descended from the crosses made with the Teeswater or Holderness stock from Durham, England, had been introduced into Ayrshire, and it is also thought that the Ayrshire owes its small head and slender neck to importation, at this period, of Alderney or Jersey blood.

Agriculture in Scotland at this time was in low condition. Pasture

man bears a close relationship to productiveness. It was only in 1814 that the Highland Society first offered a premium for Ayrshires, but from that date onward the breed came rapidly into recognition, till towards the middle of the nineteenth century many important shows featured the breed. About this time fashion was beginning to be emphasized, a delicate appearance and well-set udder being the chief points aimed at. Milk production and fattening



A Good Type Female Ayrshire.

was of the poorest, and other feeds scarce, so that the conditions surrounding the foundation of the Ayrshire breed were of such a nature that only the fittest specimens could survive. This fact accounts for the hardiness so closely interwoven with every fibre of the breed.

#### The Ayrshire in Scotland.

All through the south of Scotland, and particularly in the southwest, the Ayrshire is a popular dairy cow, and popularity with a Scotch dairyqualities were secondary considerations. Shortly afterwards, the small teat, tight udder and upturned horns were sought after, and the showing type gradually took precedence over the utility type. A change, however, has recently come over the breeding of Ayrshires, and intelligent breeders are now laying more stress on milking qualities. In production, the herds of Scotland vary to a remarkable extent, so that an average in production is hard to ascertain. An annual production of 700 gallons of

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milk, however, is a good one, and many herds do not reach this figure. For the year, the average butter fat in the milk runs from 3.5 to 3.75 per The milk records conducted on the Ayrshire herds of Scotland during the last six years have embraced over 8,500 cows, and they show that an average yearly production of 700 gallons of milk, with an average of 3.75 per cent. butter fat. is common. The showing animal in Scotland is usually white in color, with brown markings on the head. Few dairies, however, feature this color, but are stocked with big, strong cows, varying in color from black and white to almost all red.

#### The Ayrshire in America.

Ayrshires were first imported into America between 1820 and 1830. The thriftiness of the breed soon became apparent, and its development on this side of the Atlantic has been rapid. Ayrshires being found all over the United States and Canada. The outstanding fault of the breed, from the American point of view, was the shortness of the teats. Milking is an unpopular pastime in America, and bigger teats are demanded, with the result that many of our best Ayrshires on this side are not now open to criticism in this respect. The extreme fashion in Ayrshires, however, is attributable in part to American importers. When the white color, the flat, faultlesslyplaced udder, squarely placed teats, the straight lines and extreme neatness of the show ring Ayrshire began to be recognized in Scotland. American buyers demanded these features, and the Scotch breeders catered to their demands. The fact is simply an illustration of the influence money may have in establishing characteristics in a breed.

Competition from other breeds, however, has forced the American breeder to consider utility, and today there is a strong movement towards developing the milk Ayrshires are capable of great production, yet many people fail to appreciate the fact. This is probably due to the predominance of a showing type, but it is also due to the fact that few people ever see the Avrshire under influences which are bent towards milk production. Big, roomy cows, with a large flow of milk are not so common as the smaller sized cows with a poor milk production, and the tendency of some people is to base their opinion of the breed on the poor specimens they happen to have seen.

The productive standard in America is already at a very high mark, due chiefly to the existence of the advanced registry. Already American records of Ayrshire production have shattered those of Scotland. Numerous cows have produced 22,000 pounds of milk in the year, with 1,080 pounds of butter. advanced registry has shown that the average production for mature cows is 10,576 pounds of milk and 481 pounds of butter. The average production of the four-year-olds is 9,692 pounds of milk and 444 pounds of butter; that of three-year-olds is 9,002 pounds of milk and 432 pounds of butter, while the average per cent. of butter from all cows and heifers is 3.91.

A perusal of these facts bears out the statement that the Ayrshire is a producer as well as a show cow.

The conformation of the Ayrshire,

with her great fecundity, an adaptability to varying conditions of climate, feeding and care, the value of the breed from a beef pro-

ducing standpoint, crossed or uncrossed, established the fact that the breed is a farmers' one in every sense of the word.

# The Dairy Industry of Nova Scotia

By G. A. Clark, '16.

SOIL and climatic conditions in the Province of Nova Scotia are well suited to the dairy industry. The soil is well suited for growing all crops needed for the production of milk. The Province has excellent pastures and grows large crops of hay, turnips and plenty of coarse grains. The sea breezes temper the winter and moisten the atmosphere in summer. The stimulus of this atmosphere was helpful in developing the dairy countries Europe. The population is inclined towards dairying since the people of Nova Scotia are descendants of the famous dairymen and dairy women of Europe,—English. Scotch, French and Germans. The blood of these dairy races runs through the veins of Nova Scotians, hence they are predisposed to favor dairying.

Markets and transportation facilities throughout the Province may be considered very fair. The advantage of obtaining cheap transportation by water and easy access for the products to all the large markets of the world, provide remarkable opportunities for securing high prices.

Nova Scotia being well adapted to dairying has made great development in the past ten years. Before this time creameries had only proved a partial success, farmers would not supply sufficient milk and cream. But 1911 saw a 30 per cent. increase in

the amount of butter manufactured in the creameries compared with 1910.

In 1913 there was an increase of 49.8 per cent. over 1912. This increase does not mean a corresponding increase in dairy products, but the factory increase was much greater than the farm dairy decrease.

This advancement has been due to the effective work of the Provincial Department of Agriculture. The officials of the department realizing the fact that possibilities for dairying were ever on the increase and believing that a well situated, well managed co-operative creamery would be the best medium to bring about the desired results. Owing to the fact that co-operative dairying had only been a partial success, the Department thought it unfair to ask farmers to organize such a company and operate their own business, the following offer was made: That if the support of 400 cows was promised and an agreement entered into by at least twenty practical farmers to organize a co-operative company and take the business out of the hands of the Department when it was made a financial success from a manufacturing standpoint, that the Department would agree to build on up-to-date principles a suitable creamery in a suitable section. This plan has met with much success, especially by one

of these creameries in Cape Breton Island. With the continued advance of this venture the future of co-operative dairying in Nova Scotia will receive a lasting impetus.

Practically all the creameries in the Province are co-operative cream gathered creameries. These all following the individual can systems for delivery of cream. The quantity of cream received at these creameries is the very best. The buttermaker has control of his product and in all cases operative creameries, egg circle work, the handling of feeds and farmers' supplies is carried on very effectively and has proven to be of monetary value to the farmers belonging to the associations. Cow testing associations and herd improvement work has been organized and carried out effectively in these co-operative creameries.

The following is the summary of business for year ending Dec. 31st, 1913, of the largest co-operative creamery in the Province. Estimates



A Successful Nova Scotia Creamery.

effectually adheres to the rule of taking nothing but the highest grade cream.

The quality of butter manufactured under the foregoing system grades as extra No. 1 and No. 1 on Montreal and Boston markets. A large portion of the butter manufactured is consumed in the Province, but shipments are sent to the West Indies, under the special brand of "Blue Nose Butter." This brand is put up in 4-lb. tins.

Winter dairying is not followed to any great extent; a few of the larger creameries only operate during the winter months.

Through the medium of these co-

for 1914 show an increase of 30 per cent:

# The Automobile on the Farm

By R. J. Griffin, '16.

the farmer of to-day is beginning to realize that the automobile on the farm is a machine of necessity and not a luxury. The fact that there are over seventeen thousand Ford cars owned by farmers of Canada proves that the farmers are beginning to realize the usefulness of a car.

The motor car lessens the distance between the farm and the market. thereby bringing the farmer in touch with the market. It is possible for him to deliver eggs and butter several times a week with no more trouble than marketing once a week with a horse. The cost of gasoline will not exceed the cost of feeding the horse for the day, providing the farm is not more than ten miles from town.

The most useful type of car for the farmer is the five-passenger touring car. It has ample room for carrying the average family and a week's supply of provisions from the store.

The lasting quality of a car depends principally upon the owner or driver. It is possible for a man to drive a car twice as many miles in a season as his neighbor and still have his machine in better condition. Driving a car over a rough road at a high rate of speed will soon make it sound like a mowing machine. The careful driver will drive at a moderate rate of speed over a rough road, and when reaches a good road he makes use of the speed, which does not interfere with the lasting quality of the machine.

The farmer's ability to operate a motor car is superior to that of the average city man. His experience with various kinds of farm machinery has made it possible for him to understand the mechanism of almost any machine. The secret of operating a machine is to have a thorough knowledge of its mechanism. If his car breaks down he will repair it himself (even if he finds it necessary to use hay wire) and then drive it to town, to the garage under its own power.

The advantages of the automobile on the farm are many. No one will deny the fact that the automobile is a time-saver. Time is money to the business man, and the modern farmer is a business man and must make the best use of his time.

Social conditions of the country could be much improved by the use of the automobile. It makes it possible for the farmer and his family to attend social functions and farmer's meetings at a much greater distance from home.

The automobile can be operated by the women folk of the farm. Many farmers do not keep a ladies' driver, therefore the motor car provides a means for them to attend women's meetings and do their shopping independent of the men.

We have heard a great deal about the rural problem. The automobile in time to come will no doubt be a great factor in keeping the boy on the farm and will help to solve this problem.

# Spring Management of the Apiary

By J. L. Dougherty, '16.

THE strength and condition of colonies in the apiary in the spring depends very largely upon the condition they were in when put up for the winter. Some of the essentials for strong, vigorous colonies in the spring are as follows:

When placed away the previous autumn, the colony should have had from twenty-five to thirty-five pounds of good honey, or an equal weight of syrup made from the best granulated sugar. The spaces between six to eight frames filled with healthy young bees with a vigorous young queen. The temperature of the surroundings throughout the winter should have been kept below forty-five degrees F., to ensure the bees remaining in a dormant state. The air should have been pure and dry.

Spring is the most critical period of the whole year for the bees. Not only the success of the approaching season, but often the existence of the colony depends upon the condition of the bees in the spring. brood-raising was discontinued early the previous fall and the colonies went into winter quarters with a large proportion of o'd bees, they will be very much reduced in numbers, and in the spring the remaining old bees will die off rapidly. This condition is known as "spring dwindling." The stores may become almost exhausted before spring. The colonies should be very carefully examined, and if there are indications of shortage of food, frame or two of sealed honey should given to each colony requiring

it. If these are not on hand, a supply of sugar candy may be given instead.

When bees begin to fly in the spring they gather large quantities of pollen for the purpose of broodrearing, the pollen being mainly obtained from the willow. Activity in this direction is an excellent sign, and if the colonies are stimulated by a little sugar syrup, they will be encouraged to devote their energies to brood rearing. For stimulative feeding, the syrup is made up of equal parts of granulated sugar and water. The mixture should be boiled gently and stirred until all the sugar is dissolved. Great care must be taken to avoid burning, as the slightest burning will prove injurious to the The bees should be fed at night, as day feeding may induce robbing at this time of the year when food is scarce.

When the old queen is not replaced at the end of the season, the colony may become queenless during the winter, and in the spring. This state is indicated by the restlessness and buzzing of the bees, and the absence of brood. If the colony is weak it should be united with a strong colony; if it is fairly strong it may be given one or two frames containing brood from the strong colony. From this brood the queenless bees are able to raise a queen, but as there may not be any drones hatching at this time there is a possibility of the queen never becoming mated, and therefore laying infertile eggs.

These points should be carefully looked after. When the bees are ac-

tively flying, an examination of the colony may be made with a view to finding out the state of the colony as regards brood rearing; if it is found that the brood is scattered over several frames, they should be moved to the centre of the hive. As soon as

the weather becomes warm enough any unclipped queens should be clipped. At this time also a close examination for the appearance of disease is advisable, the strength of the colony and its requirements in regard to room being noted.

# Summer Flowers for the Farm Garden from Seed

By Wm. Hunt



A Plot of Petunias.

NE great objection to raising plants from seed sown in the open borders is that they come into flower so late in the season. Very few of them will give flowering results until well on in July if sown in the open border, while many are still later than that in producing flowers. This means that the flower beds or borders look comparatively bare and unattractive during the early summer months. To obviate and remedy this late flowering characteristic of seed-

ling plants, the seed can be sown early in the season indoors and placed in the window or in a hot bed or even in a cold frame so as to secure earlier flowering results than when the seed is sown outside in the border where the plants are to flower.

#### Time to Sow Seed.

By sowing the seed indoors as mentioned about the second week in March, nice plants can be raised by the time the weather is suitable for fo

them to be put out of doors. Seed sown indoors even as late as the first or second week in April will flower very much in advance of those sown out of doors.

#### How to Sow Seed.

Use shallow, well drained boxes (flats) about 21/2 or 3 inches in depth. Deep boxes are not necessary or advisable. See that some half-inch holes about six inches apart are bored through the bottom of the boxes for drainage. Empty haddie boxes from the grocers are very suitable for sowing seeds in, or for transplanting seedlings into later on, or flower pots may be used. The lower portion of the soil in the boxes to within about an inch of the top can be of rather coarse texture and fairly rich in fertilizers. The surface soil nearly an inch in depth should be sifted fine and have about one-fifth part of fine sand mixed with it. The soil should be fairly dry and pressed firm, the surface quite level and about a quarter of an inch below the top of the box when made ready to sow the seed.

#### Drill or Broadcast Sowing.

The seed can be sown in drills or be sown broadcast, the last named method being best for very fine seeds. If the seed is sown early in March it can be sown rather thickly and the seedlings transplanted as soon as the plants are large enough. If sown in drills, the bottom of the drill can be nearly covered with seed. For broadcast sowing about one-third or onefourth part of the surface may be covered with seed. The depth the seed should be covered varies according to the size of the seed. About three times the diameter or thickness of the seed is a good general depth.

Very fine seed such as petunia should be covered with barely one-eighth of an inch of soil, just so that the seed is covered. Seeds such as Balsam, Ten-Week Stock, Zinnia and similar seeds can be covered with nearly half an inch of fine soil. When the seed is sown it should be covered carefully with fine soil, and the surface of soil pressed down slightly to prevent it from rinsing or washing easily.

#### Watering the Seed.

A very good way to water boxes of fine seed is to get a piece of rather coarse burlap (sacking) the size of the top of box. Soak it well in water first. Wring most of the water out, and lay the burlap over the box close on to the surface of the soil. Water can then be poured from a pitcher or jug on the burlap without fear of washing out the seed. The water must be allowed to drain into the soil before the burlap is taken off. Unless the water is put on very hastily and carelessly, the wet burlap will prevent rinsing altogether. A fine sprinkling watering can may also be used. One of the best appliances for watering fine seeds is the "Scollays Rubber Sprinkler," with angle nozzle. last named can be secured at seed stores for \$1.20, and is very useful for spraying plants with water or insecticides. The soil that seeds are sown in must be kept moist and shaded from hot sun until the plants are well up and growing. A temperature of about 65 degrees Fahr. will suit most seeds. As much air as possible must be given the seedlings when started to prevent "damping off." This "damping off" is often caused by too close, humid atmosphere, careless watering, and imperfect drainage. To prevent this, give more ventilation and a cooler

temperature. The plants die down completely when attacked. The remedy is to remove the diseased plants and dust the remainder with dry, finely-powdered flour of sulphur, and move the box into a cooler place, and give them more air and less water.

#### Transplanting.

When four or five leaves have de-

plants from indoor to outdoor conditions is a very important one; much of the success attained depends on this operation. It is not well to expose any plants—much less young seedlings—suddenly from indoor conditions to the variable weather conditions existing out of doors in spring time. The boxes the seedlings are in may usually be set out of doors about the second week



A Vase of Peutstemon Grandiflore

veloped, the seedlings should be transplanted about 1½ inches apart into fairly rich soil, in flat, shallow boxes, about 3 inches deep. The plants can be kept indoors or in the hot beds, as the case may be until about the middle of May.

#### Hardening Off.

The process of hardening off

in May in a position where they can be shaded from hot sun and be protected during cold, chilly nights. They will thus become gradually hardened to outdoor conditions before being planted out in the borders. so th Co mi

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#### Planting Out.

As a rule, the hardiest plants, such as Asters, etc., can be set out

in the border the last week in May or the first week in June. A few of the more tender kinds, such as Ricinus (Castor Oil Plant), Balsams, and the tropical climber Cobea Scandens and similar very tender plants are best not planted out until about the first or second week in June, or until the ground has got well warmed up. The seeds of this very pretty and fast-growing climber, Cobea Scandens, must be started indoors to secure good results. The seed is best set on its edge when sowing, and the seeds covered with about one-quarter of an inch of fine soil. If grown properly and planted out in good, rich soil, one or two plants will cover twenty square feet of trellis or more in a season. It is best to sow the seed of other climbers outside where they are to grow, as most climbing plants do not transplant readily. Tenweek Stock and Nasturtiums also do not transplant well. The tall growing plants should be set about 2 to 3 feet apart, the medium height plants about 10 inches apart and the dwarf growing about about 6 to 8 inches apart. Plant out in dull. showery weather if possible.

The following is a list of climbing plants, all of which had best be sown out in the open ground about the second week in May, except the Cobea Scandens. This last named must be sown early indoors, as before mentioned. The Sweet Peas must be sown as early as possible out of doors in spring. (See notes on Sweet Peas.)

#### Climbers.

Cobea Scandens, Sweet Peas (see Hints on Sweet Pea Culture), nasturtiums (tall), Convolvulus (Morning Glory), Humulus Japonica (Japanese Hop), Echinocystis Lobata (Wild Cucumber).

#### Tall Plants, 3 to 6 Feet.

Racinus (Castor Oil Bean), Cosmos, Sunflowers. The Ricinus and Cosmos must be sown early indoors to secure the best results.

#### Medium Height Plants, 1 to 3 Feet.

Petunia, Verbena, Antirrhinum (Snapdragon), Pentstemon, Salvia. These also must be sown early indoors to secure early flowers.

Other medium height plants are: Astors (Comet and Late Branching), Ten-Week Stocks, Phlox Drummondii, Balsom, Coreopsis, Celosia Plumosus (Ostrich Feather), Zinnia, Marigold (African and French), Scabiosa, Salpiglossis, Schizanthus (Butterfly Flowers), and other kinds of annuals if required. All of these named can be started indoors, as stated, to secure early flowers.

#### Dwarf Edging Plants, 6 to 10 Inches.

Ageratum, Lobelia, Sweet Alyssum, Candytuft, Mignonette, Virginian Stock and Portulacco.

The two first-named must be sown early indoors to get good results, the others may be sown out of doors to advantage. The Portulacca is especially useful for sowing out of doors in a small flower bed by itself or as an edging plant. It delights in rather light soil and a hot, sunny place, and will grow splendidly in a hot, sunny spot where few other plants will grow. The seed is best sown broadcast on fine soil and raked in very lightly, so as to barely cover About the second week in May is early enough to sow Portulacca seed. The plants should be thinned to from four to six inches apart when large enough.

#### Sowing Outdoors.

All of the plants named, except those specially noted, may be sown out of doors about the first or second week in May for later flowering. They like a fairly rich soil and an open, sunny position. Very few of the plants named will succeed in shady positions. In sowing out of doors, they may be sown in rows or in plots—four or five rows for each plot—or may be sown in single rows or in clumps or groups dotted here and there. The plants should be

very well. Close up to a building or near to a close board fence facing the south is not a good place for them. An east or west exposure, close to a fence, is not so objectional, except, perhaps, a direct northern exposure. Close to an open wire or trellis fence is not objectionable.

2. Soil.—A deep, fairly rich loamy soil is best. If the ground is gravelly or heavy clay, dig a trench the length required 12 to 15 inches deep and about 10 inches wide. Place about 2 inches in depth of well-



A Bed of Verbenas From Seed.

thinned to about the same distance apart as when planted out.

#### Sweet Peas.

No flower garden should be without a row of Sweet Peas. They are so useful for cut-flower purposes as well as for garden decoration. The following short hints on their culture may be useful.

#### Hints on Growing Sweets Peas.

1. Location. — An open, sunny position in the garden suits them

rotted barnyard manure or cow manure in the bottom of the trench, then fill the trench up with well enriched loamy soil. Deep digging is necessary for Sweet Peas, even in good soil. Never sow Sweet Peas twice in succession in the same soil; a part of the soil at least should be renewed every year. cu

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3. When to Sow.—Sow as early in the spring as the ground can be worked. The seed may be soaked in lukewarm water before sowing for

three or four hours, but it is not really necessary to do this.

- 4. How to Sow.—Make a drill about two inches in depth. Sow the seed about two inches apart. Cover with two inches of fine soil. (The Spencer type is the best kind to sow.
- 5. Thinning. Thin the plants when about six inches in height to three to four inches apart.
- 6. Support.—Wide meshed chicken wire five feet high; brushwood or coarse twine may be used for support. The wire support should be placed in position in the fall before or when the seed is sown.
- 7. Watering. Water thoroughly in very dry weather. Draw a drill a few inches deep and about four inches from the row on each side. Pour water into these until the ground is thoroughly soaked. Water-

ing in this way once every two weeks is far more beneficial than frequent surface watering. Sprinkle the foliage with water under pressure from a fine sprinkler every day in hot, dry weather, to keep down insects, Green Aphis and Red Spider. Sprinkle the under side of foliage especially. Tobacco and soap solutions are also good remedies to keep down these insects.

Picking Bloom.—Keep all the sprays of bloom picked off every second day to prevent seed from forming. If seed is allowed to form, the bloom will soon become inferior and the flowering season of short duration.

Fertilizers.—A watering once or twice with a liquid manure solution toward the end of August will help to keep the plants vigorous and productive late in the season.

# The Canadian Produce Association

By J. P. Hales, '15.

The Canadian Produce Association" was held in the new poultry building of the Ontario Agricultural College on January 11th and 12th. This organization is composed chiefly of produce and commission men from the larger cities and towns.

The main object of the association is the improvement of the system governing the distribution of produce to the consumers of Canada. The members realize that quality and appearance are important factors governing the sale of an article to a consumer. This was particularly noticeable from the phase of the subject touched upon by the various speakers.

The dealers realize as no one else how perishable a product an egg is, and their convention of necessity brings up for discussion such questions as: "Loss Off Buying," "Rapid Transportation," "Good and Clean Cases," and "Quick Collections."

Payment for eggs and poultry on a quality basis was also fully dealt with. The system of buying eggs on a "loss off" basis, or paying only for eggs fit for food, has been in use for two seasons. At the present time, practically all dealers are buying by this system.

The adoption of a simple standard as to grades of eggs must of necessity precede the buying of eggs according to quality. The standard grades of fresh-gathered agreed upon and adopted were:

Specials—New-laids, weighing over 45 pounds net to the case.

Extras—New-Laids, weighing 45 pounds net to the case.

Firsts—New-Laids, weighing 43 pounds net to the case, and other eggs of good quality, but slightly sunken air cells.

Seconds-All other eggs fit for food.

The present method of transporting eggs is a serious problem. No special attention is given to careful handling. They are loaded in dusty cars with heavier freight, left standing at junction points, and by the time they reach their destination are at least a week old. This method of treatment in the summer months is a serious drawback to the securing of a first-quality article.

Mary Pennington, of the Dr. United States Department of Agriculture, gave a very interesting illustrated address on, "The Packing and Shipping of a Carload of Eggs." Dr. Pennington dealt thoroughly with various phases of the question. The need for more careful packing in the cases, the improper methods of storing the cases in the car and the poor refrigeration were cited as the reasons why so many accidents happened to eggs in transit. H. A. Mc-Aleer, B. S. A., also of the United States Department of Agriculture. gave a demonstration of the correct methods of packing eggs in cases andd storing them in the cars.

The Dominion Government's exhibit illustrated the best methods of handling and collecting eggs in the rural districts.

# A Glimpse of Our New Rural School

By J. C. Fuller, '17.

TOR many of us it is a long time to look back to our school days. Some one has said "the happiest days" of our lives. Well can we remember the pleasant days spent in the pretty, new, white brick building, set well back in the neat, shady school yard.

It was behind the desk instead of in front of it in one of these schools that I found myself one September morning, fresh from the Normal School, and with one desire above all others—to teach agriculture.

Teaching agriculture at that time was thought by many to consist of having a school garden, keeping it free from weeds, and making a fine showing of flowers, vegetables and grain grown by the pupils. It was September, as I have said. We could do no gardening, and well for us, for it was here we started in the right way planning what we were going to do the following spring.

But, before going any farther, let me tell you about the boys and girls of that school. You know what you hear about children or people after you have been engaged to go and work with them? These children were all that and more. They were vicious and had even stoned people passing by, so the story ran.

But to come back to school; the preceding spring a garden had been plowed, several native trees planted, and it appeared in the fall an ideal place for a second-year student to secure a weed seed and a weed collection. Then one day a kind neighbor brought his scuffler and cleared away the wilderness. Later in the fall the garden was well manured and plowed.

One of the first formal lessons was in Entomology, but, of course, at that time we hadn't heard of that unpronounceable study. However, two caterpillars were found; one on the milkweed and the other on the carrot, and both were confined in a small chalk box by putting a pane or glass across the opening. When these caterpillars changed chrysalis form, and thence into butterflies, under the eyes of the pupils, everyone was delighted, and from that time interest in agriculture was secured, for other wonderful things might be going on which they might miss.

With the winter months came the study of farm animals, care of implements and preparation for spring work on the home farm. As time passed, a broader outlook was taken of the subject, and we found that what we needed was some training

to develop the citizen. Debates were held on Friday afternoons, presided over by a boy chairman. Music and singing formed part of the programme, for we enjoyed the rare treat of having a fine new piano in the school.

One Friday afternoon we gathered our band together and were taken in a big farm sleigh to the neighboring school, two miles away. There we were entertained by the scholars of that school. You will say, all this is unusual, but consider what it meant to the boys and girls; it will remain a bright event for them to look back upon, and be of more value to them than probably a whole week's plugging for examinations.

This is just a short account of the teaching of agriculture in its broadest sense. True, it is not following the course of study, to the letter; but the outline of the Department of Education when not understood has proven a stumbling block to many teachers.

To a teacher who knows and appreciates the country, let me recommend agriculture as a subject to win the boys and girls and give them a desire for better things in country life.

# The Potato Industry in Ontario

By Howard Curran, '16.

NTARIO'S potato crop is increasing yearly, and during the past five years has increased by over one-half. This should prove welcome news to the advocates of more and better potato production in On-Compared with the other provinces. Ontario produces over twenty-two and a half million bushels, Quebec three-quarters as many, the three Maritime Provinces together produce only slightly more than Ontario, and the three western provinces about the same amount. Thus we see that Ontario produces about one-fourth of the total potato crop of Canada.

All this is very well, and no doubt the average farmer of this Province would be convinced from these figures that we are doing well. The fly in the ointment is, however, that potatoes yield only 143 bushels per acre in Ontario as compared with an average yield of 298 bushels per acre in Nova Scotia, according to the latest figures obtainable, viz., 1912. British Columbia, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan show the highest average yield per acre next to Nova Scotia; Ontario comes next, with Quebec last. Thus we see that we can make improvements in our potato crop in this way. This comparison of yields of the different Provinces along with the following facts, should give Ontario producers some basis upon which to better their returns from the production of potatoes.

While this Province produces more than one-quarter of the Dominion's tuber crop, we find that potatoes from the Maritime Provinces are shipped

into Ontario and sold on Ontario markets at a higher price than can be obtained for potatoes grown in our own Province. It seems a strange thing that potatoes can be grown in such a distant Province and shipped to us by rail, and still obtain for the producer a handsome profit, and what is more, outsell the potatoes grown The secret of this is due to two factors. One is that the product shipped is far more uniform in size. and therefore better appearing than our own, and the other is that the producers in those Provinces have taken pains to discover what kind of potatoes are most in demand here and have taken means to supply that demand. In other words, they have studied our market, and know more about market conditions in Ontario than the average Ontario farmer does.

To obtain uniformity and thus increase the value of their crop the producers in the Maritime Provinces grow a large amount of one kind of potatoes in a section, and a carload of potatoes of any one variety can be quite easily obtained from a small section, and thus shipping is facilitated. When placed on the market the potatoes are uniform in appearance and attract the buyer much more strongly than a carload containing a great many varieties, and of varying sizes. On the other hand, there are very few sections in Ontario where a carload of potatoes of any single variety could be obtained. The result is that large buyers go elsewhere and get their supply. As an aid in obtaining an uniform product, the potatoes are sorted according to size, in the Maritime Provinces. This is done largely by machinery and is a very simple process.

The reason it is difficult to obtain a carload of one variety in sections of Ontario is largely due to the great variety of potatoes produced. There seemed to be a tendency until recently for every farmer to have a different variety from his neighbor, and the result was a mixed lot of potatoes. The results obtained were also usually very poor as a very large number of varieties of an inferior nature were grown, but these are steadily being weeded out at the present time. It would appear that the increase in production in Ontario in 1912 over the previous year, of six and one half million bushels, on practically the same acreage was due largely to the growing of better varieties, along with better tillage.

The type of potato demanded by the Ontario market is a large sized, white potato, free from rot or scab, clean in appearance, shallow eyed and dry.

In order to make a success of potate growing the Ontario farmer must study the conditions of the market, and practice the best methods of tillage and selection of varieties, and study the market. He must realize the obstacles which confront him, and combat them. He must grow the

variety best suited to his district. conforming as closely as possible to the market demand. A large yield is necessary for best results, and this is obtained by good cultivation, spraying, and the growing of varieties which have been tested and are known to be good yielders, and resistant to diseases, as scab and rot. In the control of scab the formalin treatment is satisfactory, and spraying with bordeaux at the proper time controls rot and blights. Commercial fertilizers are used to advantage, and ir properly applied, give excellent returns.

In summing up the farmer has the following points especially to keep in mind: A large yielding variety, conforming to market requirements should be grown. All the tillage possible should be given the crop as the yield is proportional to the work expended on it. The market should be studied, and the potatoes sold at the best time and a uniform article should be produced. To attain this it is best to grow a variety which has given satisfaction to, and is grown by the farmers in the district. The varieties which gave the best results at the Ontario Agricultural College, in the year 1913, were the following: Early Eureka, Early Fortune, Irish Cups, Roger's Rose and American Wonder, Davies' Warrior, Empire State, and Rural New Yorker No. 2.

### The Tracks in the Snow

TO the uninitiated all tracks in the wood look alike. They are simply so many marks in the snow. Was it a fox? Was it a rabbit? Was it a squirrel? They see no way of answering the question. And yet the distinctions are easy. Foxes are not plentiful, and it takes a fine eve to distinguish their footprints from those of a dog; but as for the rest, there can be no doubt. The marks of the skunk, leading from the burrow under the stump, are diagonally placed, and so the simple arrangement of the footprints in itself decides the question. The footprints of the mink, leading along the edge of the stream or pond, are clean-cut and straight.

Those of the rabbit, passing from brush-heap to brush-heap, cannot be mistaken for any others. The two small marks made by the front feet lie close together, and directly in front of them, and some inches apart are the large, rough indentations of the heavy hind feet. The position of these marks tells the story of the way the rabbit runs. The tracks of the squirrels resemble those of kittens, and those of the deer mice on the surface of the snow are more like the delicate marks of the foot of a bird. The light fairy pencillings, often deepening into a faint track from stump to stump, are the tracks of the little shrews, the diminutive insect-eating mice of the woods.

Most of the smaller species of wild animals found in the region of the Great Lakes are active throughout the winter. Our two common kinds of field mice, the deer mouse, which lives principally in the woods, and the meadow mouse, which lives in the fields, both lay in winter supplies of grain, beech nuts, etc., and are comfortably provided for. The meadow mouse buries his supply in a hole in the ground, but the deer mouse is a great climber and often makes use of holes in trees, cavities in stumps, etc., for his storehouses.

I remember once pulling a rotten stump to pieces in midwinter and finding a little wood-mouse in the middle of it, with its nest of leaves and grass and small store of cleanly-shelled beech nuts for winter provision, and a friend of mine once came across a bird's nest in a small sapling, a chipping sparrow's I think, neatly roofed over and having for its winter tenant a little deer mouse, who had made himself snug and warm in these borrowed winter quarters.

After the snow has fallen, it is seldom that the meadow-mice are They find the deep snow a great protection from their enemies. the owls, and they are able to move about freely through the grass beneath it without fear of detection. When the snow is beginning to disappear in March or April, you cannot fail to observe their network of runways in the long grass of the edge of the field. Many of the pathways seem to be grand highways used by the whole community, while others are faintly-shaded tracks that appear to be seldom used. Here is a well-worn path that leads to the store-house under the ground, and this grand avenue with its score of side tracks and branches runs down to the bank of the little rivulet where for a few feet there is a well-beaten

though dangerous path in the open to the edge of the stream.

Of the squirrels the chipmunk is the most provident. His storehouse is deep underground, and all autumn long he is busy carrying down supplies for the winter. Early in November he retires to his wellstocked nest, and lives throughout the long winter on the fruit of his labors not reappearing again above ground until the following spring. Strangely enough, however, only one chipmunk occupies each burrow, and the winter is passed in unbroken solitude. The red squirrel is also very active in the fall, and lays by a good supply of nuts in various hiding-places, chiefly in hollow trees. He is hardy, however, and in spite of his provident habits is out in all sorts of winter air.

Most of the squirrel tracks that are seen on the snow are made by the red squirrel. He does not confine himself to one tree, but on a bright winter morning you may find him, with his usual pertness and inquisitiveness, making the round of the woods from branch to branch, or across the open from trunk to trunk. Around the foot of his home tree, you may sometimes find evidences of a winter feast in the form of walnut or butternut shells, the sides of which have been painfully chiselled out in order to extract the kernel. How much more fortunate is the black squirrel. to whom a walnut feast means only the chiselling of a small hole and the breaking of the shell in pieces with his teeth. The black (or gray) squirrel lays by no regular supply for the winter. He buries a few nuts separately in the ground, but as this is all the provision that he makes, he sometimes fares badly when the cold weather comes.

The raccoon, the skunk, the woodchuck, the flying squirrel and the bat all go into hibernation with the approach of winter. The bat hangs himself up on a single claw, head downwards in some hollow tree, or tower: the flying squirrel is gregarious, as is also the bat, and a whole company occupies the same dwelling; the woodchuck governs his winter sleep by the equinoxes; while the skunk, on the other hand, is late in retiring to his winter quarters, and re-appears again in February. The raccoon is an uneasy sleeper, and on a mild winter day he sometimes breaks all the known rules of hibernation by getting up from his sleep, and going abroad for a fresh supply of food and a breath of fresh winter air.

The cottontail rabbit is active throughout the winter, and lives for the most part on young shoots and twigs, or on withered grass leaves. The cottontail, it should be noted, does not change color, as he is sometimes supposed to do, but his next of kin, the northern hare, changes his brown coat for a white fur covering, with the coming of the first winter snow. The cottontail is comparatively safe in the summer, but in winter comes his season of hardship and anxiety. The undergrowth and shrubbery no longer afford him shelter. and he is forced to take refuge in brush piles or in the deserted ground holes and burrows of other animals, whither he can be readily tracked by his foot-prints in the snow.

One of the common winter pasttimes of the country or village boy is a rabbit hunt, and on the right kind of a winter afternoon for tracking rabbits you are almost certain somewhere in your walk to meet one of these hunting parties with dog, gun and ferret in search of their luckless game. In the open woods and coppices where underbrush is plentiful, rabbit tracks are not hard to find. When a track is discovered, it is examined to see if it is fresh, and to see in what direction it is leading. When it is followed up, it leads to a stump, a hollow tree, a log, and finally to one of the numerous brush piles.

But it emerges again on the other side, to be followed up once more until a second and larger brush pile is finally reached. Here there is no outgoing track and one of the small boys is set to work to tramp and shake the brush pile vigorously from end to end, while the others, gun in hand, stand ready for the rush of the rabbit across the open for safety.

"There he goes! There he goes!" the shout goes up from all sides as the streak of brown and white shoots from under the middle of the pile and plunges into the coppice, followed by the dog and the small boy, who in the excitement of the moment has forgotten himself so far as to join in the chase. But the gunner is skilled and a well-directed shot brings down the cotton-tail in mid flight before the friendly shelter is reached—and the dog and small boy, as if by a miracle, escape unharmed.

When rabbit number one is secured the party move on, and a fresh track is before long discovered. After many tortuous windings and doublings it leads them finally across the clearing to a deserted woodchuck burrow in which the rabbit is no doubt in hiding. The ferret—a species of weasel used for hunting purposes—is now produced from the bag and sent down into the ground hole, out of which he soon succeeds in routing the

rabbit. This time one of the members of the party who wishes to secure a cotton tail alive, places his hands in front of the hole and seizes him as he emerges from the burrow. His mournful screeching cry is soon silenced, and he is seized firmly by the hind legs and transferred without delay to the bag containing the game.

And so the afternoon wears on in the passage from wood to wood and burrow to burrow. Sometimes the dog is allowed to give chase, but it is generally of more service in tracking the rabbit up to its hiding place and in proving whether the hunters are on a true or a false trail-for the latter sometimes happens. I remember one occasion in particular when one of the boys discovered fresh tracks near a brush pile at the edge of a thick wood. The pile was tramped and shaken in vain. Finally the ferret was put in, but to their dismay it failed to reappear. The brush pile was at last torn to pieces and it was discovered that it covered a stump under which there was a deep burrow. In this burrow the ferret was evidently working, and from the series of subterranean growls which came up from the burrow from time to time they knew that the occupant of the hole was not a rabbit. What could it be? One of the boys put his head down to the hole, but drew hastily. "Whew! a skunk!" replied one of the older boys, "it aint no skunk. It's the ferret. He acts like that when he gets mad." And then I remembered that all the weasel family carry scent bags like the skunk, though they do not generally make themselves so obnoxious. What could it be? It could not be a wood-

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chuck, for they sleep the long winter through; and a raccoon would never be guilty of being found in such a hole. But just then the growling and rumbling became perceptibly louder, and a moment later out shot a

starved, skinny black cat, while the boys around the hole stood back in open-mouthed astonishment and did not so much as even chance a shot at the retreating intruder.

# The Norfolk County Short Course

By J. L. Foot.

THE Six Weeks Course in Agriculture at Port Rowan commenced on Monday, January 11th, with 10 bright students enrolled; these attended regularly throughout the course. Most of the students drove in each morning, and returned home in time for the chores in the evening. The course, therefore, suited the convenience of the young men in this section which had heretofore not been given much attention. The attendance was not as large as we had hoped, but was fairly good when it is considered how comparatively few young men there are on the farms in this district, and also that Port Rowan being situated on Lake Erie is, as it were, one-sided. The Representative and I prepared a time table, dividing the work so that each treated the subjects with which he was most conversant. We arranged to have lectures in the morning and practical work in the afternoon. Lantern slides helped to illustrate some of the lecture work. The practical work included milk testing, weed and weed seed identification, seed judging and stock judging. We visited a number of farms in the district to get the best material possible for judging horses, cattle, sheep and swine. A schedule of outside speakers was provided by the Department at Toronto and proved a very desirable feature of the course. The schedule included

as speakers, well known experts on seed selection, fruit growing, apple packing, vegetable growing, plant diseases, beef and dairy cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, bees, horse judging and veterinary science. Another feature of the course was to give the boys practice in platform work, speeches, readings and debates. It was difficult to get some of them on the platform at first, but by the end of the course they had lost most of this nervousness. To foster the interest awakened at the course we organized a Junior Farmers' Improvement Association. The boys took hold of the idea with enthusiasm and although the number is small we believe it will be a live association.

On Friday, Feb. 19th, we brought the course to a fitting conclusion, with a banquet, which was a success in every way. The guests were mostly farmers who had supplied stock for judging purposes. The speeches from the boys were most gratifying and showed that they had certainly attended the course purpose. We feel that we have at least awakened in them an inquiring spirit which will lead them to find out the best varieties to grow and adopt the best means of growing these varieties. In addition to this we have made a personal friend of each and every member of the class.

# A Summary of the White Paper of England

By Mrs. Geo. Smith.

HE White Paper of England" is the name given to the pamphlet issued by the British Foreign Office on August 3rd, 1914, in which is made public without comment the full official content of all 159 documents and dispatches, exchanged between Edward Grey and the British Ambassadors on the Continent, within the fortnight. immediately preceding England's declaration of war against Germany. Within the same cover, the New York Times publishes a copy of the "White Paper of Germany." It is interesting to note that in the 37 closely printed pages of the latter document, events are included only up to August 1st and no mention is made of Belgium or negotations with the Government of Great Britain after that date. It gives only a portion of the correspondence emanating from the German Government, and the text of the telegrams, which passed between the Kaiser and the Czar. Unlike the British "White Paper." the German document purports to be a reasoned historical memorial of the causes of the war, dealing especially with the relations between Servia and Austria prior to and after the assassination of the Archduke Frantz Ferdinand and his wife, the Duchess of Hohenberg and an analysis of that portion of the correspondence, the text of which is not printed in full.

"The White Paper of England" might be divided into five sections, viz.:

1—Efforts made by Sir Edward Grey to extend the time limit (48 hours) set by Austria for Servia's reply to her demands.

2—Efforts made by Sir Edward Grey to secure a conference of representatives of Germany, Italy, France and England in order to mediate between Austria-Hungary and Servia and to secure a moderation of the demands made upon Servia by the dual Monarchy.

3—Efforts to bring Russia and Vienna together in a friendly discussion of the Balkan situation in order to avert a general European outbreak. At the same time conversations with Germany, France and Russia were carried on relative to England's stand, should these countries become involved.

4—Correspondence regarding Germany's demand upon Russia for demobilization and England's attitude in case France became involved.

5—Correspondence relative to the neutrality of Belguim and the detention of British shipping in German ports.

With regard to Servia, in the first section of the correspondence, Sir Edward Grey makes it quite clear that while he considered the placing of so short a time limit for the Servian reply a matter to be deeply regretted, while he had never before seen any one state address an independent state in terms so peremptory and unusual, so much so, that they were impossible of acceptance by any independent state, and while he thought Austria ought not to have dictated the terms of Servia's reply, yet for no reason whatever

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would the British Government concern itself with the merits of the dispute between these two countries or with any of the consequences that might arise from such a dispute unless the peace of Europe was threatened. To him the thought that any of the great powers might be drawn into a war by Servia was detestable. One of the most remarkable admissions made by the German Government in its "White Paper" relative to this stage of the proceedings follows a direct charge made against Russia for intermeddling in Balkan politics and of organizing a new Balkan League whose sole aim was the subversion of the "Austro-Hungarian dynasty." In view of these circumstances Austria HAD TO ADMIT that it would not be consistent, either with the dignity of self-preservation of the monarchy, to look on longer at the operations on the other side of the border without taking action. The Austro-Hungarian Government advised us of this view and asked our opinion in the matter. We were able to assure our ally, most heartily, of our agreement with her view of the situation and to assure her that any action that she might consider necessary to take in order to put an end to the movement in Servia directed against the existence of Austria-Hungary against Servia would bring Russia into the question and might draw us into a war in accordance with our duties as an ally."

At the request of the Servian Prime Minister, Sir Edward Grey began the second section of the correspondence to secure a conference of the four Great Powers not immediately concerned in the issue and if possible a moderation in Austria's demands. France, Italy and England agreed to send representatives to such a con-

ference. Germany's comment upon this effort is illuminating. "On the 26th of July Sir Edward Grey had suggested that the differences between Austria-Hungary and Servia be laid before a conference of Ambasssadors of Germany, France and Italy, with himself presiding over the sessions. To this suggestion, we replied that while we approved his tender we could not take part in such a conference because we could not call upon Austria to appear before a European court in her controversy with Servia. France agreed to Sir Edward's proposal, but Austria, as was to be expected, held herself aloof."

Efforts were now directed to bring Russia and Austria together in a friendly discussion of the situation in order to avert a general European war. On July 24th Great Britain was informed that any recourse to force on the part of Austria towards Servia, would bring Russia to Servia's assistance. On the same day Russia was told that Great Britain did not consider itself under any obligation to proclaim its solidarity with Russia and France in event of these two powers being drawn into the struggle. All representations made by France and Russia to have Great Britain join them failed. The British Ambassador was instructed to inform the German Government that if it would undertake to make proposals for an adjustment of the difficulty between Russia and Austria-Hungary, and that if the Russian Government unreasonably rejected such proposals "His Majesty's Government will have nothing more to do with the consequences." At the same time Germany was informed that an invasion of France would involve Great Britain.

The outstanding feature of the

third section of the correspondence is the German assurance that there was no intention on the part of St. Petersburg to exchange views with Vienna and until such did take place the outside Powers should do nothing. On the same day M. Saznof in a letter to the Russian Ambassador London stated that conversations with the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador had begun which he hoped would prove favorable, although he had received no reply to his proposal to revise the note between the Austrian and Servian Cabinets. "If," he says, "the direct explanations of the Vienna Cabinet were to prove impossible, I am ready to accept the British proposals of a kind that would bring about a favorable solution of the conflict." On the following day he writes to the same Ambassador: "My interview with the German Ambassador confirms my impressions that Germany is, if anything, in favor of the uncompromising attitude adopted by Austria. The Berlin Cabinet who could have prevented the whole of the crisis developing pears to be effecting no influence whatever. This attitude of the German Government is most alarming." On the same day the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Austria when urged in the "most friendly" manner by the Russian Ambassador to find some solution of the situation that would consolidate the good relations between Austro-Hungary and Russia and at the same time give to the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy genuine guarantees for its future relations with Servia, replied that he was well aware of the gravity of the situation and of the advantage of a frank explanation with the St. Petersburg Cabinet, but his Government could no longer recede or enter into any discussion about the terms of the Austrian-Hungarian notes.

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There was every indication from the strong position taken by Sir Ed. ward Grey that Austria and Germany counted on the neutrality of Great Britain. A bid for that neutrality was made. The German Chancellor went so far as to suggest that if Germany undertook not to occupy French territory after a successful war, Great Britain should not come to France's assistance, even though Germany gave no promise as to French colonies. This elicited from Sir Edward Grey the reply that it would be a disgrace for us to make this bargain with Germany at the expense of France-a disgrace from which the good name of this country would never recover.

In the fourth division of the correspondence, Sir Edward Grey outlined to France the position of England should France be drawn into a war with Germany. In the question of Morocco a few years ago, when Germany, in an attempt to crush France, tried to fasten a quarrel on France, on a question that was the subject of a special agreement between England and France, English public opinion at once rallied to the side of France. In the present case the question of supremacy in the Balkans was of no concern to England. Should France become involved, the case would have to be carefully considered. France would then be drawn into a quarrel which was not hers. but in which, owing to her alliance, her honor and interest obliged her to engage. Should the question become one of the hegemony of Europe, England would then decide what was necessary for her to do.

The last part of the "White Paper" deals with the position of Belgium

in the event of war between Germany and France. Both the Government of Germany and France were asked by Great Britain not to violate the neutrality of Belgium so long as no other power violated it. England was informed that the German Emperor and Chancellor must be consulted before any reply to the question of Belgium's neutrality could be given, that any reply that might be made could not but disclose a certain amount of Germany's plan of campaign, and it is doubtful if they would return any answer at all. The French overnment, on the contrary, sent the following telegram. French Government are resolved to respect the neutrality of Belgium, and it would only be in the event of some other power violating that neutrality that France might find herself under the necessity, in order to assure defence of her own security, to act otherwise. This assurance was also given to the King of Belgium and the Belgian ministry of foreign affairs.

On August 1st, England was informed that British merchant shipping was forcibly detained at Hamburg; the next day that 100 tons of sugar was compulsorily unloaded from the British steamer Sapplia, and on the following day that other British merchantmen were not allowed to leave Hamburg. On August 4th, the British ambassador from Berlin was instructed to demand of the German Government: (1) that British shipping be immediately released; (2) that a satisfactory engagement regarding the maintenance the neutrality of Belgium be forthcoming before nine o'clock that night. If such was not forthcoming, the British ambassador was to ask for his passports, and was to inform the German Government that England would take steps in her power to uphold the neutrality of Belgium and the observance of a treaty to which Germany was as much a party as herself.

> Mrs. G. H. Smith, Patriotic Journal.

# Reminiscences of Memorable Excursions from the Edinburgh Agricultural College

By Norman D. Dow, '16.

CANADA—the very word suggests broad acres, but even in old Scotland there are farms of no mean extent. Near the most easterly part of Scotland, near the County of East Lothian, are the farms of East Barns and Barneyhill. They cover an area of nearly 2,500 acres, and their tenant is that staunch champion of the interests of the Scottish farmer, Harry Hope, M. P. Land must produce three rents

in Scotland; one for the landlord, one for the labor and one for the farmer himself. On this stretch of land the landlord's rent is \$25.00 per acre per annum, and it is not difficult to see why every part of land must be cultivated to the fullest extent. It is well worth a long journey to see these farms, their well-kept barns and trim cottages, the great herd of fattening steers changing feeding stuffs into beef and into fertilizer to

grow potatoes. Wheat, oats, barley and hay are grown in rotation, but the potato is the staple crop. Such is the reputation of East Lothian red soil potatoes that they will bring \$10 to \$15 per ton on the London market over the price paid for other kinds. But the most memorable features of the farm are in the fields. Bordered by straight, stone walls, they appear clean and neat; not a weed is visible, and the land is cultivated to within six inches of the walls. The redbrown soil, edged with narrow strips of green, the March sunshine on the waves to the eastward and the smell of the salt sea air combine to make a picture that is altogether ineffacable.

Seventy-five men, dressed to face the weather, climb a steep hillside in the face of a storm of snow and sleet. At the head of the party is that sturdy Berwickshire farmer and experimenter, Dr. R. Shirra Gibb. They all come to see how poor upland pasture can be made to produce choice mutton in increased quantities. They see the thirty-yearold agrostis sod brought under the plough. They note with interest an American implement as a disc harrow, which cuts up the tough sod and prepares it for a crop of turnips-food for the sheep in winter. They see how this crop is succeeded by another crop of turnips, and how the land is seeded down in the following year to produce grass of such quality as would tickle the palate of the most fastidious sheep. On another part of the farm two wizards

are seen at work. Lime and basic clay they are called. They neutralize the acid, and then the wild white clover shows itself and by its creeping roots breaks the tougher agrostis tufts and makes them into tender and succulent food for devouring sheep of the hardy Cheviot breed.

An interested group of men surround John Marks, of Sunnyside, as he tells why he paid \$500 for a rather common-looking Border Leicester ram, sixteen of whose sons. but one year old, had been sold two weeks before for \$125 each. A few minutes later the same party express their opinions candidly on the comparative merits of two splendid young Clyde geldings. Then Mr. Marks explains why the bay gelding will be the better draught horse when he comes to maturity. But some of the party like the looks of the brown gelding. Finally the arguments of the man of experience tell, and the supporters of the brown horse fall into silence.

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Memories of excursions such as these, and many more like them, students of the Edinburgh College carry with them in their wanderings over the world. The students come from every clime and go to every land. Edinburgh Agricultural College extends a warm welcome to agriculturists from overseas. The spirit of the college is cosmopolitan, and anyone who can speak with authority on agriculture in lands beyond will be welcomed by Professor Wallace and his students.

# The Cosmopolitan Club

THE Cosmopolitan Club of the On-Agricultural tario College had its origin in the college year of 1910-1911, when a group of students interested in the formation of a club which would bring the men of all nationalities present at the college into closer touch, and thus lead to a better understanding between them. The advisability of forming the club was discussed fully at a meeting held in the Seminary Room, Massey Hall, during the latter part of the month of October. It was decided to proceed with the organization and a committee was appointed to draw up a constitution and make all other necessary arrangements.

By the middle of November the club was under way, and shortly after the election of officers, a small, but cosy, stone cottage on Forbes avenue was secured by the club as headquarters. Here the club flourished during the balance of the college year, and the membership overtaxed the accommodation of the house and it was decided in the spring to secure a larger house on College Heights if possible. The present club house was secured the same spring and the transfer made. In this location the club has proven a great attraction to the students and has made great progress. The interior of the house has been made very attractive, and improvements are continually being made.

The club parlor is a large, cosy room, with red burlapped walls, pannelled in oak, with heavy carpets on the floor and heavy curtains draping the windows. Add to this the comfortable chairs and lounges, accompanied by the music of a Victrola or

piano, and you have about as attractive a place as a man could wish in which to rest and spend a half hour over his cigar, or indulge in a cup of tea and discuss current events. Here, at almost all hours of the day, members may be found passing their spare time and indulging in friendly conversation.

Another room is fully equipped as a billiard room and the members spend many a spare period or idle hour in a friendly game of billiards or pool. It is a great attraction and the click of the balls as they roll around the table, accompanied by the gay laughter of the players when a "fluke" is made or the word of commendation after an exceptionally good shot, testifies to the appreciation of this form of amusement.

Besides these rooms there is rooming accommodation for the Executive Board of the club, and the whole premises is kept in a clean and orderly condition by a resident caretaker.

The formation of the club at this college seemed particularly suited to conditions as there are always, among the student body, large number from countries other than Canada, in fact, from all parts of the globe. Ever since its origin the club has been truly cosmopolitan. It is associated with the American Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs, which is in turn associated with a similar organization in Europe known as "Carda Fratres." "Above all nations is humanity," is the basis of the formation of all the societies coming under the title "Cosmopolitan Club."

The objects of the club are to create a better feeling and understanding among the men of different

nationalities. A quiet chat tends to do away with any misunderstandings which may exist among peoples separated only by an imaginary line known as a boundary, on either side of which the people hold different ideas and principles. By clearing up these misunderstandings a feeling of brotherhood springs up, and instead of remaining in national cliques at the college the men fraternize, and their friendship with their lowmen is broadened. Such opportunities as this are offered in gatherings in the club rooms, and that the object is accomplished shown by the growth of the club. and the perfect harmony

existing among all the members.

A prominent part is also occupied by the club in the social life of the college. With an occasional dance at Macdonald Hall, a sleighride, smoker or social evening in the club house, the club does much to contribute to the social pleasures of college life, and thus break the monotonies of study.

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The club may perhaps be permitted to take pride in the fact that many names of those students who have gone on active service may be found on its membership roll. Any student to whom such an institution appeals is invited to aid in the continuance of the work which is now so successfully in progress.

### Incubation

By J. P. Hales, '15.

HILE the art of incubation is a very old one, only recently has its science been understood. The Egyptian or Chinese operator uses his mud oven and successfully hatches chicks without knowing why he uses that method, only knowing that his and his father's father for generations have done the same thing in the same way, with good results. Strangely enough civilized incubation operators have never undertaken to hatch chickens in an incubator large enough for a man to enter. We have mammoth incubators holding as many as 15,000 eggs, yet all these machines are controlled and operated entirely from the outside.

Our incubator knowledge has accumulated slowly and through many disappointing experiences. Once it was comparatively easy to hatch chickens in an incubator, but difficulty was experienced in raising them. This difficulty was laid to the brooder, but numerous experi-

ments on brooding proved that the brooders were not entirely to blame. The blame was now laid on carbon dioxide liberated in the process of incubation. Incubators now came on the market, which were supposed to remove the carbon dioxide from the egg chamber as fast as it was formed. But comparisons of natural and artificial incubation revealed the fact that there was actually more carbon dioxide present under a hen than was found in an incubator. From this it was concluded that carbon dioxide was necessary in some way which as yet was not understood. Later experiments still leave the carbon dioxide question unsettled. But these experiments have brought out some facts which seem to indicate the procedure necessary to hatch strong chicks with sufficient vitality to enable one to rear them to maturity. This marks a distinct step of advancement in our attempt at successful artificial incubation.

Incubation is a very interesting

process consisting of comparatively simple essentials, but the egg is a good example of the complexity of nature's working. In the egg are embodied the constituents necessary for the formation of a chick. The construction of the egg is such that the germ is always situated on the upper surface of the yolk. This provision of nature always places the germ nearest the source of heat. Incubation of the egg may commence at a temperature ranging around 75° F., but for the continuation of incubation a higher temperature is essential. In measuring temperature three methods are used. The egg thermometer is merely an ordinary thermometer placed inside a celluloid casing. The advantage of this lies in the fact that it gives a reliable indication of the inside temperature of the egg. It is usually kept at a temperature of 1001/2° F. Contact thermometers are placed in such a manner that the bulb rests on the surface of the egg. In most cases 103° F. is the temperature recommended. Hang-up thermometers, give the temperature at varying heights above the eggs. The temperature considered most satisfactory varies with the height of the thermometer above the eggs.

When a satisfactory temperature is applied to the egg, the germ commences development. Two days after incubation has commenced a spider-like object resting on the upper surface of the yolk may be observed. This spider-like object is composed of a rudimentary heart and veins. The veins branch out and the albumen or white (as it is commonly called) is changed to blood.

The blood is essential to the growth of the body and the vital organs of the chick. Gradually the network of veins is formed, which extends a!l

along the inner side of the shell. For the purification of the blood and to support the life of the developing chick, oxygen must come through the shell. At this stage bulbous masses indicating the beginning of the vertebra are seen, while the eyes appear disproportionately large to the remainder of the mass. The wings, thighs, skin and intestines have now commenced their development. About the fifth day the lungs are barely visible. At the eighth day the back, wings and thighs commence to take on their distinctive form. By the end of the eleventh day the blood circulatory system is practically complete. Also at this time the arteries may be seen along the edge of the shell. The final process of development proceeds at a fairly rapid rate and all the vital organs with the exception of the lungs are working. On the eighteenth day the egg contains a fully developed chick. The only part of the original egg not yet used in the formation of the chick is the yolk. This yolk is absorbed into the body of the chick just before the chick's exclusion from the shell.

After hatching varying lengths of time are required for the chick to gather sufficient strength to stand or walk. At this period of development of the chick the reason for the peculiar chemical division of the contents of the egg is seen. The albumen or white of an egg contains hardly a trace of fat, while the yolk is composed of nearly one-third fat. Up to this time the heat supplied in incubation has kept the life processes alive but now the chick has to rely on its own resources to furnish body warmth and food. The yolk of the egg supplies both of these essentials.

The successful operation of an incubator requires intelligence, careful observation and experience. Sometimes beginners have very good results, but to secure uniform results consistently under adverse conditions, careful observation and experience will be found invaluable.

The incubation room should possess a good ventilating system and have as uniform a temperature as possible. These points are essential mainly from the fact that they allow the operator to note the "individuality" of the various machines when subjected to the same conditions. Lamps are the source of heat in practically all small machines. They should be filled with the very best grade of coal oil and kept absolutely clean. The automatic regulation of the temperature is accomplished by using substances which have different rates of expansion or by using a liquid inclosed by two metal discs. In practice both of these methods have given good results. On mammoth hot water machines, the expansion device is situated in the water and is directly connected with the damper on the stove. This controls the general temperature of the water, but each individual section of the machine is controlled in a manner similar to that used in the small machines.

Some diseases seem particularly likely to attack chicks hatched in an incubator, and it is now well known that infection may be conveyed through the shell of an egg or the organism may exist in the egg even before it is laid. Thus carrying to the embryo chick the germs that lead to its early death. As a means of prevention incubators should be thoroughly disinfected and only clean eggs used for hatching purposes.

From extensive incubation experiments Professor W. R. Graham recommends the use of moisture in all types of machines which he has experimented with.

Commencing at the third day the eggs are turned twice daily until the morning of the nineteenth day. The machine is now left closed until the batch is completed. Experimental results on the advantages of cooling differ markedly. Some advise not to cool, while some advise cooling. However it seems safe to say that cooling is beneficial in warm weather. At this time there is comparatively little difference in the temperature of the air and the temperature inside the incubator. The result being that circulation of air within the egg chamber is retarded. But on exposing the eggs to the air they receive what. ever air circulation there is, and on cooling the contents of the eggs contract and oxygen is drawn in. This is essential to the developing em-Cooling usually commences about the tenth day and ceases on the eighteenth day. The length of time to cool depends on the temperature of the air. It is usually safe to cool until the eggs feel cool to the touch.

The incubator should be absolutely undisturbed from the time it is closed until the hatch is completed. Otherwise the moisture in the egg chamber will escape, thus allowing the membrane to dry around the chick and preventing its escape from the shell. On completion of the hatch remove the moisture pan, the slab in egg tray, and allow the chicks to fall to the bottom of the machine. This removes them to a cooler temperature. If any are noticed panting, the door should be opened a little.

Failures in artificial incubation are usually due to using eggs from weak parent stock, unreliable thermometers and inexperience or poor management of the operator.

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### **Editorial**

#### HOUSECLEANING.

Have you kept your New Year's resolutions? Neither have we. But don't think we are none the better for having made them, even if they were so soon broken, for the same resolution will be less easily broken again. Now is the time to begin again to make this year the best in the history of the land, at least as regards honest effort. The best beginning is a good housecleaning. Now, we do not think that housecleaning should involve luncheon on the back stairs, sleeping in the bath tub, beating carpet hung over the back fence, during every hour of daylight, or having our wives go through our private correspondence, as they would have us believe. We do think, however, that just now before the busy season begins is an excellent time to clean up, take an inventory, balance our books, sharpen a pencil and plan. Most of all plan! "System spells success" is as true to-day as ever, and whether on the farm, in the school, in the college, or elsewhere, it will be easier to "hew to the line" if we have, first of all, set

a line. This is only another way of saying, have an ideal, and aim to attain that ideal. Few have accomplished anything worthy of note without system, plan or ideal in their work. Pencil and paper are a wonderful assistance in planning, even in farm work.

#### SURVEYS.

The following resolution was one of those adopted at the conference on Rural Life and Work, held here recently: "Resolved, that we recommend to the authorities of the Ontario Agricultural College that instruction in business management and accounting, marketing and farm economics be included in the regular course, and that under the direction of the Department of Rural Economics, an economic survey of the counties of Ontario be instituted."

The suggestion that rural surveys be made seems to us a most timely and appropriate one. The rural problem seems to be local and such surveys would furnish us a basis to work upon in analyzing and endeavoring to solve it. There is very little inform-

ation of any locality in Ontario, such as would give any definite idea of rural conditions in Ontario. True, it has been pretty well discussed that rural conditions might be much improved, but much of the discussion has been splendid theory without the necessary foundation in fact and figure. We have numerous reports of organizations, and institutions, but again most of these are local in their statistics. Teachers should have detailed information of each district available for use in the schools of that district or others. It will surprise the grown-ups, too, more that it will be advantageous to them. It would be interesting in each locality to know, say, the number of automobiles, the number of creameries, of homes where electric light has been installed, of churches, corporations, etc. But of much greater value would be information regarding the number and breeds of stock in different localities with the names of breeders, untilled areas, average under different crops, varieties of seed, pasture and feed mixtures in use, average yields, etc. History, civics and geography would become vitalized and visualized.

Perhaps the most important result

of such social surveys, however, would be the development of new standards of achievement.

#### THE COSMOPOLITAN CLUB.

In this issue we have the history of our Cosmopolitan Club since its organization ably written up. None can question the ideals of this organization, and yet we know much less about it than we should. It takes even a greater part in our college life than we at first believe. Certainly there is a great field for its work though circumstances are adverse in many ways.

Our student body has usually renresentatives from nearly a score of countries as well as from all parts of our own country, the United States and the British Isles. There are influences enough in routine life in college to separate and estrange the students, but the Cosmopolitan Club is unique in its efforts to unify the student body on a basis of merit rather than nationality. Perhaps the greatest education in college comes from contact with others, it broadens. humbles and inspires and makes one more sympathetic. The club seems to have had just these things in mind in its work and effort among us.

#### REAL FRIENDS.

Call him my friend who seeks me in my den,
For quiet chats which light the weary day;
Call him twice friend who knows exactly when
To go away.

Call him my friend whose voice is always free. In my defence when critics' words are rough; Call him twice friend who understands when he Has said enough.

-Smart Set.

### Athletics

#### Basketball.

THE loss of Munro, who was injured in London, on Jan. 23rd, greatly weakened our team in their game with 'Varsity II.'s in the college gymnasium on Feb. 6. As a result the O. A. C. suffered a somewhat severe defeat at the hands of the Toronto men, the score resulting 37-12 in the latter's favor. The first half was the fatal one. Our men lacked combination and seemed somewhat bewildered, while Toronto's combination was lightning fast, and they found the basket with comparative case. In the second half, however, O. A. C. braced up. Wilson replaced Forman, who had injured his knee, and Baker replaced Bonham at guard. Our men checked closer, covered well, and effectually checked 'Varsity's habit of scoring, but were themselves unable to increase the score to any extent and the game finished 37-12 in 'Varsity's favor.

O. A. C. lineup was as follows— Forwards, Rowland, Forman (Wilson); centre, Culham; guards, Neff, Bonham (Baker).

On Feb. 20th, London played their return game in the college gymnasium, and the score pleased us all. Just as in the 'Varsity game, our boys seemed a little lost at the beginning of the game, but they very quickly found themselves. In the meantime London had opened the scoring, and our boys set out to overtake them. The first half ended with a score of 12 all and the play so far was a little slow, due to poor combination. At the beginning of the second half Bak-

er replaced Bonham, and O. A. C. got their combination working. Forman and Wilson began to find the basket quite frequently, while London's play became looser. When the final whistle blew the score stood 36-22 for O. A. C. Smith was easily the best man for London, while Forman did some very effective work for the college. The lineup was as follows:

London—Forwards, Smith, Mc-Ray; centre, Elgie; guards, E. Mc-Ray, Renny.

On Feb. 26, O. A. C. journeyed to Toronto to play 'Varsity their return game. Capt. Munro had emerged from his plaster cast and was back in the game. This meant that our boys were at full strength again. O. A. C. started in her customary way, playing loosely, with a lack of combination and as a result during the first half 'Varsity scored 17 points, while our boys only got 5. On the opening of the second half things began to happen for the O. A. C.. 'Varsity's fine combination collapsed in this half and our boys began to score. Munro was there just as in days of yore and the ball began to find the basket with great regularity. 'Varsity only managed to score a lone point during this half, while our boys scored 16, leaving a final score of 21-18 in their favor. Wilson replaced Forman at the beginning of this half. O. A. C. lineup was: Guards, Baker, Neff; centre, Culham; forwards, Munro (Capt.), Forman, Wilson.

By winning this game we tied 'Varsity in the league, and the winners will have to play off probably in Hamilton.



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#### Hockey.

The collapse of our college rink on Jan. 25th proved a great set back to our hockey season. It was our first year in the intercollegiate, and considering the unfavorable conditions under which our team worked, Manager Kedey is to be congratulated on his showing.

#### O. A. C. at McMaster.

Our first game was with McMaster in Toronto. Our boys lacked condition, as they had had very little practice. Despite this, up to the beginning of the third period the game was very even, and even then it looked as if our boys would win. The ice was heavy, though, and this, together with poor condition, proved their downfall. The final score was 6-2 in favor of McMaster.

O. A. C. lineup was: Goal, Bryden; point, Kedey; coverpoint, Lackner; rover, Oswald; centre, Hartley; left wing, Leach; right wing, Pawley; spares, Duncan and McNaughton.

#### 'Varsity at O. A. C.

On Feb. 18th 'Varsity played our team in the college arena. Up to the third period the game was even, but everybody felt that there was something coming, and it came in the last period with disastrous affects. 'Varsity played rings around our boys, and "Porky" Bryden, in goal, was stopping them like a hero. Occasionally a shot eked by him though, and bulged the net, and Ivesen, who refereed, would pull out a book and put a mark in it. He did this a little too often to suit us, too. The game ended 12-1 in favor of 'Varsity. Kedey, Oswald and Bryden were easily the pick of the 0. A. C. team. O. A. C. lineup was: goal, Bryden; point, Kedey; cover, Lackner; rover, Oswald; center, Hartley; left wing, Leach (Duncan); right wing, Pawley.

#### McMaster at O. A. C.

The final game of the season was McMaster, on the 22nd. Our boys had been getting a little more practice and showed much improvement in their play. The teams were very evenly matched and it was a pretty game to watch. During the game McMaster missed two or three excellent opportunities to score, but most of the time our defense held them well out and forced them to take long shots. It was anybody's game right up till the last minutes of play when McMaster scored the goal that won them the game. The final score was 3-2. O. A. C. lineup was: Goal, Bryden; point, Kedey; cover, Lackner; rover, Oswald; center, Hartley; left wing, Leach; right wing, Pawley.

#### Baseball.

Our college baseball team has no regular league to play in this season, but the inter-year matches are waxing hotter than ever. The Fourth Year think they have the inter-year championship cinched, but maybe they have and maybe they haven't. Surprises come with amazing regularity, and when the Third Year made the Second Year look like a bunch of novices everybody was surprised. Then came in the Freshmen, who had been taking their medicine in regular doses, and rebelled and made the Third Year think of home and mother. At present it is all a grand unand prognostications (whatever they are) are strictly out of order.

#### Aquatics.

The Second Year made a cleanup in the aquatic meet which was held on Feb. 27th. In fact the greedy Sophomores guzzled about all there was to guzzle. They took the cake and the other years eked out a meal apiece from the crumbs. Townsley, '15, broke the record for the long plunge, Brother Bill going 50 ft. 10 ins., which is just 3 ft. 3 ins. more than the old record. Some of the races were exciting, especially the interyear relays. The results were as follows:

52 yard swim—Langley '16, Gautby '17, Cowan '17. Time, 37 4-5 sec.

104 yard swim—Gautby '17, Cudmore '17, Beaumont '16. Time, 1.27 2-5.

208 yard swim—Gautby '17, Cudmore '17, Beaumont '16. Time, 3.29 3-5.

52 yard novice—Cudmore '17, Mills '17, McEwan '18. Time, 36 3-5 sec.

35 yard beginners—Smith '17, Luckham '17, Mallory '17. Time, 38 3-5 sec.

52 yard back swim—Cowan '17, Boulton '17, Townsley '15. Time, 44 2-5.

Long Plunge—Townsley '15, Mason '17, Beaumont '16. 50 ft. 10 ins., record.

Fancy Diving—McWhinney '18, J. C. Agar '17, Mills '17.

Novice Relay—First Year, Third Year, Second Year. Inter-Year Relay—Second Year, Third Year.

Total points—Second Year, 38; Third Year, 14; First Year, 11; Fourth Year, 7.

Grand champion of meet, L. B. Gautby '17, with 13 points, winning the silver medal, donated by Mr. E. L. Davies.

#### Notes.

Scott and Clare, two grapplers of the First Year, went down to Toronto to the inter-faculty meet on Feb. 21st. Scott came second in the middle-weights, and Clare won the heavy-weight. The boys did this on three days notice, and are to be congratulated on their showing. This is the first time that any of our students have gone to the inter-faculty meet in Toronto, but probably next year the O. A. C. will have a whole line of boxers and wrestlers to send down.

The other day the athletic editor had a dream. He gazed at the corner of the dairy field opposite Old Chumpy's, and there he saw a fine new stadium with a grand stand and bleachers, a dandy football field and a swell cinder track all around the field. Of course it was only a dream, but—



### College Life

#### Inter-Year Debate.

R ESOLVED: "That co-education as practised in our Canadian Colleges and Universities is to be commended." This was the subject of debate at the meeting of the Union Literary Society on February 20th. The affirmative was upheld by Messrs, E. G. Rowley and C. M. Mesk of the Second Year, while the negative cause was championed by Messrs. A. T. Brown and V. A. Stewart of the First Year.

After the arguments in favor and against the resolution had been carefully weighed by the judges, they decided in favor of the affirmative. The First Year have hardly been amongst us long enough to appreciate our friends' presence across the campus, but will probably readjust their opinions when they become better acquainted The Second Year now debate with the Senior Year for the term championship.

Misses M. L. Kelso and V. Sutton and the college orchestra assisted in the program.

#### Public Speaking Contest.

Competition was keen at the Fourteenth Annual Public Speaking Contest, which was held in the Gymnasium on February 5th, under the auspices of the Union Literary Society.

Honorary President Prof. J. W. Crow occupied the chair, and the judges were Mr. W. B. Roadhouse. Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario; Rev. A. J. McGillvray, M.A., D.D., of Guelph, and Prof. W. R. Graham.

First prize is known as the "Rettie-Clemens" prize, as it is provided for by Messrs. Rettie and Clemens, who are graduates of this college. trophy consists of Bailey's Encyclopaedia of Agriculture in four volumes. Mr. S. G. Freeborn won it with a very masterly address on "The Book Farmer."

The other prizes are given by the Literary Society, and were won by the following:

J. H. McCulloch-"Farm Journalism in Relation to Agriculture."

J. E. McLarty-"The Place of Agriculture in Ontario's Rural Schools."

R. B. Hinman-"The Big Boy-What About Him?"

Hampson-"Methods Mending Our Ways."

#### Athletic Concert.

"The Best Ever" was the verdict of many who attended the annual concert of the Athletic Association, which was held in the College Gymnasium on February 12th.

The program was varied and did not get monotonous, as one of purely athletic numbers is likely to become. Musical selections and others were interspersed in a proportion to please the most exacting audience.

Thorough and regular practice enabled Mr. D. Gillies and his gym. team to execute their numbers without a hitch. He was assisted by Mr. Keefe, Y. M. C. A. Physical Director, in the city. Mr. W. Strong played a lone hand in several contortionistic feats, which were well received by the audience.

The final number was a sketch entitled "A Night on Craig Street." This was cleverly executed and gave an insight into the causes of the uproar characteristic of Craig street. In this was included a solo by W. Malcolm, which contained several clever local skits.

#### Programme.

Quartette—"A Perfect Day"..... Messrs.

Fancher, Legate, Sullivan, Vahey Dance—"My Lady of the Snows" Exhibition on High Bar . . Gym Team Song—"The Little Damozel" . . . .

Messrs. Gillies, Keefe and Strong Song—"Smiles"..Miss Estelle Carey Gymnastic Dancing ......

Guelph Y. M. C. A. Leaders Corps Intermission ...... Orchestra Sketch—"A Night on Craig Street" ..... "Inmates"

#### "Are You a Mason"

The semi-annual concert of the Philharmonic Society was held on Friday, 26th, and Saturday, 27th. Both nights were thoroughly enjoyed by good audiences. Those who were present on Friday advised their friends to "go and have a good laugh."

The Choral Club, under the direction of E. M. Shildrick, opened the programme with two selections—
"Come Sweet Morning" and "Picaninny Babe." These were well received as were their other selections—"Dream Days" and "Nautical Airs."

The orchestra with H. K. Black as leader, rendered several pieces between acts, which reflected credit on every member. They also accompanied the Choral Club in two selections.

Part two of the program consisted of the three-act farce "Are You a Mason?" presented by the Dramatic Club. The parts as taken by the members were all well acted and the opinion has been expressed by many—"the best amateur show I ever attended." Mr. R. K. Brydon played two parts, and did justice to both. The members of the Sophomore year considered the work of Mr. Arthur Mann worthy of special recognition and presented him with a beautiful bouquet of "Lactuca sativa."

The proceeds of Saturday night's performance go to the Red Cross

Fund. The characters and actors were: Frank Perry ..... . . . . . . . Mr. Ormonde Boulton, '17 George Fisher, his friend..... ..... Mr. R. K. Brydon, '18 Amos Bloodgood, Perry's Fatherin-law......Mr. G. E. Patton, '17 John Halton, Gentleman Farmer... .....A. C. McCulloch, B. S. A. Hamilton Travers, an old Thespian .......Mr. J. H. McCulloch, '16 Malony, a Gigantic Policeman.... O'Brien, his tiny comrade..... ..... Mr. C. Rawson, '17 Ernest Morrison, the Real Mason.. ...... Mr. R. C. Merrick, '18 Mrs. Bloodgood . . . Miss Clara Gwynn Her Daughters. Eva (Mrs. Perry) ..... ..... Miss Freda Grenside

Mrs. Halton....Miss Marjorie Toy

### Alumni

"One man is no more than another, only in as much as he does more than another."—Don Quixote.

#### A. D. Campbell, B. S. A.

"Archie" Campbell was born at Strathroy, Ontario, where he received his early education at the High School and then at Strathrov Normal School. After graduation from Normal, he followed the teaching profession for a short time, being lured away by the "call of the West" to try to satisfy his ambitious spirit. However, one day he conceived the idea that the O. A. C. might be able to give him some valuable information and training, so he enrolled as a student in 1905. During his junior year at this college he was Editor of the Review, he graduated in 1909. Mr. Campbell has acted as District Representative for Dundas County until a short time ago. He is now acting as first assistant to Dr. Rutherford in the Agricultural Department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, with headquarters at Calgary, Alta.

Wade Toole, B.S.A., since graduation, in 1911, has been editor of the "Farmers' Advocate" of London, Ont. Mr. Toole when at college was Agricultural Editor of the Review in his senior year. During the early part of last month he gave an extremely practical and interesting short course on "Farm Journalism" to the junior and senior classes.

"Pat" Keegan, B.S.A., '11, is in charge of the seed branch at Calgary, Alberta, where he is doing some excellent work along seed improvement lines for that Western Province, his capacity to work at all times, regardless of financial remuneration, has gained him many friends, who testify that "he is not one of the kind that is just satisfied to draw his salary." Good luck to you "Pat."



B. H. C. Blanchard, '14, with First Canadian Contingent.

E. A. Weir, B.S.A., '13, is now advertising manager of the "Farm and Ranch Review," Calgary. Mr. Weir was recently in Guelph on a combined trip, for business and pleasure, renewing many old acquaintances.

"Prixie" when at College, was Business Manager of the Review, during his junior and senior years. He was also President of the Cosmopolitan Club.

E. L. Davies, B.S.A., '14, has been taking a post-graduate course for the degree of Ph.D. at Massachusetts Agricultural College, Amherst. He is now assistant on the Bacteriological Department of the O A. C. He is also doing some investigational work in connection with his thesis for his degree.

Dan Mackee, B.S.A., '13, is Associate Editor of the "Canadian Countryman," Toronto.

J. McCulloch Brown, L.D.D., B.S.A., '14, is Assistant Professor in the Animal Husbandry Department of the Manitoba Agricultural College, Winnipeg.

J. J. Kenny, B.S.A., is manager of the Western Canada Cheese Company, Limited, Winnipeg. Mr. Kenny was married at Orillia recently to Miss Hogan. The couple are spending their honeymoon trip with friends in London, Detroit, Chicago and Milwaukee. On their return they will reside in Winnipeg. "Jack's" many friends and the Review wish him every success in his new life.

The Review staff extend congratulations to Professor and Mrs. J. Eaton Howitt, on the arrival of a son and heir on February 14th, St. Valentine's Day.

With deep regret we have to announce the tragic death of Miss Tena McMillan, at St. Anne de Bellevue.

Miss McMillan was accidently killed when bidding good-bye to some friends at the railway station, being run over by an engine. She was a graduate of Macdonald Institute, and held the position of Superintendent of Residence at Macdonald College, Quebec. The Review extend their sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

W. R. Reek, B.S.A, Lecturer of Animal Husbandry, O. A. C., has left us to take up the position of Live Stock Commissioner for Prince Edward Island. We are sorry to lose our popular lecturer, but we congratulate him upon his appointment and wish him every success in his new work.

The fifth annual reunion of the Ottawa Valley O. A. C. Alumni Association was held in the University Club Rooms, Ottawa, on January 21st last. Although on this occasion the number attending was small, the evening was spent most profitably. The reunion took the form of an informal gathering, the members present partaking of a light lunch and spending the time in music and in renewing old acquaintanceship made when attending this college. Among those present were Dr. Mills, of Ottawa, George H. Clark, T. G. Raynor, L. H. Newman and L. LeLacheur, of the Seed Branch; W. A. Brown, Live Stock Branch; J. B. Spencer, Publications Branch: F. C. Nunnick, Commission of Conservation, and several others.

Dr. Mills gave a very interesting talk, dealing with changes and progress noted during the past few years; while Mr. Newman, Mr. Brown and Mr. M. H. Winter, District Representative, Ontario Department of Agriculture, Renfrew, Ontario,

each outlined the particular work in which he was engaged.

The following members were elected as officers of the association for the ensuing year:

Honorary President—Dr. James Mills.

Honorary Vice-Presidents—Dr. G. C. Creelman, Dr. C. C. James, Dr. J. G. Rutherford, Dr. J. W. Robertson.

President—F. C. Nunnick, Ottawa. Vice-President—T. H. Mason, Ottawa.

Secretary-Treasurer—W. Dawson, Ottawa.

Committee—E. D. Eddy, A. J. Logsdail and W. A. Brown.

The association has about 120 members at present on its mailing list.

#### Salisbury Plains, Bustard Camp.

"Our one big day here is when the Canadian mail arrives. I am glad to be one of the representatives of the O. A. C. here. My uncle, Lieut. M. G. Blanchard, who was killed in the South African war, was an O. A. C. student about 30 years ago. The life here is not easy by any means, but we are cheerful and exceptionally healthy. The English people remark on the excellent physique of the Colonials. A couple of weeks ago we changed camps; made a move of six miles. We are now at headquarters. Stonehenge, the Druid relic, is about 21/2 miles away. The Newfoundland boys are still with us. They are a fine bunch of men. The 500 were picked from 900 volunteers.

The Plains are of immense scope, considering the size of England; I would judge they are 25 miles by 15 miles. The Westerners say they remind them of the prairies. There

were farms here once, but all the houses have been vacated.

I had a nice trip to Liverpool a short time ago. Three of us went as escort to bring back a man who had overstayed his leave. We took our time on the way, stayed four hours in Bristol, and half a day in Liverpool, visiting the art gallery, museum and wax works. Our regiment is soon to be fitted out with kilts. I can imagine the spiders tickling my knees.

The English people have given us a grand reception. The Canucks are the candy kids here."

By B. H. C. Blanchard, No. 1 Company, 17th Battalion, 1st Canadian Contingent.



Eric Hearle, in Camp at Salisbury Plains.

The Alumni Editor received a letter from Eric Hearle, '16, recently, in which he says in part: "I guess I don't need to tell you what England has been like this winter—the worst for rain that they have had in a century, and our brigade is still under

canvas on the plains. However, the fellows are real mud larks, and have made the best of a bad job, and had a good time in spite of all the weatherman could send us.

They have been wild to get away, and go across the water to France and get to business. At last I believe we are about to move, for we are packed up and to-morrow are to be inspected by the King and Queen.

We are working hard with full packs at bayonet fighting, etc. I have met many of the O. A. C. boys here on route marches and when on picket duty.

Pte. E. Hearle, No. 10916, 4th Batt. 1st Brigade, C Co., 1st Canadian Contingent. Care War Office.

Captain Pratt, of year '16, is with the 3rd Contingent in training at Guelph.

W. K. Edye, '16, of Dryden, has

joined the Canadian overseas expeditionary force.

Messrs. Percival, Clarry and Western of year '17 have left Halifax for England, where they will go in training for the Army Service Corps.

C. R. Arnold, '17, has gone to London mobilization camp to train.

J. R. Donaldson, '16, late of staff of "Farm and Dairy," Peterboro, has joined the Army Medical Corps at Ottawa, going with 2nd contingent.

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### Macdonald

Weddings.

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On Monday, February 22nd, at 7:15 p.m., in St. George's Church, Mae Whitehead to Captain Wood, of the 34th. The ceremony was military, which aroused much interest in the school as well as Guelph society.

A reception was given by Miss Watson for the bride in the Institute. Miss Watson received in the Reading room, which was beautifully decorated. The Macdonald Institute faculty, the officers and the 1915 Housekeeper Class were present. Toasts were given to the bride and the bridesmaid, Miss Watson and the housekeeper.

Mr. Fuller spent several days in February with his mother at the Hall. Mr. Fuller belongs to a Vancouver Regiment and stayed in Guelph en route to the front.

During the past month, the regular Sunday evening meetings have been held with increasing interest, with an average attendance of fifty-six. On February 7th, Miss Conklin, travelling secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement, spoke to us concerning her work. On February 14th, Miss Stover gave a most interesting talk on "Settlement Work," in which she has taken an active part in New York City. The following Sunday, we were most fortunate in having with us the Rev. Mr. Woodsworth, of Winnipeg, who addressed the meeting on the subject of "Immigration."

The Bible Class has continued to meet each week. For several successive meetings, character sketches of the important women of the Bible have been given by different members, and have proved most interesting.

#### Athletic.

The weather during the last few weeks has been hardly suitable for hockey. However, we are hoping that now a change has come, it will remain cold. The last few handicap is that the opposing team plays with the straight end of the sticks and is minus two goals. A large audience is expected and hope is high for the success of the Hall team. If only the weather keeps cold more matches will be arranged and "Good Luck" to Macdonald Hall.

The interest in basket ball has been kept up by practices several times a



practices have been very encouraging, and the team has now been picked. The following is the line-up: Goal, K. Percy; point, M. Toy; C. point, L. Panton; rover, L. McCarthy; centre, I. Cochran; R. wing, Miss Stewart; L. wing, M. Williams; spare, M. Smith.

The captain, challenged by the team in Woodstock, Ont., was extremely sorry that she was unable to accept. However, a match has been arranged for February 27th against a chosen team of O. A. College boys. The

week. When the winter season is over the game will be entered into again with the usual spirit and matches will be arranged.

Baseball interest is manifest and several matches have been played with varying success.

### War Reading—Fighting Lines. (By Harold Begbie Price)

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Macdonald Fish have had several meets in the boy's gym. Diving, novice, long distance and plunging are demonstrated by the swimmers every Saturday morning.

We wish it understood that Barney Raymond is not taking lectures at the Institute though he does get considerable roasting.

Girls' Hockey.

It is rumored that the game with the seniors won't have any resemblance to a pink tea. If it is half as exciting as the match with 'Varsity, the rail birds should really make an effort to get up for the game.

After the Mill Street snow shoe tramp, we would strongly advise W. B. McMullin and C. Nixon to consult an optician. Such defective eyesight is inexcusable.

Mr. Hunt to Mac. Class in Horticulture-"You must put up with me for the two periods this afternoon, as Mr. Britton is engaged." (Laughter.)

Mr. Hunt-"Yes, I thought it would be news."

Isabel M. (after reading stamp regulation).—"Sav. girls, I'm going to buy up a dollar's worth while they're cheap.

Was it owing to the confetti at the wedding reception that one of our Sr. Housekeepers so completely lost her head, or was it something else?

"Perhaps "Mac" will explain.

It is to be regretted that the Fourth Year have not the opportunity of observing the Two-in-One demonstration on bread. Perhaps Donald could arrange for private lessons.

Miss Watson (at telephone)—"Miss Smith, I would like to see you this evening at 8:30 to discuss prospective position for you at the Manitoba Agricultural College."

May Smith-"I'm sorry, Miss Watson, but it is impossible for me to come to-night as I've just heard there is skating at the arena."

#### New Year Resolutions, Firmly Made, But Long Since Broken.

Francis B.—That I shall spend two consecutive Sundays at Mac. Hall at least once this year.

Nettie H .- I shall not use the college phone for longer than ten minutes at a time, twice in one day.

Nellie W .- That I shall not write more than one letter during any one lecture.

Miss Roddick-That I will not ask the girls to come over before daylight to set bread:

Winifred W.—That I will not climb any more fences than necessary when on a Mill Street snow shoe tramp.

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#### Society Notes.

J. E. McLarty is absent from lectures attending the "fair" at home this week.

E. L. Small attended the "fair" last week.

Note.—Typographical error noticed too late for correction.

Interested Outsider—"And what time does the rising gong go at Mac. Hall?"

E. F. G.—"At 6:45 a.m."

I. O.—"Oh! Is that the time the girls have to get up?"

E. F. G.—"No, my dear, that's the time the gong rings."

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Steckle and Francis are not receiving again this season.

Hurrah for the hen—her son never sets.

Lost—A large piece of chewing gum. Kindly return to Shaw, '16.

Telegram to 5 p.m. Edition of O. A. C.
"Review.")

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And I didn't know the man very well either.

very well either.

So I told him I wanted to
try the horse for a month.
He said "All right, but pay
me first, and I'll give you
back your money if the
horse isn't alright.
Well, I didn't like that. I
was afraid the horse wasn't
"alright" and that I might
have to whistle for my mongy if I once parted with it.
So I didn't huy the horse,
atthough I wanted it haddy

So I didn't buy the horse, although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.
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owned II.
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"1900 Gravity" Washer does the work so easy that a
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