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By H. J. Pettypiece, ex-M.P.P.


( N Canada under present conditions, and under the conditions which must obtain for many years to come, the two great elements making for progress are Agriculture and Transportation Facilities. All other interests, manufacturing, mercantile, professional, etc., can be depended upon to take care of themselves and keep pace with the great national advancement which is bound to result. As to the farmer and the carrier, the success and progress of the one depends so much on the other, that any conflict or antagonism between the two would appear to be unnecessary, if not injurious to both. Yet the operating conditions under which these two great interests are carried on are so different that in many ways there is a strenuous conflict between them.

H. J. Pettypiece.

Agriculture is in the hands of many thousands of individuals each depending on his own exertions, their number being so great and their work so diversified that there is very little actual cooperation among them. On the other hand the railways, which control transportation, are in the hands of a few wellorganized and immensely wealthy corporations. The result is that the railways have practically control of the whole situation, and use it to their own advantage, and to the great disadvantage of the farmer, and will continue to do so unless restrained by stringent legislation.

So far, in Canada very little has been done in the way of passing and enforcing such legislation. True, within the past few years, the Dominion Parliament has placed on the Statute Books several good Acts, and has appointed a

Commission to deal with rates, \&c.; but the great work of putting these Acts into force, and passing and enforcing other very necessary Acts has yet to be accomplished.

## The Question Elsewhere.

It may be interesting to take a glance at what is being done in some of the neighboring States of the Union, where the struggle between the railways and the people has been going on in various ways for some years past. Such questions as the control of passenger and freight rates, taxation of railways, rights of individuals and municipalities as to drainage, road and farm crossings, fencing, compensation for injuries inflicted, train service, supply of cars $\& c$., have been and are still being fought out at the polls and in the Courts in nearly every State in the Union, with an intensity that has never been approached nor even attempted in Canada. As a result of the great struggles the farmers in many of the States are enjoying rights which cannot be obtained in any other way, and which the farmers of Canada hardly dream of asking for. In Michigan a Board of Railway Commissioners, appointed by the State Legislature, has absolute control of the railways in the State in almost every feature of their operations. By this Board the location of railway lines is determined, passenger and freight rates are regulated, the rights of the people in regard to drains, fences, crossings, killing of stock, fires from engines \&c., are protected ; the make-up and the running of trains are controlled, the guarding of street crossings imposed on the railways, and any other matters are dealt with. Another State Board imposes over $\$ 438$ per mile in taxes on the 8572 miles of railway in the State, the assessed value of the railways in that

State being $\$ 222$, 106,000 and the amount of taxes $\$ 3,756,149 \cdot 42$, or nearly 17 mill s on the dollar.

The Annual Report of the Michigan Commissioner of Railways deals with almost everything pertaining to the operation of the railways in the State, and consequently contains a vast amount of useful and interesting information. That portion of the report dealing with "Complaints and Petitions" is especially interesting and useful, and would make entertaining reading for the Ontario farmer or other person who finds that his rights as a citizen are ignored by the railway corporations.

Here are a dozen extracts from the Michigan report, selected from more than a hundred such paragraphs, and given verbatim et literatim ;
(I) Feb. 25. Petition was received from a large number of citizens of the village of Durand asking for additional protection at the East Main street crossing of the Grand Trunk Railway in that village. After an inspection of the premises it was decided that additional protection was necessary, and an order was issued requiring the Grand Trunk Railway Company to station and maintain a flagman at the crossing.
(2) May 8. A communication was received from the village clerk of the village of Edmore calling attention to the alleged dangerous condition of the Main street crossing of the Pere Marquette Railroad in that village Upon investigation it was found that while a flagman was stationed at the crossing a portion of the time, he was not on duty at all times while train movements were being made, An order was therefore issued requiring that the crossing should be flagged at all times while train or switching movements were being made over the same.
(3) August 20. A complaint was received from citizens of Lincoln Township, Berrien County, on account of the alleged dangerous condition of the high-
way crossing of the Pere Marquette Railroad in that township. After an inspection of the premises, the railroad company was ordered to re-construct the crossing with new plank and to remove certain trees that obstruct the view of approaching trains, and such order was promptly complied with.
(4) September 23. Petition was received from a large number of citizens residing in the village of Parma, and vicinity, asking for protection at several highway crossings of the Michigan Central Railroad in and near that village. After making a personal inspection of the premises an order was issued for an electric alarm bell at the crossing east of the station at Parma, and also for an alarm bell at the Butler crossing three miles west of Jackson and for the flagging of trains over the crossing west of Parma.
(5) November 5. Copy of a resolution adopted by the common council of the village of Capac was received asking that additional protection be provided at the Main street crossing of the Grand Trunk Western Railway in that village. After a personal inspection of the premises, an order was issued requiring the Grand Trunk Western Railway Company to station and maintain a flagman at the Main street crossing of its line in the village of Capac, as requested.
(6) May 6. A complaint was received from Mr. J. W. Grubb of Federman against the Ann Arbor Railroad Company on account of its failure to maintain a suitable farm crossing upon his property near Federman. This matter was taken up with the railroad company and an order was issued for the construction of the desired crossing.
(7) May 14. A communication was received from Mrs. Maria Mariman of Flint, calling attention to the failure of the Grand Trunk Western Railway Company to provide a suitable crossing upon her farm in Flint Township, Genesee County. This matter was taken up with the railroad company, an inspection of the premises was made and the company was required to construct and maintain a crossing as requested by the complainant.
(8) August 9. A communication was received from Mr . Oliver H . Wattles with reference to the construction of a farm crossing across the tracks of the Grand Trunk Western Railway Company about five miles west of Lapeer. After a personal inspection of the premises it was decided that a farm crossing should be constructed and an order for the same was issued.
(9) March 23. A communication was received from Mr. L. E. Lott, making complaint against the Pere Marquette Railroad Company on account of backing water on to his premises at Elmdale. After a personal inspection of the premises in question, the railroad company was required to provide a suitable water course under its tracks at this point.
(io) March 29. Complaint was received from Mr. Loran M. Hutchinson of Ashley against the Ann Arbor Railroad Company on account of obstructing the county drain at that point. This matter was taken up with the railroad company and orders promptly issued for the extension of the opening which had proved insufficient.
(II) May 28. The attention of the department was called to the manner in which certain trains on the Michigan Central between Lansing and Saginaw are made up, the passenger part of the combination car being next to the engine. The matter was taken up with the railroad company and it was agreed that a stop should be put to such objectionable practice.
(12) May 28. Complaint was received from Mr. Adam Herber of Elmdale. against the Pere Marquette Railroad Company on account of the blocking of highway crossings at that place. This matter was taken up with the railroad company and orders were issued putting a stop to this illegal practice.

It is hardly necessary to picture the treatment such petitions and complaints would receive in Ontario. Under present conditions the autocratic power of the great railway corporations is such that the most deserving appeals from muni-
cipal corporations or individuals for their rights in regard to protection of crossings, drainage, train service, rates \&c., are utterly disregarded; and the serfs in Russia are not more tyrannically treated by their rulers than are the people of this country by the railway czars, who ride it rough-shod over those whose toil and industry furnishes them with their bestpaying traffic.

## Unfair Treatment.

One of the wrongs under which the people here suffer is due to the preference given to what is known as through freight traffic, causing continual loss and inconvenience to all classes, but more especially to the farmers. These unfavorable conditions are to a great extent due to the remorseless power exercised in the States over even the railways. The greatest and most injurious of these corporations is the gigantic Beef Trust, which has in the past few years exercised its power with such destructive and demoralizing results that the highest legal aluthorities in the United States have been called on to suppress the monster. A few of the charges against the Beef Trust are :
"Increased in the last three years the expenses of every household in America. Impoverished and ruined by its operations hundreds of farmers and stockmen. Constantly violated national and state law with impunity. Bought up legislatures and individual politicians. Controls with iron hand, the price of onehalf the food consumed by the nation. Caused many suicides and bank failures. Precipitated strikes. Annihilated industries. Monopolized everything it could lay its hands on that would return a profit."

In addition to the terrible indictment contained in the above nine charges, it is
pointed out in an article in "Everybody's Magazine" for February that the Beef Trust has absolute control of all the railways which carry the enormous quantities of freight shipped by the Trust. Briefly, this control of the railways is exercised as follows:-Each railway company over whose lines the Trust ships goods from Chicago, Omaha, Kansas City and other western cities to the seaboard is compelled to accept a fixed amount per car, (the cars being owned by the Trust) for the haul to the seaboard and return, be the route chosen by the Trust long or short. Then each railway company is bound to pay to the Trust a rebate of three-quarters of one cent per mile of the route over which the cars belonging to the Trust are hauled: and when the cars are not returned to the shipping point within a specified time a rental is charged for the cars. Small competitors were bought out or squeezed out, and the big monopoly took control of the buying and selling price of the bulk of the food products exported to Europe, and consumed at home.

## How It Affects Ontario.

"But" the reader may ask, "what injurious effect do the operations of the Trust have on the Ontario farmer?"

Both directly and indirectly these operations have a most disastrous effect. The great Canadian railway system on which the Ontario farmer has to depend mostly to get his grain, beef, pork, cheese, butter, eggs, fowl and other products to market is, like the U. S. railways, controlled by the Trust. Having one of the longest routes between the western shipping points and the seaboard, this Canadian line gets more of the traffic than the shorter lines, because the longer the route the greater the amount of rebate paid back to the Trust.

For instance, the distance between Chicago and Portland, via the Grand Trunk is 1138 miles, and from Chicago to Baltimore via the Baltimore and Ohio road is 860 miles. Each road gets the same fixed amount for the haul of each car, irrespective of the length of route. A car hauled over the 1138 miles from Chicago to Portland would rebate to the Trust $\$ 8.51$, while one hauled from Chicago to Baltimore would rebate only $\$ 6.45$, a difference of $\$ 2.06$ per car in favor of the longer route. Under ordinary and legitimate circumstances, no expense would be spared to secure the shortest possible route, but here are conditions under which the shipper makes it to his advantage to use the longer route. In order to comply with the dictation of the Trust, the Canadian line must devote its greatest energies to getting the cars belonging to the Trust to the seaboard and back as quickly as possible. To accomplish this, the local traffic in Ontario receives second consideration, and often a poor second at that. In many instances express trains mu t yield right of way to the through freight trains owned by the Trust. The best motive power is used in hauling Trust trains, while the local traffic, both freight and passenger, is trailed along by old, wornout and out-of-date locomotives. Very often more time is taken in carrying local freight from one point to another in Ontario than is taken in the run of the Trust cars from Chicago to Portland. But the inconvenience and frequent loss to which the Ontario farmer is thus subjected is small compared with the loss he sustains by being compelled to meet the unfair competition of the Trust in the world's market; because the Trust handles not only beef, but all kinds of perishable products.

Two years ago, Mr. A. F. McLaren,
M. P. for North Perth, the famous cheese manufacturer, stated in the House of Commons that the freight charges paid in one year to the railways for carrying Ontario exports of cheese, butter, bacon, apples and cattle to the seaboard was more than one million dollars in excess of the amount paid for carrying the same quantity of the same products from the Western States to the same seaports.

The British market determines the gross returns and the cost of reaching it must be borne by the producer. Cheese was exported by way of Montreal to the extent of 50,000 tons, and the combined railway and steamship charges were $\$ 3.50$ per ton more than the Americans were required to pay, which made a loss of $\$ 175,000$. The aggregate shipment of butter by Montreal was io,000 tons, and the excess of freight rates by land and water was $\$ 4.00$ per ton, or $\$ 40,000$ in all. On 50,000 tons of bacon and hams, the charge was $\$ 3.00$ per ton in excess of that by the American route, a loss of $\$ 150,000$. There were 270,000 barrels of apples shipped by the Canadian route on which there was an overcharge of 40 cents per barrel, or $\$ 108,000$. The discrimination in the rate on cattle was $\$ 4.00$ per head, which on the 46,000 head shipped by Montreal, amounted to $\$ 184,000$. These make a total loss of $\$ 656,000$ on five kinds of farm produce. If this were all, it would be a serious matter warranting official attention, but Mr. McLaren estimates that there was sufficient freight forced to the American lines through the lack of Canadian facilities, and thus subjected to the additional cost of a long haul by rail to swell the loss to $\$ 1,000,000$. Other comparisons show the discrimination practiced by Canadian railways. The rate on cattle from Chicago to Montreal is only 25 cents per cwt., while from the counties of

Lambton, Huron and Grey, it is 30 and 33 cents. On a carload of cattle sent from Forest, Lucknow or Kincardine to Montreal, the rate per head would be \$1.25 higher than on a carload sent from Chicago to Montreal.

Whether one rate is too high, or the other too low, is hard to say ; in either case the discrimination against the Ontario farmer is unjust and oppressive, and nothing short of legalized robbery. The iniquity of the situation is intensified when it is remembered that the people of this country have given in cash and land grants an amount equal to $\$ 19,000$ per mile to aid in building the railways which are now being used to thus discriminate against them. No person will urge for one moment that the Canadian railways should not secure all they can of the freight traffic of the continent ; but that the railways, which have been practically built by the generosity of the Canadian people, should give their first consideration and best energies to placing them at such a great disadvantage with foreign competition in the world's market is simply intolerable.

## Sharing Taxation.

Another matter in which the Ontario farmer bears an unjust burden when compared with the railway is that of taxation. Every \$10oo worth of farm property in Ontario is assessed at $\$ 450$.oo, and is taxed $\$ 4.60$. Eivery $\$ \mathrm{r}, 000$ worth of railway property, even under the Act of 1904, is taxed but $\$$ r.30. A considerable portion of the taxes paid by the farmer goes to meet the obligations incurred in granting aid to the railways which escape their fair share of taxation. The worst feature of this phase of the question is that in some instances the earnings of the Ontario portions of through railways are used to pay the
taxes on other portions of the same system in the States.

Take one or two instances of the great difference in the amount of taxes paid in Ontario and in the neighboring States by some of the railways operating both in Ontario and in those States. A Grand Trunk train starting from Chicago on its ${ }^{1} 138$ miles journey to Portland with a Beef Trust load of cars runs 25 miles in Illinois, over a railway line which pays \$ 500 per mile in taxes; 85 miles across Indiana over a line paying $\$ 800$ per mile ; 224 miles through Michigan over a line which pays (this year) $\$ 900$ per mile ; one mile through the Michigan end of the St. Clair tunnel which pays $\$ 29,000$; then one mile through the Ontario end of the tunnel which pays only $\$ 730$ in taxes; through Ontario from Sarnia to Montreal, 503 miles, the taxes on which come to about $\$ 80$ per mile; through Quebec 129 miles, where the taxes are $\$ 75$ per mile ; through Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine to Portland, Izo miles over a line paying an average of $\$ 260$ per mile in taxes. Of the II 38 miles between Chicago and Portland, the 505 miles in the different States named pay $\$ 380,300$ in taxes, or an average of $\$ 753$ per mile, while the 633 miles in Ontario and Quebec pay $\$ 50,645$, or an average of $\$ 80$ per mile.

The Michigan Central line from Chicago to Buffalo, 535 miles, has 284 miles in Illinois, Indiana and Michigan, and 226 miles in Ontario. The 284 miles in the three States named pay about $\$ 1800$ per mile in taxes, while the 231 miles in Ontario pay less than $\$ 60$ per mile. Yet the passenger rate in the States is two cents per mile, and in Ontario three cents per mile.

The Canadian Northern, from Port Arthur to Winnipeg, 430 miles, has 43
miles in Minnesota, which pays to that State more taxes than the other 387 miles pays in Ontario and Manitoba.

These few samples show how the railways escape taxation here.

What is the remedy? Legislation, both Dominion and Provincial, of a
character that will control rates, impose fair and equitable taxes, and otherwise regulate the operation of all publicserving corporations.

In a subsequent article the results of State control of rates, \&c., will be dealt with.


# Canadian Fiction. 

By Alice G. Rowsome, B.A.



LEADING American author, in one of his early books, writing at Niagara and standing on his own side of the river, says, with compassionate sententiousuess,-" I look across the cataract to a country without a history." He was looking into the emptiness of his own mind; for where could we find a young country into whose history have been crowded so many notable deeds and striking events? Our whole life as a nation, short as it is, is instinct with romantic adventure and picturesque figures ; the painted warriors of the west, the boisterous voyageurs, the patient Acadian exiles, and the sturdy U. E. Loyalists. These are the very best subjects for fiction and Canadian writers are now beginning to realize the great possibilities that lie in them. A bibliography of Canadian fiction, published in 1904, contains the names of some four hundred writers, and, while some of the people mentioned have written perhaps but one novel or short story, and, while some of the productions are hardly worthy to be ranked as literature, there are still many of whose achierements in the past Canadians may be proud and whose promise for the future is bright.

Fiction has been the latest branch of literature to develop in Canada and in the English section later than in Quebec. Perhaps Richardson's Wacousta, which appeared in 1833 may be considered rather as history than fiction but it is
really a good novel containing an excellent picture of the siege of Detroit. In 1877 appeared, The Golden Dog, by Kirby, which was for a long time considered the best Canadian novel and which showed considerable literary skill. It was, however, Sara Jeannette Duncan who was first recognized by the world as a Canadian novelist. She began her literary career as a journalist, writing under the pseudonym of Garth Grafton and the bright interesting vein of charming humor of her first book, A Social Departure, won immediate popularity. Soon after the appearance of this book, she went to India, where the scenes of a great many of her later books have been laid, her only Canadian story being The Imperialist. Since then, writers of stories have grown very numerous in Canada and we shall not be able to do more than notice briefly a very few of the most outstanding ones, passing over with mere mention such names as Haliburton, Agnes Machar, Jean McIlwraith, Oxley and Hickman.

When Canadian fiction is mentioned, probably the first name to occur to the popular mind is that of Gilbert Parker, and, up to the present, he is undoubtedly one of the leaders in excellence of matter and style. A Canadian by birth and education, he has however, been in England since 1890, after which time all his books have appeared, with the exception of some plays and an adaptation of Faust, 1888. He is one of the many of Canada's writers who have sought in

England or the United States more favorable conditions for literary work than they have found in their own country. His novels, however, unlike those of Grant Allen or Robert Barr, are so thoroughly Canadian in plot, scene and spirit that we can with justice claim him. In Pierre and His People, published in 1892, and its sequel, An Adventurer of the North, 1895, we have a collection of short stories, centering around the hero Pierre which reveal to us the land of the North West as a land of romance and stirring adventure. The plots of his novels are interesting and well worked out, his characterisation is bold and clear and his descriptions are good. Since 1892 he has published fourteen novels, the latest of which, The Ladder of Swords, shows traces of hasty work. Some of his best are Mrs. Falchion, The Translation of a Savage, The Battle of the Strong, The Right of Way, and The Seats of the Mighty, the last being probably the best known.

The Rev. Charles W. Gordon, at present a clergyman in Winnipeg, finds time amid his clerical duties to write some good novels, published under the well-known pen name, Ralph Connor. He was educated at Toronto University and after a course in theology at Knox became a missionary in the Canadian North West ; and there among those devoted men, fighting for civil order and righteousness, he has found the heroes of some of his novels. In fis first books, Black Rock, The Sky Pilot and his latest one, The Prospector, he gives vivid pictures of the life in our western mountains and prairies. The character of the missionary appears in each one of them and he shows how he must be full of resource, broad-minded and open-hearted to draw these men who are not to be caught by the ceremonies and amenities
of eastern religion. For the character and scenes of his two other books, The Man from Glengarry and Glengarry School Days, he has drawn on his experience in the county of his birth and has given a strong picture of the simple, wholesome lives of the able-bodied, religious men of the Scotch-Canadian district of Glengarry. The atmosphere of his books is strong and invigorating and one feels that he is describing men and scenes that really exist, though, in The Prospector, we see somewhat too plainly the finger of the author in the rather too glaring contrasts of some of his characters, for example between Shock and Lloyd, between Mrs. Macgregor and Mrs. Fairbanks in whom there seems no redeeming trait, not even the softening power of mother-love. The truth and literary vigor of his books, with their breezy western style, serve, however, as a much-needed tonic for the present day.

In the last year or so, have appeared a number of young writers of promise, only two of whom we shall be able to notice with any detail. Arthur J. Stringer, a handsome young Canadian, born in London, 1874, educated at Toronto University and at Oxford, is perhaps better known as a poet than as a novelist, though his two contributions to fiction, The Loom of Destiny, 1899, and The Silver Poppy, 1903, are worthy of more extended notice than can be given here. The latter, a picture of literary conditions in New York, has rather a unique plot of a young woman who has won unmerited fame as an author-unmerited, because to her has been attributed a work which she never wrote but the credit of which she has not the moral courage to disclaim. As can be imagined, this undeserved popularity brings about many complications and leads to some interesting character
development. His style is rather uneven and shows some straining after effect but the characters are natural and the plot original.

In Norman Duncan we have one of the most promising of Canada's writers of fiction. He also was educated at Toronto University, being a class-mate of Mr. Stringer ; and these two, with the late Jas. A. Tucker form a literary trio of which the class of ' 95 may well be proud. After leaving Toronto he engaged in journalistic work in New York and his earliest production, a collection of short stories published with the title, The Soul of the Street, treat of life in the Syrian quarter of that city. These were followed by two long stories, The Way of the Sea, and Dr. Luke of the Labrador, which treat of an entirely different subject, being stories of the sturdy fisher-folk of Newfoundland and Labrador and giving us true pictures of the isolation and monotony of their lives. In the last named book, the various scenes are held together by a very slight love story of Dr. Luke, the hero, and Mary Roth, the daughter of one of the principal men of the coast, a fisherman and store-keeper. Dr. Luke is a young man, to whom the memory of his past life brings stinging remorse, when he thinks of linking it to the pure one of Mary Roth. He is wrecked on the


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coast of Labrador, and, seeing that here in this desolate region where a call from the mail-boat doctor in answer to a summons cannot be expected for six months and even then not with certainty, there is chance for such a man as he to atone for his wasted past by bringing relief to the suffering among these isolated people, he stays and is a boon to everyone, but especially to the sick, and Mary Roth. The pathos of some of the scenes described in the book is very intense but it is skilfully relieved by the humor of others.

The latest development of Canadian literature is the short animal study, in which we have stories from the animal's own point of view and in which they are credited with human feelings, being indeed human creatures masquerading under the disguise of animals, a skilfu1 modern treatment of the old animal fable. Among the writers of this class of fiction may be mentioned Roberts, Fraser and Seton-Thompson. The beautifully illustrated stories of the last named are too well-known to be spoken of here except for a passing mention of his latest, Two Little Savages, which, although like his others, an animal story descriptive of the life of the bush, is more-a hand book of animal, tree, and bird lore. Although Roberts has written some good historical novels such as : The Forge in the Forest, A

Sister to Evangeline, By the Marshes of Minas, and the most recent, The Prisoner of Mademoiselle, he is stronger in his short stories where his clear style, rich
developed beyond that of the average hunters and trappers whom he struggled to avoid in the forests of Athabasca.

Among the women writers of Canada there are some, the excellence of whose work justifies notice but in order not to overstep the limit assigned to this article, it will be impossible to do more than draw the reader's attention to a few of them. Virna Sheard is a Toronto woman who has, besides many short stories, written Trevelyan's Little Daughters, A Maid of Many Moods and Fortune's Hill ; while Joanna E. Wood is favorably known as the author of Judith Moore The Untempered Wind and A Daughter, of Witches. It is possible that every one is not aware of the fact that May Agnes Fleming was a Canadian by birth. Her productions, however, of which A Mad Marriage,, One Night's Mystery, Lost by a Woman and Sharing Her Crime are fair and suggestive examples are hardly worthy to be ranked as literature and we resign all claim to them in favor of her country by adoption, the United States. Not so, however, in the case of Lily Dougall, born at Montreal but now living in England, some of whose novels are Beggars All, Zeit Geist and The Summit House Mystery, recently published and very favorably received in England under the title, The Earthly Purgatory. Nor in that of Agnes C. Laut, whose Lords of the North and Pathfinders of the West, while too crowded with incident to allow scope for characterisation, are thrilling stories of the adventures of the Hudson Bay people and the discoverers of the North West.

While Canadian fiction is just in its infancy and while there has been a great deal of hasty, careless work, there is much that is worthy of more attention than it has received in the past from Canadians.


By J. H. Smith, P. S. I.



OW to bring the farming community, especially the young people, into more direct sympathy with the objects and aims of the Agricultural College, and into closer contact with the progressive elements of our farming population, is a problem, that merits the most careful consideration of all our advanced and thoughtful educationists. Further we may also add, that to inspire them with high ideals of scientific husbandry is well worth more than a passing thought. To imbue their minds with the real nobility of rural life under ordinarily favorable circumstances, should in itself command the attention of every lover of his country. Too much stress is laid upon the commercial aspect of the problem, and not enough to the dignity and self respect developed along this line of life. Practically it would be almost impossible in a brief article like the present to do more than suggest certain lines of thought along which the discussion should follow. This implies that a discussion should follow, for it is very important that a free expression of opinion should be given, by all those whose tastes and inclinations should lead them to this life.

The conditions prevalent on the farm at the present time, how they can be improved, and what results might be looked for on account of this change for the better would form a series of themes that should tempt every literary aspirant. Then, when these subjects have been carefully investigated, our attention might be very profitably turned upon the instrumentalities now available, but still unused, that would improve the position of our young people in our rural districts, and often instrumentalities that could be made available by a united effort.

Too frequently farm life has been presented to the young people as one continuous round of drudgery, with little time for amusement, or self culture. A certain amount of manual labor will always be the lot of the farmer, but not more so than that of the mechanic, or even the merchant, though it may differ in kind. With the aid of modern machinery, the drudgery part of farm life can be greatly lessened, if not completely removed. Great fortunes are not the reward of manual labor in any calling or profession. Commerce and speculation, are
where these fortunes are made. Honest labor nearly always gives a competency as a reward, while commerce and speculation give great prizes to the few, and nothing but failure to the many. A competency can be obtained on any ordinary farm, if the owner will use his intelligence to advantage and look after the small things, for it is true here as elsewhere that "the little foxes destroy the tender grapes," the little leaks sink the great vessel. Merchants who have amassed great wealth, attribute their success to their watchful care over the most minute detail, while the majority of farmers are very negligent in this respect.

Now these details call for close and careful attention to a number of petty things that in the aggregate make for success and prevent failure. It requires both accurate and intelligent observation before these details can be properly mastered. This pre-supposes the proper training of the mind. Mental training is more essential to success than capital, for without intelligence capital cannot be used to advantage. Some one has remarked that one of the secrets of success on the part of the Japanese in the war now raging in Manchuria is their mastery of the most minute detail, and in not making any move until everything is in readiness. May we not as a people take a leaf out of their book and profit by their experience.

Drudgery ceases to be drudgery as soon as an intelligent interest is taken in any work to be done. Intelligence makes willing workers, ignorance makes slaves. If we are to retain our bright young men and women on the farm we must provide the means for developing their minds and elevating them mentally. Our country is pre-eminently an agricultural one, for we have a fertile soil and a salubrious climate, but we must have culture and cultivated minds to solve the great problem that confronts us at the present time.

Let us take the case of a young man who has some knowledge of geology, and who is engaged in ploughing. As he passes along he notices changes in the appearance of the soil. This calls up his knowledge of geology, and he becomes interested not only in the study of the soil, but in the labor of ploughing. The drudgery forsakes the field as intelligence enters. Or again place him in a field where the grass is being cut or in a field of grain. Some new form attracts his attention, and he at once calls up his knowledge of plant life. This takes his mind from the drudgery of his work, and opens up a field of mental activity that makes farm life not only endurable but attractive. All great discoveries and all useful inventions have been preceeded by
a long series of observations, and possibly of years of almost consecutive thought. Weariness does not trouble these people. They have a conscionsness within themselves that wards off weariness, and gives a real, pleasant life.
Now if we can only provide proper mental food for the intellectual advancement of our young friends on the farm, we have taken a long step in advance and the fruits of this action will soon be visible. One of the first things to be done is to reach the boys and girls in our Public Schools. This has been done to some extent by the introduction of Nature Study and Agriculture into the curriculum. Many of our teachers have but little knowledge of how to take up these studies. They rely too much upon books, and what they contain. They fail to reach the original sources of knowledge, observation and experience.
The writer firmly believes that if it were possible to place in every rural School in the Province a copy of the O. A. C. Review, there would soon be an influx of students to the O. A. C. that would astonish those in authority. If we can only get in close touch with the rural schools, there is little doubt that a demand will soon arise for greater facilities for entering this college. This Journal can be made a most effective means in developing this connection between the rural Schools and the College. Our boys and girls hear of the High School, the Collegiate Institute and the University, but little about the O. A. C., the very institution that is specially adapted for their use and benefit. This is a state of things that should not exist, but much can be done to remedy it. All it requires is a united effort.
A suggestion or two on the course to be pursued by the Managers of this Journal may not be out of place here, for they have an instrumentality in their hands that can be made effective in this work. Nature Study in many of our rural Schools is very attractive to the young, for it deals with their environment, what they see, and what they come in contact with every day. This study is still in a very undeveloped state in the great majority of our rural Schools, therefore a few live articles on the most familiar subjects of rural life would be very instructive to the boys and girls, and there can be no doubt they would be read and studied with interest. These articles could be supplemented by those on school gardens and care of house plants. All departments of farm life will furnish their quota of subjects which can be treated in a simple yet scientific manner. It will be needless to suggest exactly what topics should be discussed. These should be left largely to the various writers. May the writer express the hope that some means will be devised to place this Journal in all the school rooms of Ontario. Such a step will mean much to boys and girls in our rural schools, and bring them into direct contact with an institution that has been established especially to advance the interests of the greatest industry in our country and to elevate farm life.

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MONTREAL HARBOR.
A Scene at Canada's great Exporting Centre.

## Canada and Her Markets.

IHE foreign produce markets of Canada are not numerous, the reaily important ones, being only two in number, Great Britain and the United States. Newfoundland, West Indies, Japan, China and Germany are the remaining and less important consumers of Canadian farm products. Out of a total agricultural export for the years 1SO1, 1SO2, 1903 of $\$ 285,191,350$ worth, $\$ 263,817,708$ worth, or about 90.2 per cent., went to great Britain and the United States, while the remainder divided among the countries just named. Of the $\$ 26_{3}, 8_{17}, 708$ worth of products, the United Kingdom received $\$ 240,570$,
${ }^{1} 32$ worth, or 91.1 per cent. while $\$ 23$,247,576 worth or 8.9 per cent went to the United States.

Great Britain being our important market, it is our task to study the cause and character of her demands. The immense manufacturing industries and the large and dense population, two correlated conditions, furnish a cause for the tremendous consumption of food, and the small area of the realm accounts for the $\$ 1,000,000,000$ annual import of foodstuffs. The soil is exceedingly fertile and well cultivated, but it is suggestive to note the trend of agriculture as population increases. In the middle of
the last century, wheat and cereals generally, were the important farm crops. The area of these cultivated has steadily decreased, however, and stock raising has assumed their lost popularity. At present, about two-thirds of the total area is grazing land and meadow, and this circumstance indicates the present relative importance of the animal industry. But even under these conditions of specialization, hardly a single demand of the market can be wholly supplitd from the English farms, and not by any means such an important food as meat.

The various classes of meat constitute the most valuable import, amounting in round numbers to $\$ 200,000.000$. The British are especially noted as meateaters, and, according to Mulhall, the consumption of meat per capita has increased from 40 pounds in 1840 to 98 pounds in 1888 , the latter figure probably being exceeded at the present time.

The import of beef has the greatest value, but it is interesting to note that from no foreign country is the beef valued so highly as that produced at home. This is partly based on prejudice and partly on fact, for it is certain that no imports of beef have as uniformly good quality as the English article. American, that is Canadian and United States beef averages next in price. The market demands a well-fattened animal, and seems to place a premium on "finish."

Bacon ranks next in value as an import. The supply is largely imported, and, as is well known, a very special importance is attached to quality. This refers to the general uniformity of length and weight, the limits for "sizable" Wiltshire sides being between 45 and 65 pounds. The hardness of the flesh, the presence of a large proportion of lean
meat, and the absence of marks and blemishes is equally important to quality. Wiltshire sides are not the sole demand of the market. There is a considerable consumption of the cheaper hog-products. But the higher market is more profitable, seeing that it costs no more to produce the article it requires.

The demand for mutton seems to be on the increase, and a special feature of this trade is the large importatio 1 of fresh or frozen mutton. As in beef, British farms supply the choicest article, but the bulk of the total supply is imported. Canada supplies much less of mutton than of either of the meats, her total export amounting to less than half a million dollars.

There is a steady growth in the demand for wheat and flour, and, next to meat this import is most valuable, in fact it is nearly equal in value to meat. All the various qualities of wheat find a market. Little can be said of quality, however, and the main thing to remember is the lessening production, and the growing consumption of wheat and flour in the Island Kingdom.

The import of dairy products ranks next in value to that of wheat. The consumption of butter is rapidly increasing, there being in 1903 an advance of over $\$ 7.000 .000$ in value on the import of igor. As for bacon, all grades find a market, but the demand for high quality in the butter is even more insistent than for high quality in bacon. The flavor must be perfection, the package attractive, the salting light and the butter in a firm condition which necessitates cold storing at every stage of transportation.

The demand for cheese seems to rule very steady. The total value of the imports is less than a third of that of butter. A special feature of the market require.
ments is a particularly well-cured or ripened article, which condition is best obtained at low temperatures. British commission merchants are raising strong objection to the wooden box because of its frailty, and it devolves upon Canadian exporters to provide a more suitable package.

Thus briefly we have considered the agricultural imports of the United Kingdom in which Canada is interested. The United States next claims our attention as a market. Notwithstanding the proximity of the two countries, Canadian exports to her neighbor are very small, owing of course, to the insurmountable tariff. The United States takes some of all our products, but no great amount of any of them. While a discussion of the tariff is out of place here, it is well to remember just now when reciprocity looks desirable in our neighbor's eyes, that such a policy would not lead to a decrease of our exports to Britain, but would rather lead to general agricultural expression. The demands of the two markets are quite dissimilar. But, granting, that part of the trade were diverted it would be because the latter market proved more profitable, and this would undoubtedly benefit the farmers, and through them the country at large.

Of the other markets, Newfoundland is first in importance, the chief import being flour. The United States suppiy the larger portion of the agricultural imports under present conditions, but, if somewhat better feeling could be established between Newfoundland and Canada, the latter country would have every advantage in supplying the various foodstuffs required on the island.

The West Indies would provide a good, though limited market for flour, cheese,
and butter if Canadian goods were more widely known, and better transportation facilities were established.

In Japan and China there is a growing demand for flour, butter, condensed milk, and canned goods. The possibilities of this market seem almost infinite, in view of the evolution which is taking place in these oriental countries. The United States was before us in the field, and the increase of her exports may be taken as an index to the possibilities of this market. To China, they grew from $\$ 2,946,209$ in 1890 to $\$ 15,259,167$ in 1900 ; and to Japan, from $\$ 5,232,643$ in 1890 to $\$ 29,087,475$ in 1900. Assuredly here is a market for the great Canadian West.

Our competitors, on the British market especially, are numerous and we might say at times very inconvenient. We can only notice the more important ones at this time.

The United States is the strongest competitor in wheat, and following her come Argentina, Russia, India and others less important. In point of yield per acre Canada is far in the lead, and there is no danger of her wheat lands being kept out of cultivation by the offerings of various competitors on the markets of the world.

Denmark, Holland, France, Russia, New Zealand and Argentina compete strongly on the British dairy market, and, while Canada takes foremost place as to quantity and quality of her cheese, she has to yield the palm to all except Argentina as regards quantity of butter and to all except Russia as to quality of this article. The superior quality of Argentine butter, though it has been on the market for only three years, is very remarkable and can only be accounted for by the most improved methods of


John Bull to Jack Canuck: " Well, Jack, my boy. you can't fill this 'ere 'amper; but look to the quality, for you might as well 'ave the price as these blokes."
manufacture and transportation.
Canada competes with United States, Denmark, Ireland, Australia and Argentina on the British meat market. The competitive products of United States, Argentina and Australia are chiefly beef and mutton, the latter being more characteristic of the two last named countries. The hog products of the United States compete indirectly with our own, but Denmark is our strong direct competitor in bacon at the present time.

The competition from some of these countries is likely to increase and from others is likely to decrease. Argentina, Australia, and Russia with their large remaining areas of uncultivated soil
almost certainly belong to the former class. The United States, Denmark, and other European countries are probably the decadent nations so far as exports are concerned. The large population and the growing industrial activity are operating to produce a large home market which begins to show its effect in slightly decreased exports. The classification of Denmark, while not strictly correct is relatively true. All her land is under intensive cultivation and the cost of production is higher than for Canada. Foreign competition will therefore tend to restrict production in that country. But even if Denmark holds her own we can hardly expect to see her do more.

## GOOD SEED.

1HE importance of sowing the best seed receives general recognition. Government regulations have been enacted to prevent the sale of impure or adulterated samples. Dealers, therefore, are becoming more careful as to the quality they present for sale. Farmers are realizing the destruction wrought to their property by buying clover and other seed which contains a high percentage of noxious weed seed, and begin to pay strict attention to the quality of the seed they purchase.

This is an advance in the right direction, and it is doing good service by calling attention to the importance of seed
seed after three years selection, and thus a pure or pedigreed strain is produced. The details of the work can be obtained, and one can become a member for a trifling fee. The purpose of introducing this example of organized endeavor, however, is to show the general appreciation of the possibilities of seed improvement.

This is not a question which has to be argued. The results of experiments and the successes of plant-breeders demonstrate that, in the matter of seed improvement, the farmers of all countries are merely in the kindergarten stage. But the advance has begun, and we may look soon for the same triumphs to attend the improvement of seed as have hitherto rewarded the breeder of live-stock. For this reason, it will be well not only for the farmer in average conditions to practice careful selection of seed, but also more especially for the man who is favorably situated to specialize in the growing of the most improved seed. Under the new regime it seems that such a man must bear the same relation to his fellow-farmers as the stock-breeder bears to the feeder or dairyman. The watchword, specialization, spells the way to success in this line of endeavor as in any other. It will be profitable not only for the seed producer, but also for his brother farmers who take more kindly to another special phase of business. There is room for all who are favorably situated and who have a taste for this kind of work, and the sooner a start is made the sooner profit will begin to accrue. Valuable work may be accomplished individually, but membership of the National Association presents many advantages, and these will become more pronounced as interest increases, and as greater demand is made for strictly pure pedigreed seed.

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## Concerning Wheat~Grading.

ITHE Western Wheat Crop:-What do you suppose it was in 1904? 77,000,000 bushels. Enough to give every man, woman and child in Canada, over 15 bushels of wheat, each ! This grain was grown on $3^{1 / 2}$ million acres, and yet there remains 175 million acres of arable land, which at the same rate of yield could produce $3,850,000,000$ bushels. Canada could surely become the "Granary of the Empire." The greater part of this great yield of grain is exported to England, where the Westerner finds a ready and profitable market for his produce.

When harvest days have discovered the golden treasure of the West, there is a general migration of grain portages to the numerous elevators that are found at nearly every station throughout the land. Here the grain is stored till export trade calls for it. While the grain is being brought to the several elevators of the great milling companies, samples of it are forwarded to the Government grain inspector, Mr. David Horn, Winnipeg, who grades these samples into five classes, viz :-No. i, Hard: No. i, Northern ; No. 2, Northern ; No. 3, Northern ; and No. 4, Northern. In grading the wheat into these classes, he takes into account (I) the appearance of the grain, (2) the hardness of the wheat, (3) the weight per measured bushel, (4) the apparent strength of the gluten.

The significance of such a grading is apparent when we consider that it is on
the basis of this classification the milling concerns base their purchase prices. For instance, on Dec. 20, 1904, the prices quoted were :-

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { No. 1, Hard............. \$1.07 per bus. } \\
& \text { No. I, Northern..... \$1.02 } 1 / 2 \\
& \text { ". } \\
& \text { No. 2, } \\
& \text { No. 3, } \\
& \text { N }
\end{aligned}
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The difference in price seems insignificant for one bushel, but when thousands of bushels are considered, the discrepancy from the price of No. i Hard becomes very great as the wheat falls under anyone of the succeeding grades. Naturally, a great deal of dissatisfaction has been occasioned by the operation of such a system, and many of the Western farmers have felt that the classifications are somewhat arbitrary, and do not adequately show the relative merits of the different classes of grain. For this reason the Department of Agriculture for the N. W. Territories, at the suggestion of Mr. Geo. Harcourt, B. S. A., Superintendent of Fairs and Institutes for this Department, undertook a scientific investigation of this subject. A number of samples of wheat were collected from different districts in the Territories. These were graded by Mr. Horn, sealed, and forwarded to Prof. R. Harcourt, Chemistry Department, O. A. C. Samples of flour were taken from each 8 bushel lot, after they had been carefully ground, and these samples of flour were carefully analysed. At the same time, a practical baking test of each flour
was made. Before examining the many interesting facts that were revealed by this investigation, we may degress to a brief consideration of the essential components and qualities of flours in general. Let us first recall a few definitions which Prof. Harcourt has compiled lest some of the terms used may not be familiar to us.
I. Proteids:-This is the name given to those constituents of food containing nitrogen and usually called albuminoids. They are often spoken of as "flesh warmers" as against the "heat formers" which are made up of fats, starches and sugars.
2. Gluten :-When a few grains of wheat are chewed continually, a tough elastic substance is obtained, which is practically gluten. It is a leading constituent of the proteids, and hence is of the greatest value in a flour, for breadmaking.


Gluten remaining after Starch has been removed.
5. Strength of flour means the capacity to make a large loaf, and is associated with the power to absorb water. Starting with equal weights, Manitoba flour will absorb more water than flour made from English wheats. This amounts to one or two loaves per sack.

Referring to this "strength" of flours, millers and bakers classify flours as "strong" or "weak." The yeast plant, as it grows with the dough, develops a gas-carbon dioxide. This gas, as it is evolved, expands the thousands of little sacks formed by the dough, thus causing the dough to "rise." Then, if a flour is of such a quality that as dough it will form a tough sack-cover, and will allow considerable expansion, like a good rubber sack, the flour is said to be "strong." If, on the other hand, the sack coverings break easily, the flour is "weak." The component of flour that gives this quality is not starch, but gluten. The expanding power of pure gluten is shown in fig. 1. A quantity of flour was kneaded into a firm dough, and then all the starch was washed out of it, leaving pure gluten. It was then allowed to "rise" for a few minutes and was then baked. The strength of a flour is very important, since a much larger yield of bread can be obtained from a quantity of strong flour than from a quantity of weak flour. Investigations by the writer have shown that from 100
3. Gliadin :-One of the constituents of gluten and described as a viscous sticky substance like glue, soluble in 70 per cent. alchohol solution.
4. Glutenin :-Another constituent of gluten which gives it its toughness. It is insoluble in water, alchohol, and salt solution, but soluble in dilute alkali.

1 bs . of a strong flour the yield was 156 . 16 lbs . bread, while from 100 lbs . of a weak flour the yield was only 145.09 of bread; showing a difference of 11.07 lbs . or $7^{1 / 2}$ loaves. The difference in size of loaves made from these two grades of flour is shown in fig. 2. The first pile shows the product of 9 lbs . of strong


Bread made from High Grade Patent and Low Grade Flours.
flour ; the 3rd. pile shows that of an equal weight of weak flour, while the 2nd. pile shows the yield of 9 lbs . of a mixture of the two grades. The loaf in fig. 3 was made from a good flour. Now strong flour can come only from a hard plump wineat, so it is mainly with a view to the strength of the flour a wheat will produce that it is graded as No. i Hard, No. i Northern, \&c.

Table I. - Moisture and Proteids in the Different Grades of Wheat.

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Per Cent. | Per Cent. | Per Cent. | Per Ce.t. |
| 1 | 1 H. 11.72 | 11.89 | 4.87 | 40.95 |
| 2 | 1 H. 11.93 | 11.81 | 5.06 | 42.84 |
| 3 | 1 N. 10.75 | 12.20 | 5.24 | 42.91 |
| 4 | 1 N. 11.31 | 11.65 | 5.04 | 43.29 |
| 5 | 1 N. 11.79 | 11.19 | 4.52 | 40.40 |
| 6 | 2 N. 12.11 | 11.98 | 4.94 | 41.20 |
| 7 | 3 N. 11.02 | 11.62 | 4.92 | 42.30 |
| 8 | 3 N. 11.05 | 10.74 | 4.52 | 42.09 |
| 9 | 3 N. 11.16 | 11.85 | 4.90 | 41.35 |
| 10 | 4 N. 11.02 | 12.16 | 5.00 | 41.08 |
|  | Feed 11. 24 | 12.69 | 5.14 | 40.53 |



For the chemical test that was undertaken, there were if samples of 6 grades of wheat sent to the laboratories. The grades were No. I Hard; No's. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Northern, and a "rifled" or 'stock-frozen" wheat which Mr. Horn
graded as "only fit for feed." This latter was some of the grain that was in shock when the heavy snowfall occurred, early in the fall of 1903 . From the analysis, the accompanying tables were compiled.

The bread making value of a flour, as we have said, depends upon the amount, and the nature of the proteids it contains. The true gluten is composed of glutenin and gliadin. These must be mixed in proper proportions, Ito give a good strong flour. Prof. Snyder, Minnesota Experimental Station says, " a well balanced gluten is composed, approximately of 65 per cent. gliadin, and 25 per cent. glutenin. Then, if we make a study of the above table No. i, we shall see that there is no great difference in the total proteids, and gluten between the high grade wheats and the lower grades. It is remarkable too, that No. I Hard and No. I Northern should be among the lowest in percentage of total proteids.

From each of the samples submitted, bread was made three times. The first trial was made on June 10 , and the second and third trials on September 2oth and 21st, at the College. This bread was judged by Miss Watson, Principal of Macdonald Institute, and Miss Given, Instructor in Cooking. In judging, the best loaf was taken as a standard, and the other loaves were graded from this. The bread made from lots 6 and iI was darker in color, and poorer in texture than the others, but it possessed a good flavor.

The general results of the investigation seem to disagree with the grading done by the government official. It will \& be interesting to note from Table II, that No. 3 Northern and No. 4 Northern, and Feed gave the largest yields of bread.

Besides, it is significant that No. 3 Northern should be graded 100 in two cases, or highest in quality. While the yield of "Feed" was good, the color of the bread was dark, and it was therefore inferior to the others although the bread


Loaf made from High Grade Flour.
had good flavor. In proteid contentTable II, No. 3 Northern will be found ahead of No. i Hard. All these findings go to show that the grading has not been done on the basis of the real merits of the wheats, hence the great range of prices from No. i Hard to No 3 Northern do not correspond to the real value of the wheats.

Besides these tests, a test was made of the actual hardness of grains of the four important grades. 100 grains of each grade were subjected to a mechanical test to find their breaking weight, with the following results :-

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Grade. Onnces Required to Break Grain.
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No. 1 Hard 210.24 ounces.
No. i Northern 210.40

No. 2 Northern
No. 3 Northern
193.76
212.80

This test indicates that the quality of No. i Northern wheat has been underestimated, since it required the most weight to break it, and was therefore the hardest wheat.

It must not be overlooked, however, that these samples of wheat may represent but a small portion of the great West : and therefore would not form a criterion of general conditions. Besides, no record was made of the climatic conditions prevailing during the maturing and harvesting of these grains, or of the
character and cultivation of the soils on which they were grown. Hence further investigation must be undertaken to confirm the above findings. But the general expression of the test is, that more scientific means should be employed to give a basis for a satisfactory grading of the wheat. This question is of great importance to Western farmers, and is receiving considerable attention in the press and elsewhere at the present time.
H. G. Bell, ' 05 .

## Co-Operative Experiments in Agriculture, 1905.

IHE members of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union are pleased to state that for 1905 they are prepared to distribute into every Township of Ontario material for experiments with fodder crops, roots, grains, grasses, clovers and fertilizers. Upwards of 1.600 varieties of farm crops have been tested in the Experimental Departmental of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for at least five years. These consist of nearly all the Canadian sorts, and several hundred new varieties, some of which have done exceedingly well in the careftully conducted experiments at the College, and will be used for the co-operative experiments throughout Ontario in 1905 for the first time. Each person in Oatario who wishes to join in the work may choose any one of the experiments for 1905, fill out the form of application, and return the same to the Director of the Co-operative Experiments in Agriculture at as early a date as poss:ble. The material will be furnished in the order in which the applications are received until the supply
is exhausted. A sheet containing the instructions for conducting the chosen experiment, and the blank form on which to report the result of the work, will be sent to each experimenter at the time the fertilizers or seeds are forwarded. All material will be furnished entirely free of charge to each applicant, and the produce of the plots will, of course, become the property of the person who conducts the experiments. In return, the Committee on Agricultural Experiments desires to ask that each experiments will sow all the plots belonging to the particular experiment which he has chosen for 1905 , and that he will be very careful and accurate in his work, and forward to the Director a complete report of the results obtained from the test, as soon as possible after the plots are harvested.

List of Experiments.

## Grain Crops.

I-Testing three varieties of oats ... 3
2-Testing two varieties of Barley... 2
3-Testing two varieties of Hulless less Barley.

2


5-Testing two varieties of Buckwheat.
6 -Testing two varieties of Field Peas for Northern Ontario...... 2
7-Testing Emmer and Spelt
8-Testing two varieties of Soy, Soja, or Japanese Beans $\qquad$2

9-Testing three varieties of Husking Corn3

## Root Crops.

10 - Testing three varieties of Mangolds
11 -Testing two varieties of Sugar Beets for feeding purposes...... ${ }^{2}$
12 -Testing three varieties of Swedish Turnips3
${ }_{13}$-Testing Koh1 Rabi and two varie- ties of Fall Turnips ..... 3
14-Testing Parsnips and two varie- ties of Carrots ..... 3
Forage, Fodder, Silage and Hay Crops.
15-Testing three varieties of Fodderor Silage Corn3
16-Testing three varieties of Millet ..... 3
${ }_{17}$-Testing three varieties of Sorg- hum. ..... 3
18-Testing Grass Peas and two varieties of Vetches ..... 3
19-Testing two varieties of Rape ... ..... 2
20-Testing three varieties of CloverBurnet
3
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Fertilizer Experiments.
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26 -Testing fertilizers with SwedishTurnips.6
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27-Growing Potatoes on the leveland in hills
$\qquad$ 2
28-Testing two varieties of early, medium, or late Potatoes ..... 2
29-Testing three grain mixtures for grain production ..... 3

30-Planting Corn in rows and in squares (an excellent variety of Early Corn will be used..... 2
All seeds and fertilizers will be sent in good time for spring seeding, providing the applications are received at an early date. The supply of material being limited, those who first apply will be surest of obtaining the desired outfit. It might be well for each applicant to make a second choice, for fear the first could not be granted.

## C. A. Zavitz, Director.



The Bacteriologicai Department of the Ontario Agricultural College intends to send out this year small quantities of Nitro-Culture for the inoculation of the seeds of the various legumes (peas, beans, vetches, clovers, and lucerne or alfalfa). Whilst the distribution will be largely confined to Ontario farmers, the Ontario Department of Agriculture are allowing a number of samples to be sent to the other provinces.

The use of these cultures is not advised on those farms on which the various legumes grow well, as such soils are already well inoculated with the needful bacteria, which draw the nitrogen out of the air and feed it to the plants. But on those soils upon which legumes do badly and where there are no nodules on the roots, the use of these NitroCultures is advised. When soils are deficient in other necessary plant foods, as potash and phosphorus, these cultures will not give good results.

Applications for these Nitro-Cultures should be sent to the Bacteriological Laboratory without delay. stating the kind of legume the farmer desires to sow and the amount of the seed that he intends to use.

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Mr. Hunt and a Few of His Bcauties.

## PRIMLLAS

By Wm. Hunt, Florist, O. A. C.

PRIMROSES, or Primulas as they are botanically termed, are a numerous and interesting genus of plants, chiefly natives of the northern temperate zone, Europe and Asia contributing the major portion of the species known to floriculturists. The Primrose is essentially a spring flower; its very name is suggestive of the happy spring time, especially to those who have seen the banks and hedgerows of the old land, besprinkled in early spring with the pretty, pale yellow, daintily perfumed flowers of the English Primrose, Primula vulgare. Unfortunately but few varieties
of the European Primroses are entirely hardy in the colder sections of Ontario. Even in the southern portion of the province, in the Niagara district, the European Primrose requires protection during the winter. In specially favored positions it has been wintered over successfully without protection, but as a rule it requires some covering to bring it through safely.

The Primula afficinalis (Cowslip), which is so common in the meadows and low lying pasture lands in England, as well as Primula elatior ( $O_{x}$ lip), are both of a hardier nature than Primula vulgare.


Poly inthus Primrose.
I have wintered these varieties over very successfully for a number of years in the Niagara district with little or no prote:tion in winter. Both of these varieties grow readily from seed, or from divisions of the plant. The plants should be divided, if necessary, and transplanted as soon as they are out of flower, early in June. A partially sladed position suits all Primroses best, as the hot sun of July and August is almost as injurious to them as the severe weather in winter. A few leaves and some pine boughs or ordinury brush wood placed over them makes a good protection for Primroses in winter. A rather light, well-drained, friable soil is also advisable for them.

Primula cashmeriana and Primula siberiza are both quite hardy in most sections of Ontario. The first named is a very early flowering variety, flowering in April or early in May. A plant of this variety that had been unprotected during the severe winter of 1903-4 in the college borders, flowered very nicely last
spring. It will be interesting to note if it comes through this winter as well.

Another type of Primula that succeeds very well as a border plant, with a little care, is the Polyanthus Primrose. Several fine hybrids of these have been introduced during the last few years. One sent out by Mitchell, a Port Hope florist, makes a very attractive pot or border plant. It is usually catalogued under the name of Primula reris superba.

## Indoor Primroses.

We are indebted to China for tl e varieties of Primulas known as greenhouse or window primroses. Primula sinensis and Primula obconica being the two species chiefly grown. Of the firstmentioned species, (Primula sinensis), there are several types of both single and double flowering varieties. The standard of excellence and improvement both in habit of growth, size and variety as well as intensity of color of the flowers of these types, has been very


Primula Obconica.
marked during the past few years. The first cut shows to the right of the picture a group of Primulas as seen recently in one of the College greenhouses. The centre of the picture shows a group of Cinerarias, with a few Primulas in the immediate foreground. A comparatively new introduction is the variety known as Primula stellata, (Star Primula.) This is a type of Primula


Primula Stellata.
sinensis, and from its taller, looser habit of growth, and its floriferous character, bids fair to become a great favorite with flower-lovers. The group of Primulas shown in the picture have been continuously in flower since before Xmas.

Primula obconica is one of the best window or greenhouse plants we have. It is easily raised from seed sown in February or March. The plants should be grown in the window, or in a cold frame out of doors in summer in a shaded position until the end of August, when they should be brought into the window or greenhouse. Early in the
winter they will commence flowering and if potted into a larger pot when required, will remain in flower for seven or eight months continuously. Unfortunately this Primula cannot be grown and handled by every one. In fact there are but very few persons that are not susceptible to the irritating poison contained in its leaves and flowers, more especially when the leaves of the plant are moist, or whell one's hands are moist or damp. Although the irritation or slight rash often caused by coming in contact with it is not dangerous, only in exceptional cases, it certainly causes a most umpleasant smarting irritation that is not at all agreeable, and detracts considerably from the value of the plant. The best way to avoid trouble in this respect is to wear a pair of gloves when handling the plants.

Several beautiful shades of color have recently been added to the flowers of this type of Primula in addition to the almost white flowers at first introduced, and now it can be seen in rich lavender, rose pink, and almost a deep crimson in some of the flowers. If only a nonpoisonous type of these very easily grown and floriferous type of Primulas can be introduced, its value as a window or greenhouse plant would be greatly enhanced. For cut flower purposes too it would be invaluable, as its flowers when cut and placed in water at once, will retain their beauty and freshness for a week or even longer, under only ordinary conditions.

Thornless cactus, seedless apples, and other wonderful horticultural and floricultural products have been introduced. "Why not a non-poisonous Primula Obconica ?", An opportunity for scientific research and experiment presents itself here to those interested in the construction and culture of plants and flowers.

## A FARM GARDEN.

IHE majority of farmers pay too little attention to their garden. Many have "no time" for its care and after once plowing the land they leave the planting and hoeing to the "women folks." It seems to me that no farmer can afford to be without a well-cared for garden, since it supplies his table with a large variety of food, of the best kind, cheaper than he can buy it in the market. Eiven the hired man likes a change from a steady diet of salt pork and potatoes.

## SITE.

When selecting a spot for a garden, choose a place as near the house as possible, for the convenience of the women who do the harvesting. The land should be naturally or artificially well drained since crops suffer less from drought, as well as from excess of water on welldrained land. It is always well to get a southern exposure, if possible, with a sloping or undulating surface as the land warms up earlier in spring, allowing earlier cultivation and hence earlier crops.

## Planning the Garden.

At the outset the size of the garden is the first problem to be solved. This should be regulated by the household requirements ; from a quarter to a half an acre will grow enough for a family of four or five persons. The garden should be fenced; movable panels that can be taken down during cutivation, will prove most satisfactory. Before starting to put in garden seeds, it is well to outline some definite plan. Most farmers are familiar with a system of rotation and recognize its value in the garden. An elaborate system of rotation need not be practiced. Such a one as outlined below would produce good results. At first divide the garden into four or five portions. This can be done by stakes or by marking the spaces on the fence. One of these divisions should be reserved for perennial crops as : asparagus, rhubarb,
brambles, currants and grapes. It may remain as planted for a period of ten or fifteen years. The other sections contain about all the vegetables a farmer would care to raise for home consumption. The crops grown on section 2 one year, are grown on section 3 the following year. This change is similar in the other sections, making a four year rotation with the introduction of a cover-crop. This cover-crop is sown as early in July as possible and plowed down in late fall.

Rotation Diagram.


By rotating crops we accomplish certain things,-insects and fungous diseases are largely avoided; the amount of humus in the soil is increased by plowing the cover-crop ; by growing leguminous cover-crops, nitrogen is added directly to the soil and the characteristic deep reaching roots allow the air to penetrate more readily, causing more thorough aeration, and deepening the surface soil ; the plant food is used to better advantage by growing shallow-rooted plants after deep-rooted; weeds are more easily kept down where rotation is practiced and the cultivation is properly done.

## Preparation.

The garden is capable of high productivity and is worthy of special treatment. This treatment should commence the year before the garden is planted, a heavy
coating of barnyard manure may be applied in the fall then ploughed under, leaving the land exposed to the action of frosts, or a green crop may be grown and treated in the same manner as the manure. This treatment will be of more benefit than if sod was plowed down in spring and the garden immediately planted, because in the latter case the vegetable material will not have time to decay and its effect as a fertilizer ordinarily will not be shown the first year. As soon as the land dries out sufficiently in the spring, work it up thoroughly with a disc harrow, follow with a set of light harrows and then roll. If taken at the right time, the land will work up into a fine state of tilth and a good seedbed is formed.

## Seed Sowing and Transplanting,

Heat, air, and moisture are necessary for successful germination of seeds. To secure these conditions sowing should take place in mellow soil and this packed slightly about the seed; loose top soil will cause the seed to dry out unless the season happens to be wet. Seeds will not sprout in the absence of air ; hence the smaller seeds should be planted shallowly, one inch being an average depth. The larger seeds may be planted deeper. Always sow seeds in freshly stirred ground as they are then immediately in contact with moisture and stand a good chance of getting ahead of the weeds. The time for sowing seeds varies. Those of the hardier plants can go in as soon as the ground can be prepared. The seed of the more tender plants should be left till danger of frost is over. Put in seed the long way of the garden as this will make cultivation easier. A hand drill will plant all of the smaller seeds and do it quicker than sowing by hand. For those seeds which go in deeply a furrow is made before the drill is used. Level the soil with a rake and firm it slightly with the feet. The seen should be sown much thicker than the plants will stand when mature, to insure a good stand of plants.

Transplanting should be avoided if possible. It tends to check growth, yet it cannot be avoided in this region in order to grow some of the tender
vegetables. Cabbages and tomatoes are nearly always transplanted and strawberries require it. In moist weather great care is essential for success. Good healthy plants are necessary and late afternoon is the best time of day for the operation as the plants then have the cool night for recovery. In taking plants from the seedbed all the soil that will cling to the roots should be transferred with them and they should be kept moist until set out. After setting, the soil is packed firmly about the roots and the surface soil stirred to prevent evaporation. If a period of dry weather follows, watering becomes necessary, When it is practiced the soil should be well soaked, as light applications only start capillary action and do more harm than good.

## Culitivation.

The chief object of cultivation is the conservation of moisture ; a secondary object is the destruction of weeds. No definite rules can be given for cultivation. Every gardener has to be governed by the conditions of crop and seed. In Ontario frequent cultivation is necessary. It is well to start as soon as the seed is planted, going shallow at first and gradulaly increasing the depth as the season progresses. Cultivate after every rainfall and during a dry time at intervals of ten days. When plants cover the ground well, or have completed their growth, cultivation should cease as it is labor wasted. Hoeing should be practised to stir the soil immediately about the plants and kill weeds that the cultivator cannot remove.

## Culitivation of Garden for Winter.

After the crops are harvested all refuse should be removed and burned; this destroys fungous diseases. The whole garden should be plowed up and a heavy coating of well rotted manure applied. By means of a disc harrow it may be worked thoroughly into the soil. The land should then be ribbed up and allowed to lie in this condition over winter in which state it serves as a good reservoir for moisture which the plants need the following season. R. G. B.

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## The Need Our broad and beautiful

 of a Trainer. campus is the admiration from a from competitive point of view? Why does our foot-ball team meet with such varying success? Why is a college hockey team this year impossible? While the latter is undoubtedly due to poor rink accomodation we must look deeper for answers to the two former questions. Undoubtedly we have the material, with our two hundred students whose early training has developed sturdy frames and muscles of iron. Nor does the fault lie with the Athletic Committee for they have worked zealously to promote a sporting spirit and have done wonderfully under presentconditions. In fact, it is they who have pointed out the way to remedy the unfortunate state of affairs in college athletics.

We must have a trainer if systematic and definite gymnasium work is to be possible, and if our foot-ball team is to win we must have a coach. Haphazard, aimless training does not make an athlete nor build up a foot-ball team. For some time our Athletic Executive have been advocating an appeal to the Government for a man competent to act as both trainer and coach. If necessary the present military drill, so little appreciated by the students could be done away with and the funds devoted to this new idea.

In addition to the advantages to the students this proposed innovation is a sound business proposition. A winning team, visiting all parts of the Province is
one of the best advertisements a College can have. Friendships made on the campus are most lasting and as a result of inter-collegiate games, graduates from other colleges would become interested in and attracted to our own Institution. We cannot have too many of this class of students and we should have the additional satisfaction of knowing that we were a recognized force in Athletic circles.

Let the students do all in their power to assist the Athletic to carry out this idea before another year passes round.


Agriculture is now being considered in its true light, Canada's support, hope and guide. This is evi-
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Awakening. term the profession having the most representatives at the Provincial Council Board is that of farming. At the last election, a majority of the farmers was returned and this is as it should be. The truth of the law of Representation by Population is universally recognized. If this is applicable to districts should it not be applicable to vocations? Are not business interests as diverse as those put forth by localities? But have they been observed as faithfully ?

Heretofore representatives of capital, parasitic professions, and paltry politicians, bound together by common ignorance and like financial interests enacted legislation greatly to the detriment of agriculture, in other words dangerously
inimical to national society. This has been true of all parties in all countries at all times.

The occasional superior education of non-agriculturists has oftener been used to lay deep schemes than to build high ideals. Their more extensive business experience has reaped them greater gain than it has brought glory to their country. Their knowledge of the law has enabled them to break it with impunity.

If farmers or representatives of the people had had more to do with the grafts and impositions masquerading to-day as laws on the American continent would that dread bird of prey, the trust vampire, which is multiplying with amazing fecundity, attaining Titian proportions and satiating its gluttonous appetite on the arteries of commerce under the cover of legal darkness, would that parasite be such a menace to modern society ?

We do not wish to contend that in an ideal representative legislature nothing but the sturdy honesty of the tiller of the soil should be found but rather that the national professions and industries should be represented in order of importance, When this is an accomplished reality who will have the temerity to say that our Agricultural College has not done a great work and who will not acknowledge that the value of this lies as much in educating outsiders to the dignity in agriculture as in educating its advocates to proficiency in practicing it?

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The Home of E. C. Drary.

(1)N January the 15 th, a quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. James Partidge, Crown Hill, Ont., when his daughter was united in holy wedlock to Mr. E. C. Drury, B. S. A. Mr. Drury graduatd from this Institution in 1900, after which he returned to his farm where he has since been engaged in practical scientific agriculture.

The Review extends to Mr. and Mrs. Drury best wishes for a happy future, and we are confident that Mr. Drury will be happy if his bonny bride can bake brown bread.

James Ferguson ' O 3 is engaged in Dairy farming near Vernon, Carleton County, Ont. His two hundred acre
farm is situated in one of the best parts of Eastern Ontario, and there is every reason to believe that Fergie will do his Alma Mater honor. He has already given evidence of this fact by his enviable showing in the judging competition at the fall fairs. While here Mr. Ferguson distinguished himself not only in the class room, but also on the campus and in the parlor.

The Pierce brothers write us that they are farming near Iona, Ont., making a specialty of Clydesdales and Shorthorns. They add that they have already purchased some valuable animals as foundation stock.

Mr. C. C. Thom, B. S. A., 'O4 has been at the College for the last few days.

Since graduation he has been travelling throughout the West in search of his fortune. He has already become quite fascinated with the country, having purchased a section of land in Alberta.

Mr. Alexander McPhaddin of Domionville, Ont., has been appointed President of the Glengarry branch of the Farmer's Institute.

Although quite a young man he has closely identified himself with the agricultural progress of his own country. We are always pleased to see that our old friends are taking a prominent place in the agricultural community.
C. E. Craig 'o3, is spending the winter with friends at Norquay, Man. In the spring he intends to go ranching. No doubt this outdoor life will improve Judge's health, as we remember his delicate appetite while at the College.
A. T. Sutherland ' 3 , has recently been engaged in Kamloops, B. C. to manage a shingle mill. He visited the College early in February on his way West.

Mr. W. G. Bond, Bloomfield, Ont., has taken a homestead near Qu'Appelle, Assa. He intends going West this spring to start a corner in wheat.
John Wier 'o3, has been spending the winter at the home of his parents near Hamilton. He has lately returned to his ranch in Alberta.

The classmates of ' 96 will be interested to hear that Mr. A. C. Wilson is amongst the list of our progressive ex-students.

After taking the associate course at this College he abandoned the profession which had heretofore interested him, entering railroad work the in United States. He is now connected with the Q. B. \& Y. Railway, with headquarters at Aurora, Ill. In the social world Mr. Wilson
has also figured prominently. He has lately been appointed President of the Yeomen of America, a fraternal organization, now flourishing across the line.

We have been kindly advised by T. H. Mason, B. S. A. that Mr. N. F. Willson, M. P., is not the first ex-student elected to the Dominion Parliament, as stated in our last issue, but that this honor is held by Dr. Rutherford, the Dominion Veterinarian.

Since our last issue we were pleased to have visit us J. Donalason, one of the men who attended this College twentyfour years ago. He entered in 1881 and after taking the associate course returned to his farm at Port Williams, Nova Scotia. In 1903 he was appointed President of the Farmers Association of that Province, and this winter has been engaged in Farmer's Institute work in the Province of Ontario.

It is very gratifying to note that of late a number of the ex-students of this College have been promoted to important positions. We are also proud of the fact, that throughout the whole Dominion our men are gradually getting the reins of agriculture into their hands, Mr. G. H. Clark, B. S. A. has lately been appointed Seeds Commissioner for the Dominion. Until the time of this appointment he had been Chief of the Seed Division. Mr. Clark is a man of high personal character, and his application and integrity, coupled with an inborn determination, have won for him his present enviable position.
Death has this month claimed one of our brightest ex-students in the person of H. S. Stayner, whose demise occurred in Toronto February 27th.
"Harry" Stayner entered the O. A.


Harry S. Stayner, '06.
C. in 1902 taking the associate course, and at the same time two years of the arts course at Toronto University. From this fact it is evident that he was a man of exceptional ability and a student of whom the O. A. C. was justly proud. Last spring he returned to Toronto to complete his course in arts where he has since been studying.

During the two years spent here, he became deservedly popular with staff and students alike. He brought to bear upon College Literary, Athletic and Journal-
istic work those faculties which everyone believed would establish his fame in after years. Cut off in the very flush of young manhood, his Alma Mater mourns sincerely one of her brilliant sons, his classmates, an honored and beloved comrade, while Arts will suffer the loss of a worthy exponent.

The Review, of whose staff he was a talented member while at the O. A. C., joins in the profound regret and sorrow at the passing away of a lamented brotherstudent.

Dr. E. Cross, ' 81 , is one of the Montreal men of the good old days. He took the associate course-when the College was still young, assimilated the agriculture, proceeded to medicine, and upon earning his degree set out for Australia. Here his agricultural education stood him in good stead; investing his brains and money in stock and grain farming, he accumulated an independent fortune which has since enabled him to practice his more lately acquired profession with comparative ease. Dr. Cross says that no part of his educatio: has he found more useful to him in acquiring a living or of more benefit in enabling him to enjoy it, than the agricultural. He is still deeply interested in agriculture and operates a large ranch tear Ballarat, Australia.
L. W. Hutcheson,' $o o$, of Aurora, Ont., is a most fortunate associate. Living upon a beautiful three hundred acre farm, with buildings unequalled by those of most luxurious amateur farmers, a residence unparalleled in many towns and a love for his profession;, his fate will be success. Feeling lonely after lively life in residence at the $O$. A. C., in a few years be took unto himself a wife and now has everything heart could desire. "Len" will be remembered as vicepresident of the athletic association and the fleet forward in the football team which won the championship of Western Ontario.
C. E. Dennis 'o2, is another of the associates who are now doing business for themselves. A year or so after leaving college he spent in acquiring valuable practical experience preparatory to tilling his own acres, which consist of a fine farm near Newmarket, Ont. Dennis is now married and has a family of one, which he will no doubt send, in due course, for a Guelph education.
R. K. Monkman, 'o6, on the strength of his course at the O. A. C. and a year's practical work on the farm of Hon. John Dryden, has secured a position managing a ranch in Indiana.
D. A. Robertson, 'oo, is doing his best for the West. Since leaving the East he has been engaged in almost every brauch of agriculture, dairy work, harvesting operations and prairie forestry. During the summer of 1904 he held the position of foreman at the Nursery Station, Indian Head, Assa, He has joined the benedicts.

The students of the First year whose afternoon duties lead them to the Poultry Department will in future miss the familiar face of F . Bergin and sophomore students who occasionally wander over for lectures will be deprived of a reminder of old associations. Mr. Bergin has been with us only one year but his many business qualities have won for him promotion to the managership of Swift \& Company's poultry plant in Chicago.

Chester Jarvis, B. S. A., who formed one of our illustrous class of '99 and who took a post graduate course here last fall in Horticulture is now at Cornell. For some years Mr. Jarvis was manager of the Hamilton district of the Scranton Correspondence College and the characteristic enterprise and energy which he displayed in that sphere of activity is now carrying him high in his chosen profession. In addition to his post graduate course at Cornell, Mr. Jarvis has assumed the duties of Lecturer in Horticulture.
The many friends of Mr. T. B. Rivett, B. S. A. 'o4, will join with the Review in extending congratulations to him upon his appointment as florist for a large concern in Philadelphia. The sunny disposition of our old friend "Rusty" cannot fail to make him as popular in his new surroundings as he was in the old.

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1O "upset the applecart of public opinion" is a daring aim, especially when that applecart is laden with the fruit of many minds which we have been wout to regard as indisputable repositories of history. Yet this is the object expressed by the talented Canadian historian, Agnes C. Latit, in the dedicatory note of "Pathfinders of the West." And she does it. Armed with sound arguments, genuine documents and facts gleaned from French, British and Canadian archives she has been able not only to upset the applecart but to demolish it and render its fruit distasteful.

Avoiding everything in the nature of a controversy, the authoress has given us a book which more clearly than any other shows the relation between the discovered and the discoverers of this continent. Alive from beginning to end with thrilling adventure, romantic escapade and determinate foolhardiness it gives to places we know a new interest and presents early Canadian literature in a vew aspect. Yet nothing is included for which satisfactory and seemingly sound references are not given.

Although it does not discount the actual travels of La Salle and Jolliet, it does discount the reputation which has accrued therefrom, and what is more to our national discredit it exposes the laxity with which our records have been searched and the easy manner in which many historians have built up their works from those of contemporaries and predecessors without making a careful enquiry into the merits of other authorities.

Wm. Briggs Co., Toronto. \$2.00.

It is interesting to trace the growth of forestry as a branch of horticulture. When first introduced this new subject being more closely allied to arboriculture than to any other existing science gradually came to be recognized as within the pale of landscape gardening. Naturally many of the first works in forestry were written or compiled, by horticulturists. And still more naturally, books thus prepared contain a great deal of reading matter on the different garden ways of propagation, cultivation and pruning, with many ingenious devices for expanding and adapting these time honored customs to the field of forestry.

Nevertheless, we are greatly indebted to these early horticulturists, the pioneer foresters of the continent. It was they who first started the agitation which has so grown that it has led to legislation which now places forestry on a firm and assured basis, as a profession by itself. Andrew Fuller, the author of Practical Forestry is such a man. He was one of the first Americans to produce a book on forestry, and although there is much in his book which is not now recognized, there is still a great deal which has not been improved upon. The most prominent feature, comprising the greater part of the book, and one which still holds good, is the list of the pect:liarities of all the trees indigenous to the United States. Here are given complete descriptions of the appearance and value of even all arboricultural varieties of every genus and it is this alone which recommends the book to the present generation.
Orange Judd \& Co., New York. \$1.50.

There is a proverb about the man who causes two blades of grass to grow where one grew before. But this man needs more than commendation, he is often in dire necessity of advice. It is an unfortunate fact that a great many of our grass growers do not know the virtues and evils of the different varieties which they may sow or allow to perpetuate themselves without sowing. If every farmer knew even the most pronounced characteristics of the commonest grasses would so many otherwise good farms be numbered among the assessments of insurance companies?
W. J. Spillman, Agrostologist in the U. S. Department of Agriculture has just issued a manual on Farm Grasses, which covers the ground most thoroughly. Every grass is treated from every point and just such information given as the farmer will find interesting and valuable. Distribution, habits and cultivation, feeding value, are presented together with illustrations, so that the only thing which could exceed this publication would be actual experience with and careful comparison of each and every variety.

In addition to the space devoted to different varieties there are chapters on meadows and pastures, grasses for special conditions and grasses for lawns. These serve to fill out the book into a general compendium of grass lore which should be in the hands of every farmer.

Orange Judd Co., New York. \$1.oo.
The Illinois Agriculturist, a new exchange, is a business-like looking magazine and the best Agricultural College publication which has yet hailed from the United States. There is that indefinable
something about it which may be called life, and which impresses you with respect for its authors and managers. With many college magazines the atmosphere they emanate produces a greater impression than some of the articles they may contain. This should be particularly true with Agricultural College Organs, for with their unparalleled opportunities for applying professional principles to amateur efforts they are unique. An unlimited field of advertising, a close relation with live journalism and a large supply of public sympathy conspire to offer the embryo agricultural college journalist no excuse for not being the best.
"Resources" is, as its name implies, a national advertisement. Bright, wholesome, original and forceful from cover to cover it is typically Canadian. It is now published by the Montreal Board of Trade and the reception it has met should certainly encourage the production of a popular magazine embodying its outstanding features. If such a publication as Resources, well illustrated and typographically perfect were issued in standard magazine form, with bright stories of Canadian life by Canadian authors attractively arranged with authoritative articles on the history of Canada as making, the result would materially affect the importation of foreign magazines and would leave a decidedly different impression on the minds of many magazine readers at home and abroad.

With a population of six million we can support a successful magazine and will do so as soon as an experienced editor correctly guages the taste of the people.

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IHE greatest event in College literary circles took place on the evening of March roth. The Oratical contest is always looked forward to with the keenest of interest and anticipation, and this year there was certainly no cause for disappointment. Audience, programme and speeches were all of a high class order. In the gymnasium, tastefully decorated for the occasion, were seated the full force from College Heights and a large number of our Guelph friends, upwards of a thousand people.

Mr. F. M. Logan, President of the Society, occupied the chair, and he may well feel proud of this crowning effort to a series of excellent entertainments. Mr, Logan has worked untiringly in behalf of the Literary Society, as he does in everything he undertakes, and consequently success is assured. In an extremely neat and appropriate address, the following programme was introduced:

Cornet Solo-" The Lost Chord"-J. M. Dawson.

Oration-Position of the Press-C. W. Esmond.
Solo-Selected, Charles Reiner.
Oration-Principle in Democracy-E. D. Eddy.

Reading-Selected-Frank R. Conklin.

Oration-Natioual Integrity-H. A. Craig. Solo-"May Morning"-Miss Springer. Oration-Shall Britain Fall-M. C. Cutting.
Reading-selected-Frank R. Conklin. Oration-Race Prejudice-J. P. Atkin. Duet-"Maying "-Miss Springer and Mr. Reiner.

Reading-Selected-Frank R. Conklin.

Awarding of prizes.
Chorus - "Last Night" - College Choral Club.

The National Anthem.

F. M. Logan, '05,

The enthusiastic, energetic, resourceful and successful President of the Union Literary Society.

The instrumental and vocal music and the inimitable fun and drollery of Mr . Conklin alternating with the eloquence of the orators, constituted a programme of the highest order. Mr. Dawson's cornet solo was enthusiastically encored. The vocal selections by Miss Springer and Mr. Reiner, both solos and duets, met with unbounded applause; Miss Springer is a general favorite, and her appearance before our audiences is always greeted with genuine pleasure.


Inside and Outside the Greenhorscs.

Mr. Conklin, in his numbers, slowed himself to be an artist, and his little comedies were richly enjoyed, receiving a hearty encore at each appearance. The College Choral Club, under the able direction of Mr. R. W. Mills, closed the programme.

The speeches of the evening were as the name would indicate, truly orations. At the previous oratical contests the speeches have been of no mean order, and those of the present occasion were certainly creditable improvements on former contests. Each man treated his subject well, and deserves the highest praise, for though each had his peculiarities, yet not one of the speakers was outclassed by his fellows. Mr. J. P. Atkin presented his subject in a remarkably clear and forcible manner, leaving his audience in no doubt as to his meaning. It was this,
coupled with a perfect entunciation and an excellent command of English, that won him his place. Mr. M. C. Cutting was a close second with a speech full of eloquence and one that appealed to the audience.

The Judges, Messrs. Hugh Guthrie, M. P., J. P. Downey, M. P. P. and Rev. T. Eakin, considered the various speakers and their orations with regard to ap. pearance and manner 20 points, voice $I_{5}$ points, ellunciation 20 points, eloquence I5 points, and matter 30 points; the decision was rendered as follows :-Ist. J. P. Atkin, 2nd. M. C. Cutting, 3rd. C. W. Esmond, 4th. E. D. Eddy, 5th. H. A. Craig.

President Creelman was called upon to present the winner with the coveted trophy, a valuable Standard Dictionary and a two volume Life of Sir Wilfred

Laurier. In doing so, the president in a few felicitous remarks, (and the president's remarks are always of this nature, ) referred to the members of his class who presented this annual prize.

He also spoke of the place agriculture is taking among the professions, and of the success ex-students were achieving in uplifting their vocation. The object of the present contest was to enable our
of the various planets. In fact, we all felt much better acquainted with our starry neighbors, and though we still keep our distance, yet everyone was well pleased with the introduction. Such addresses on topics outside of our regular courses of study, come as a pleasant as well as a profitable change.

Mr. T. D. Jarvis, our lecturer in the


Training the Hand and Eye. First Year at Mancal Trairing.
students to become leaders, which indeed they were doing.

Book prizes were awarded the other speakers in order of merit, and the National Anthem closed the most brilliant oratical contest in our history.

The students enjoyed a treat in the form of a popular lecture, Saturday eveniing. March $4^{\text {th. }}$. Professor MacKay of McMaster University gave a very clear and interesting talk on the Solar System, illustrating his remarks with views and showing, in a manner in which all could understand, the relative position and size

Biological Department, is at present spending his holidays in the South. The various nature study courses require the lecturer's presence here during the summer months, and consequently the staff must take the winter for recreation. Mr. Jarvis is luxuriating in the sumshine of Cuba and Bermuda and incidentally learning something of nature's wonders in a tropical climate. He will return in time for the nature study course commencing April 15th, doubtless with renewed interest and vigor for the work.

Since the Executive Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association has


In the Good Old Spring Time.
appointed a Conference Committee to do what they can to influence men to avail themselves of the opportunities offered at the Student Conferences held at Lakeside, Ohio, and Northfield, Mass., it seemed that a word of explanation in the Review would not be amiss.

The International Committee of the Y. M.C.A., knowing that a large percentage of the students in Canadian and American Colleges and Universities, Spent their summer vacations in pleasant resorts, fishing or camping out, decided to organize a "Student's Conference " and invite delegations from each of these institutions to spend a portion of their vacation there. As a result the Northfield Conference became a reality. Here College Men may spend a ten days outing amidst the most profitable surroundings, and enjoy at the same time the pure atmosphere and healthy sport of a summer resort.

Their primary object is to give the men present some idea of the magnitude of the work they are undertaking, and the results to be derived from it, as well
as to so train these men that they may be able to cope with their own problems with respect to Y. M. C. A. work, in their respective colleges. But to gain this desired end the Conference is not one continual round of meetings, discussions and addresses.

In all its phases the conference aims to develop the "four sided" man-the physical, the moral, the intellectual and the spiritual. For the development of the physical man, every afternoon from I to 5.30 o'clock is devoted to sport, and no meetings of any kind are allowed to interfere with the management of the athletic committee. Baseball, tennis, rowing, swimming and all other land and water sports are open to all. Yale and Harvard men meet others from the most insignificant colleges on the same athletic field, and the views of each are broadened. The confidential talks with such men as Brockman, Carter, Fisher, Speer and a score of others, and the contact one necessarily has with the best men from every University, as well as the general tendencies of the whole con-
ference are great factors in uplifting and strengthening the moral nature. The intellect receives a stimulus not soon to be lost when listening to the powerful arguments of Mott, or when drinking in the fountains of information, gathered from all sources by capable men, on the important problems of the church and body politic. And lastly the spiritual nature is perhaps most affected. We cultivate the acquaintance of strong christian men, and not without benefit to ourselves. "I am a part of all that I have met " is just as true now as in
the time of Ulysses, and each student that comes in contact with the strongest men at these conferences cannot help but feel that they have influenced his chaarcter for the better and this enables him to resolve that with God's grace his life will be spent working for the advancement of His kingdom.

Fellows, these conferences afford a preparation every one of us needs, to help us in the struggles in our own lives, and in the broader sphere of action which every college man must soon enter, to help us on to greater usefulness.


## The Train Dogs.

By E. Pauline Johnson.

(Tekahionwake)

Out of the night and the north, Savage of breed and of bone,
Shaggy and swift comes the yelping band, Freighters of fur from the voiceless land,
That sleeps in the Arctic zone.
Laden with skins from the north, Beaver, and bear, and racoon, Martin and mink from the polar belts, Otter and ermine, and sable pelts, The spoils of the Hunters' Moon.

Out of the night and the north, Sinewy, fearless and fleet,
Urging the pack thro' the pathless snow, The Indian driver, calling low, Follows with moccasined feet.

Ships of the night and the north, Freighters on prairies and plains, Carrying cargoes from field and flood, They scent the trail through their wild red blood,
The wolfish blood in their veins.

- Rod and Gun.



## A Cosey Corner in Macdonald Institute.

IIESTIN is the name that has been chosen and given to those comfortable quarters in the west end of McDonald Institute, wherein dwell Miss M. M. Watson and Miss H. Givin, two of the faculty,

This cosey little spot has within its doors two bedrooms, storerooms, bathrooms, dining-room and kitchen with everything necessary to work with, which makes the housekeeper feel at home during her hours of duty.
The dining room is used also as a sitting-room, being furnished in a style
which answers both purposes very nicely It is in this little homelike corner that the students studying for Prof. and nonProf. housekeeping, have an opportunity of getting some practical experience. Each is assigued this work for a week or so at a time, without an assistant, and left to her own resources to take full charge of the apartment, including all household duties, save washing and ironing. Meals have to be ready on time and the housekeeper ever ready for visitors on very short notice.

All moneys are kept account of which


Preparing for Easter.

makes the work more interesting and practical. A regular account book is andited at the end of each short term and the housekeeper's account closed, and the balance handed over to the judicious spending of her successor.

Another book is the record of all names giving the date and the nunber served at each meal. It is needless to say these are studied by the housekeeper, as "variety simply served" is one of the aims of each cook.

This little house is so cosey and so well equipped that it gives a home-sick feeling to go back to the apartment even when one knows her time has been spent, and she must, in spite of all efforts, give her sister student a chance to share the many comforts and delightful hours, which are in store for her, when once the key is put in her keeping for a few days.

This part of the practical training of
the honse-keepers' course is the most enjoyable.

May the cosy home in "Westin" be always part of MacDonald Institute, and may its doors be ever thrown open to the students in the future as they have been for us.

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## The Macdonald Institute Literary Society.

Through the kindly zeal of President Creelman and Miss Roberts, we were fortunate in getting Professor Fraser of Toronto University to give his famous lecture on "Raphael and his Works." The lecture was illustrated by pictures representing some of the great masterpieces and so arrayed as to show the development of Italian Art from the earliest times.

The lecture was held in Massey Hall and was attended largely by the students

"And the Next Day is Monday."
of Macdonald Institute and the Agricultural College, as well as others. It was much appreciated and the students have the hope of hearing Professor Fraser again in the near future.

A rather interesting investigation has been carried on lately in connection with the making of various acid syrups.

The cooking classes upon several occasions were engaged in making marmalade, and in some cases it was found that the liquid upon the addition of the sugar turned a deep decided green.

The marmalade, after being allowed to boil undisturbed for some time regained its proper color but a green scum formed around the sides of the kettle.

Upon analysis of this scum, Prof. Harcourt found that the green color was due to an excess of indigo. During the progress of refining too much indigo had been added, but the excess was so slight as to be perfectly harmless.

On March 14th, the Macdonald Literary Society held their last regular meeting for the year in the Assembly Hall.

An unusually interesting programme brought out a good attendance, and concluded a very successful year.
The principal feature was a debate, " Resolved that opportunity makes a great man, rather than the great man the opportunity." Miss Pringle and Miss Atto upheld the affirmative while the negative was championed by Miss Robertson and Miss Wolfe. The points on both sides were well developed, but according to the decision of the judges the negative had the advantage in logic.
An instrumental by Miss Tennant was much appreciated by the audience, after which followed a Spelling Match in which all present took part. Miss McDunnough and Miss Lory acted as captains and Miss Robrats acted as referee. The contest was more or less exciting and to some extent amusing as one by one the contestants were ruled off for unintentional abuse of the orthography of innocent and unsuspecting words. The issue was in doubt for some time but the honors were finally carried off by Miss McDunnough's representatives.

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## The End of the Hockey Season.

IHE hockey match on March 4th between the first and second years ended the inter-year games for this season, and brought to a close one of the closest and most interesting hockey series ever played on our rink. From the beginning of the season, the first year team played a good game, showing both speed and skill. At times they lacked the combination and powers of endurance possessed by the other teams, but their individual play and spirit always combined to give them the victory. The third year team played with their usual vim and dash and gave the winners a close race for the championship. The team from the second year was a good aggregation of hockey players and at times showed remarkable skill and speed, but for the most part they did not seem to do themselves justice on the ice, and seemed to be unceasingly pursued by an implacable ill fate which always contrived to give them second place. The fourth year team seemed to feel that hockey was not their forte, and realizing the futility of striving for first place, they allowed the last two games to go by default and reserved all their time and strength for the struggle for the baseball championship.

The following is the standing of the $\begin{array}{lc}\text { teams : } \quad \text { Won } & \text { Lost } \\ \text { First Year................5 } & \text { I } \\ \text { Third Year .............4 } & 2 \\ \text { Second Year..........3 } & 3 \\ \text { Fourth Year ........... } & 6\end{array}$

This is the first time since 1902 that the hockey trophy has been won by the freshmen. The present senior year had the honor of winning it in their first and second years. Since then it has gone to the sophomores and this year the freshmen have earned the privilege of having "First Year " inscribed on the cup.

## Indoor Sports.

If there is one department more than any other of which the O. A. C. students have reason to feel proud and yet which they neglect more than any other, it is our college gymnasium. We have a fine large brick building, well lighted, well heated and well ventilated, and supplied with horizontal and parallel bars, vaulting horse, travelling rings, swimming tank and all the modern up-to-date paraphenalia requisite for the most complete system of physical training. We have here a department which is a most valuable supplement to any training or education, a department which offers us something for nothing, beyond a little effort, a department which should be patronized by the students as much as any other, and yet a department which, this term especially, has been singularly conspicuous for its desertedness. Enter our gymnasium when you will and you will find the swimming tank empty, the wrestling mats lying unused in a corner, the swinging rings hanging motionless and even the boxing gloves taking their
large share of repose. Indeed were it not for the fact that the gymnasium is also suited for a concert hall and can be used by the student organizations for their meetings, it were a pity to waste so much brick and mortar on such a building. That such is the case is certainly not very creditable to the students of the O . A. C. The students are assuredly to blame for not taking greater advantage of the opportunities and privileges offered by our gym. But must they bear all the blame? I think not. We have a large chemical department with several laboratories equipped with all the apparatus necessary for ascertaining the composition of substances such as soils, foods, etc., and the application of such knowledge to agriculture ; every facility is afforded the students for investigation along this line, and much benefit results from such study. But may I ask, how many students would take advantage of those opportunities valuable as they are, were it not for the fact that such study and training is under the direction of one who understands how to make the best use of the books and apparatus necessary for such a course of training. Take our
instructors in chemistry out of the chemical department and its classrooms and laboratories will soon be as deserted as our gymnasium. This principle also applies to our library and to all the other departments of our college. Experience is doubtless a great educator but his charges are extremely high, and the question of education, other than that gained by experience) involves an educator, instruction requires an instructor, training requires a trainer. If we need instructors to teach us how to get the most good out of the physical, chemical and all the other departments, it is just as essential that we have an instructor to teach us how to make the most out of the opportunities offered by our gymnasium. It is customary for the Athletic Association to hold an annual Sports' Day for indoor sports, and to give medals to the winners in the different events or groups of events. This has to some extent stimulated a few students, who possessed particular ability along that line to take systematic training in the gymnasium, but their number has always been small, and this year there were so few entries for the different
events that the athletic association did not feel justified in carrying out a programme of sports and giving medals when there was practically no competition. However on the evening of March $4^{\text {th }}$, the O. A. C. A. A. furnished us with an entertainment which was calculated to inspire the students with more real and enthusiasm along this line.
The portions of the programme furnished by our own athletes, the boxing and fencing bouts were very interesting and exciting, but it may here be said that the men who took part are men
regret felt by the student body being the fact that from our own number we could not select men who would give us such an exhibition as that given by Messrs. Archibald, Reid and Fidlar of Toronto University.

The following is the programme :-
Music $\qquad$ Orchestra. Exhibition on parallel bars $\qquad$ Messrs. Archibald, Reid and Fidlar. Physical Culture Drill $\qquad$ Ladies of MacDonald Institute. Boxing Bout...... .... Granel and Hodson. Solo............ ...........Mr. Charles Reiner.

who had attained considerable efficiency in those sports before they came to the O. A. C. ; the drills given by the ladies of Macdonald Institute were pleasing and attractive, but the chief attraction of the evening was furnished by three students of Toronto University, (one of them a freshman), who gave us some interesting exhibitions on the parallel and horizontal bars and on the vanlting horse. The programme as a whole was excellent and thoroughly enjoyed by all, the only

Exhibition on vaulting horse Messrs. Archibald, Reid and Fidlar. Music. $\qquad$ Orchestra. Boxing Bout............Jenkins and Atkin.
Solo $\qquad$ Mr. R. W. Mills Fencing Bout............Granel and Godoy. Barbell Drill $\qquad$ Ladies of Macdonald Institute. Solo $\qquad$ Mr. C. Reiner. Exhibition on horizontal bar $\qquad$ Messrs. Archibald, Reid and Fidlar. Music Orchestra.

## Base-Ba11.

It is not very often that our students have the opportunity to indulge their liking for the Yankee's national game while at the College, but this year baseball has figured largely in winter sports. Our gymnasium has proven an admirable place to play this game during the winter months. With windows barred and lights removed out of reach of the ball, our enthusiasts have been able to give free rein to their boisterous proclivities, free from the danger of incurring the wrath of the powers that be for damage to property. Baseball games between teams from the different years have been progressing merrily, rousing almost as much enthusiasm and excitement as hockey. From the first of the series the
fourth year to the casual observer were easy winners, they played with a coolness and precision difficult to equal. They were good men in the field but proved exceptionally good at the bat sometimes scoring an enormous number of runs at an innings. However, the first year team by steady play have worked their way forward until they are now almost abreast of the fourth year team and promise to give them a close run for first place.
The following is the standing of the teams :-

|  |  | Won. | Lost. | To Play. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fourth | year | 5 | I | 0 |
| First | " | 4 | I | 1 |
| Second | " | 1 | 4 | I |
| Third | " | 0 | 4 | 2 |

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A few questions for our Dairy students :-

Is milk a stable compound ?
If milk contains 87.5 per cent. of water how often should yout water the cows?

If one man can milk a cow in ten minutes, how many men will milk her in half an hour?

How many "solids not vat" are there in cheese?

If milk has case in it what has oc-curd and in what whey?

If a cow hung herself in her chains how would you exchange her? What would be the specific gravity of such an accident.

We feel that the gymnasium is not so popular as it ought to be and would like to emphasize its general utility. For instance :-

Zoological students could examine the vatulting horse, the several bats, the flies and the fouls and could watch others ". skin the cat."

Temperance enthusiasts might try to abolish the horizontal bar and insist that the pool below be done away with.

There is also a great field for philanthropists, The poor, blind exercisers might be made to see-saw, the dumb bells could be made to "ball" and every "halt" in the drill could be attended to.

Mantal training students could get full value for their board bills by learning to box, thus developing a chest instead of being pale.

Card players could utilize that old baseball diamond, the clubs on the walls, the
spades in the basement, the hearts which are in the mouths of the spectators, the aces by which so many games are lost and could also make use of the Jacks which are often "on deck."

Any who have a Physics Department Thesis to write should examine the many and various soils on the clothes of the base-ball men. There is also considerable sand in most of the players and occasionally a little dust is raised when dirt is seen in the game.

In addition the "straight and parallel " bars should appeal to all good stock-men and so should a good side, while all horsemen are usually interested in "rings."

In fact there is nothing to prevent all patronizing the gym, even if the lazy have to come by the stage, or by one of the coaches of the different teams.

Our resident master has a distinct disinclination to make " fine" distinctions.

Some of our distinguished fined students of the Senior Years wish he would finally find finer fines finest to distinguish them.

We have now in the 3rd year an example of co-education on the intensive plan, "Sister" Jim and " Brother" Dan may be found here sharing the same household worries.

There is the evening bell
Time for freshies to go to -
Now don't get excited, don't be misled,
Time children should be in bed.

## The Belated Thesis.

I sat in my room at midnight As the clocks were striking the hour, And the moon rose o'er the campus Beneath the college tower.
I watched the dim reflection Of my midnight's burning oil, With its ghastly shadows falling And glimmering o'er my toil.

And hard, in the hazy dimness Of tobacco smoke and gloom ;
I strove to commence my thesis And avoid approaching doom.
Among forgotten memories My neglected subject lay, And, hard as I strive to recall it, Seemed fading further away.
While littered and scattered around me Lay volumes of every kind
Seeming to try to remind me Of facts I had to find.

And like the students rushing To dinner down the hall,
A flood of thoughts came o'er me That made me want to crawl.
How often, oh, how often In the days that had gone by,
I had bummed around at midnight
Enjoying each yarn and lie ?
How often, oh, how often
I had wished my thesis was in,
And yet had never commenced it
And now could not begin.
For now I was hot and restless,
And my brain weighed down with care,
Till the burden of gaining knowledge
Seemed greater than I could bear.
And I thought of how many dozens Of studious Sophomore men Could hand in their thesis to-morrow And mine only started by then.

And I fancied the long procession
Still filing to and fro
Into the President's office
Without a thought of woe.
But even while cursing my folly, And calling myself a mark ;
The shadows were growing dimmer
And leaving me more in the dark.
My lamp burned lower and lower
And wondering how much I had done
I saw by the last dying flicker
The title on page Number One.
Mac-(who has been in bed four days.)
" The doctor says I shall be able to get up in a few days if I take care of myself. I suppose that means I might better be my own doctor."

Prof.-(marking the roll.) Where is your seat, Mr. Jacobs?
Jacobs-Somewhere among the jays I suppose.

Prof.-You had better sit between Hosmer and Jull then.
H. G. Bell-"I don't like that hymn. I would rather not sing it."
"What! Hold Thou my hand. Isn't that all right, Mr. Bell?",

Prof. Gamble, after an unsuccessful search for a missing article, inquires, " Where is Warner's drawer. Its likely there."

Fairbairn-Well, Twigg, how do you place these cattle ?
"Pat"-First, second and third.
Willie fell in the molasses barrel, Out in the shed.
Now, I'1l lick you, Willie's mother said.

Our friend, Mr. Higgins of the Opera House, has spent the winter in the Opera House devising schemes to entertain the college students. The successes he has achieved in the past are but a guarantee of what is coming. Contrary to fashion this opera season is going to end in a climax. The next special attraction is one which will appeal particularly to nature students, "The Bonnie Briar Bush." This, with admirable forethought, has been arranged for April 6 th, the night before exams. in order to give the boys one last chance.

If President Creelman can uproot a weed in a second, how long will it take him to weed out a first year lot?

Prof.-Have you any fault to find with this cow's head.

Munro-Her nozzle is hardly broad enough.

Our brilliant Literary Committee recently drew up a programme for the Union Meeting but unfortunately it was lost. The following, which was found between the O. A. C. and the Macdonald may possibly have been the one:

Opening Address by President Logan, (not to exceed 40 minutes.)

Quartette-Selected-Nag-Tany.
Reading-The evils of selecting an unsuitable room-mate.-Cutting.

Debate-Resolved, "That all students should attend church regularly."

Affirmative-Foster and Russell.
Negative-Cotwell and Bracken.
Address-Value of Education-A. B. Smith.

Solo-The Vitality of Hair RestorerJordan and Warner. Critic's Remarks-Morewood.

Prof.-What is the matter Greenshields?

Greenshields-I was just thinking, Sir.

Prof.-Well, don't let it occur again ; you disturb the class.

Our late editor, "Bob" Deachman is always looking after the best interests of the Review with a zeal that passeth all understanding. He is now, rumor says, engaged in trying to get a "grant" from the Telephone Company.

Professor in Chemistry- "If celluloid collars are not properly made they are likely to explode."

Dukson-"That's when you get it in the neck."

Prof.-How would you compare base.
Brooks-First base, second base, third base.

Prof.-Sulphur is a good disinfectant. We usually allow one pound to every thousand cubic feet of space.

McKinnon-How in the dickens would you mix it.

Astronomer- "There is Mercury with Venus.' 'The students all looked, but it wasn't Venus Mercury had.

The President-" Now that we are all here-'"

But Mason looked as if he weren't.

Billy Munro is becoming disgusted with the Big Sing. Every time he hears the Bell he says "Oh! Shaw."

MacVannel-That chap's hair is mineral wool off the hydraulic ram.

Baker-(coming into room 54, dressed for the evening.) -Have any of you fellows a deck of cards?

Broderick-Why ? Are you the missing Jack ?

Baker-No, but I am going out.
Craig-Not going to play solitaire, eh ?

Kennedy-No, nor a lone hand either, I'll bet.

Clark-Don't forget to lead hearts Baker.

Craig-I'd like to follow suit.
Clark-Yes ! You would likely be euchred though.

The laugh's on Craig.
Leach-It is a good thing to be behind in your studies, you know.

Kerr-Why ?
Leach-It is much easier to pursue them then.

Wade-They say the turnips are as big as foot-balls down south.

Cam.-That's nothing, I saw three policemen asleep on one beat in St . Louis.

A short refrain from a former Review : Little Willie had a mirror

And he licked the back all off Thinking in his childish error
It would cure his whooping cough.
At the funeral, Willie's mother
Sadly said to Mrs. Brown
' Tiwas a chilly day for Willie
When the mercury went down.

Freddie-What's the difference between a politician and a statesman, dad ?

Cobwigger-Well, when they run against each other the politician gets elected.

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Hear Rover snoring, ain't he breathing hard.
Gee Whizz, I'm gettin' sleepy.
That little tree toad hollerin' like he feels as big as a bull frog,
Smell that hay-'isht I'se layin' in it ;
Feel that wind-I like to have it blow my hair that way :
Gee Whizz, I'm gettin' sleepy.
It' most awful long since supper,
'Isht I had a piece of Huckleberrpy pie.
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2. Examination in School of Practical Science begin.
3. Reports on Night Schools, due.
4. High Schools, second term, and Public and Separate Schools close.
5. Good Friday. Annual Examination in Applied Science begins.
6. Easter Mīonday.
7. Annual Meeting of the Ontario Educational Association at Toronto.
8. Notice by candidates for the High School Entrance Examination, to Inspectors, due.
MAY:
9. High Schools, third term, and Public and Separate Schools open after Easter Holidays.
10. Toronto University Examination in Arts, Law, Medicine and Agriculfure begin.

## May :

5. Arbor Day.
6. Empire Day. Notice by candidates for the District Certificate, Junior and Senior Teachers' Examinations, University Matriculation and Commercial Specialist examinations to Inspectors, due.
7. Victoria Day.
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