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FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

held a very successful meeting here on Friday afternoon and evening last. While the farmers themselves were listening to interesting and profitable addresses in the upper hall, the farmers' wives and daughters were engaged down stairs in the discussion of various topics pertaining to the household. From the opinions expressed by detime one is forced to believe that this agricultural community. The attend- South Africa. ance in the afternoon at both meetings was good, and the speakers had many uries enjoyed by the present day questions to answer from enquiring farmer, especially in Mr. Foster's own members of the audience,

The gentlemen members of the delegation were Mr. A. Foster, of Markham, and Mr. W. F. Kydd, of Simcoe. Dr. Annie Backus was forced to be in the neighboring town and order his absent on account of illness, and her place was taken by Miss Campbell, of Brampton, who evidently filled the delivery was another advance that position very acceptably.

three previous occasions those who of the country. heard him formerly expected something good, especially on the Horse Question, in which he is well posted. The first part of his address, however, had reference to potato culture, and much useful information was given along this line. The benefit of spraying to prevent blight was ably demonstrated, and the increased crop where the work was performed properly showed the time and cost to be profit- dweltupon, and altogether Mr. Foster's ably invested.

Getting down later to the Horse attention. heavy class horses generally, as these calculable extent. were always in demand in an agricultural country where strength was an essential. Apart from the cost of service, it cost no more to raise a good horse than it did an inferior, but when address she is not prepared to defend the foal grew into a horse at four them politically. She even went so years there was a vast difference in the amount of money a farmer could realize for a good animal over an in- Tory it is more than probable she is ferior one. The General Purpose was condemned as an unprofitable horse to or husband with whom she would unbreed, being neither one thing nor the doubtedly side. Woman's place politother. It you want a light horse ically, she maintained, was in her weighing ten or eleven hundred pounds breed carriage horses; they should be as strong as a general purpose horse of similar weight, and be as good for heavy weight if used there, and infinitely better if he had to be

neck, and a full, bright eye. The subject of "Mixed Farming' was ably handled in a paper read by Mr. Foster, the delegate from Markham. It was a broad question and dealt with various departments of stock raising, selection of seed grain and roots and how to treat them so as to prevent blight and other dangers to the growing crop. The audience was highly interested in the address

put on the road. A horse to be healthy

needed a good heart girth, should be

deep and broad, have good head and

as shown by the good attention given. Despite the roughness of the weather the evening meeting was well attend ed and though the audience was not so large as in former years, it was considered a most successful meeting in every way,

Mr. Robt. Morice, chairman, with a few well-chosen remarks opened the meeting, introducing Mr. A. Foster, of Markham, as the first speaker.

it is so nevertheless. Ithree are first-class artists in their rightly, too, that our parents and she went on to say, were not cut out good. ious roles, and, combined, they grandparents could teach this more for farming. Their inclination was Little Miss Jean Morice, in "The n a very strong entertainment advanced age a few of the rudiments towards the towns and cities. They Irish Sleigh-ride" displayed considerpany. Miss Newcombe in her of sociability and neighborliness. In might be machinists, clerks or trades able talent, thoroughly captivating lo solos gives a performance that is their time, with fewer churches, and people. If such were the case, it her audience, and responding to an enle short of marvellous. She pro- fewer chances of being thrown into would be worse than useless to keep core, was tendered a most hearty exles a wonderful tone and all her the society of others, people would go them on the farm. They would be pression of appreciation on her renderobers are given in finished style. farther, taking their whole families detrimental, and it would be the height ing of "An Aim." s Strachan has a very sweet and even, to a neighbor's logging-bee or of folly to compel them to adopt a powerful voice, and her 'character' barn raising. Then again they had vocation not suited to them. Farming, are a feature, while Mr. Spence their old-fashioned singing schools, the same as other occupations requires Empire for 25c renew for the Chronicle an excellent tenor voice."—Ottawa debating societies, paring bees and good management, and a man without to the end of the year and send us an

people of to-day knew next to nothing occupation. and which even now would be rather an improvement on the present day was delivered by Mr. W. F. Kydd, of

Mr. Foster also dealt with the ad vantages to be derived from an at tendance at the agricultural fairs, fat stock shows at Guelph and the Cana-The South Grey Farmers' Institute dian National Exhibition at Toronto.

These affairs, the speaker believed, were of the utmost importance and benefit to farmers, and he hoped the young men and women were taking full advantage of their privileges.

The Ontario Agricultural College had won the bronze medal at Chicago three successive years, and other partmental delegates from time to graduates from the same college had some of the best positions in other is the centre of a highly interested parts of Canada, United States and

Reference was also made to the luxcounty, where the tiller of the soil would generally have an organ or piano, and a telephone, whereby he could call up any of the business men supplies without the trouble of even going out of the house. Rural mail was sure to come in the near future to As Mr. Kydd was here on two or the more thickly populated portions

> lege is also of great benefit to farmers' meeting was, to all appearances, a daughters, and should be taken ad- success. But right here came the way allow of it.

These and many other topics were address is well worthy of considerable

Question, he referred to a recent com- Miss Campbell, of Brampton, the mission appointed to investigate the next speaker, took for the subject of classes used in Ontario for breeding her address "Canada, and the Influpurposes and pointed out to the audi- ence of Women." That women were ence that in the province about 1800 the guiding power for good in the horses were used that were unsound country, and without them our fair and unfit for breeding purposes. A Dominion would not be the prosperous hard slap was given to many "Import- country it is, the speaker dwelt on ed" Stallions which he claimed had no briefly, Women, she said, had the other recommendation and that many making of the country, to use her own of them were sent out from the old expression "in the hollow of their country in order to get rid of them. hands." Their tendency towards gen-The importers made money out of the tleness, their kind and sympathetic business, but the farmers of Canada disposition, and, when necessary, their were suffering from an inferior pro- self control, were qualities which were geny. There were certain points essential, while the influence of pure, about the horse that every farmer virtuous women, over even the most should know. They should breed degraded characters, is felt to an in-

Even though Miss Campbell places the women folks on an equal to the male population in the government of the country, in one sense, from her far as to say they are no good as politicans, and if a woman is Whig or following in the footsteps of her father home. Let her train her children in the right ways of the world and it worth more to the community than ten of her votes at the polls.

The present day women spend too much time playing cards, and rather than cultivate their minds prefer to give five o'clock teas and live what Miss Campbell called "butterfly" lives rather than an existence of usefulness,

Farmers should educate themselves and be prepared to represent their fellows and have a say in the government of the country. Instead of this, however, it is too often neglected and the result is that to-day the farmers have practically no representatives in

The speaker, however, did not deal altogether with the good influence the women had on the community. They had their faults, as well, which were treated briefly and intelligently by the lady from Brampton in such a manner her hearers that she understood thoroughly what she was talking about.

On the question "How to keep boys on the farm" some good hints were to the point. Pay him. Instil business Mr. Foster's address, "Social Life on methods into him. Teach him how to the Farm," was a good one, containing bank money. A business education good sound common sense a'-plenty. was also advised, and the practice of He showed himself thoroughly in always treating the boy in a business touch with his subject, and on many like manner was also essential to his points we think nearly all had to agree success. Give him something of his with him. There is certainly a line own to manage and treat him generaldrawn (in some places) between the ly as a business man. Miss Campbell's patriotic songs, displaying his already farmer and town people. Why this address was wholly an instructive one, should be so is hard to understand, but and if followed generally we believe would result in more harmony between Gentlemen," "Go to Sea" and the Mr. Foster contended, and we think the father and son. Some of the boys, "Canadian National" being especially

ure that were in themselves society useless and as much a failure on the events, affairs of which the younger farm as one in any other profession or

> The next address "Dropped Stitches" Simcoe and though the ground had been pretty well covered previously, he delved down into his seemingly inexhaustible stitch box and unearthed many important deficiencies in the present day methods of farming.

The farmers of to-day, are not so enthusiastic in their work as they should be, and instead of tilling the soil scientifically, trust to "luck" altogether too much, and oftentimes lose considerable of their production, when all that is needed is a little good common sense and scientific principal behind their labor to ensure success. Another thing that holds the farmers

down is their nearly utter lack of cooperation. Instead of dictating in a body, the price of their products, they would come in singly and sell for just what they could get. Mr. Kydd went on to explain the benefits to be had from co-operation and also referred to the scepticism with which farmers received an organizer, and how quickly they grab it up when they see it is a sure enough benefit, citing as an illustration, something that happened in his own experience.—Three years as o he and another farmer tried to organize the farmers of his vicinity into cooperative apple packing. Procuring an able speaker, they sent out cards It is a great mistake that farmers do notifying the people of the coming not take advantage of their privileges, event. On the evening on which the and where it is at all possible give meeting was to be held, the hall was their sons a course in the Agricultural packed to overflowing. Everyone College. The McDonald Ladies' Col- seemingly wanted co-operation. The vantage of if circumstances will in any pinch. It would cost two dollars per head to get this new departure started, and it wasn't many minutes before Mr Kydd, his farmer friend, and the speaker found themselves looking at each other and wondering how it all happened. Not discouraged, however, he and two others started, and when the success of the enterprise was as sured it was next to impossible to keep the scared ones of last year out of it. The venture has been highly successful, and now the buying of al the barrels is left to one man while the selling of the apples is left entirely in the hands of another who is paid a commission of 20c. per barrel. Last year, these farmers sold their apples for over two dollars per barrel on the trees and Mr. Kydd has no hesitation in attributing this increase price entirely to co-operation.

The method of raising apples in the Hood River Valley, Oregon, was gone into extensively and it was shown that from the very start, the trees received unlimited attention, were pruned early, and in the most scientific manner known, as yet, so that when maturity was reached. most of the fruit could be picked off the ground, less than one-third requiring ladders to reach. The spraying also played an important part and was kept up continuously with the best of results.

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When it is taken into consideration that Ontario apples, apples which with proper culture, are second to none in the world, sold last year for \$1.50 per barrel, it is readily seen, that all that is needed is a little information on how to do it, such as the Farmer's Institutes are distributing throughout the country, and then when our crop is placed in the market in first class condition a little co-operation to hold the price somewhere near a figure, which though not exhorbitant, would be doing justice to as to leave no doubt in the minds of the farming community to whom the buyer is indebted for value received.

Mr. Geo. Binnie, Secretary of the Institute made a few remarks regarding the conditions of membership given which were, we think, directly and invited all who were not already members to join the society.

In the intervals between addresses, a good program was presented, which was much appreciated by audience and speakers as well.

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