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FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The South Grey 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.

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 absent on account of illness, and her place was taken by Miss Campbell, of Brampton, who evidently filled the position very acceptably.

As Mr. Kydd was here on two or three previous occasions those who 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.

Getting down later to the Horse Question, he referred to a recent commission appointed to investigate the classes used in Ontario for breeding purposes and pointed out to the audience that in the province about 1800 horses were used that were unsound and unfit for breeding purposes.

Miss Campbell, of Brampton, the next speaker, took for the subject of her address "Canada, and the Influence of Women." That women were the guiding power for good in the country, and without them our fair Dominion would not be the prosperous country it is, the speaker dwelt on briefly.

Even though Miss Campbell places the women folk on an equal to the male population in the government of the country, in one sense, from her address she is not prepared to defend them politically. She even went so far as to say they are no good as politicians, and if a woman is Whig or Tory it is more than probable she is following in the footsteps of her father or husband with whom she would undoubtedly side.

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 House.

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 as to leave no doubt in the minds of 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 given which were, we think, directly to the point. Pay him, instill business methods into him. Teach him how to bank money.

A business education was also advised, and the practice of always treating the boy in a business like manner was also essential to his success. Give him something of his own to manage and treat him generally as a business man.

Mr. Foster contended, and we think rightly, too, that our parents and grandparents could teach this more advanced age a few of the rudiments of sociability and neighborliness. In their time, with fewer churches, and fewer chances of being thrown into the society of others, people would go farther, taking their whole families even, to a neighbor's logging-bee or barn raising. Then again they had their old-fashioned singing schools, debating societies, paring bees and other forms of amusement and pleas-

ure that were in themselves society events, affairs of which the younger people of to-day knew next to nothing and which even now would be rather an improvement on the present day style.

Mr. Foster also dealt with the advantages to be derived from an attendance at the agricultural fairs, fat stock shows at Guelph and the Canadian 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 graduates from the same college had some of the best positions in other parts of Canada, United States and South Africa.

Reference was also made to the luxuries enjoyed by the present day farmer, especially in Mr. Foster's own county, 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 in the neighboring town and order his supplies without the trouble of even going out of the house.

It is a great mistake that farmers do not take advantage of their privileges, and where it is at all possible give their sons a course in the Agricultural College. The McDonald Ladies' College is also of great benefit to farmers' daughters, and should be taken advantage of if circumstances will in any way allow of it.

These and many other topics were dwelt upon, and altogether Mr. Foster's address is well worthy of considerable attention.

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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.

In marketing, the apples are carefully picked, and wiped and are laid on a table, when an expert packer places them in boxes. This packer has to have a certificate, and has also to serve one year's apprenticeship before he can get it. The box is then stamped with the packer's number and is ready for shipment.

In the fall of the year, representatives from Russia, France and the United States purchased these apples by auction for the fancy price of \$3.37 1/2 per box (about 1/3 barrel).

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 exorbitant, would be doing justice to the farming community to whom the buyer is indebted for value received.

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useless and as much a failure on the farm as one in any other profession or occupation.

The next address "Dropped Stitches" was delivered by Mr. W. F. Kydd, of 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 principle behind their labor to ensure success.

Another thing that holds the farmers down is their nearly utter lack of co-operation. 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 ago he and another farmer tried to organize the farmers of his vicinity into co-operative apple packing. Procuring an able speaker, they sent out cards notifying the people of the coming event. On the evening on which the meeting was to be held, the hall was packed to overflowing. Everyone seemingly wanted co-operation. The meeting was, to all appearances, a success. But right here came the 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 assured 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 all 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.

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Spring Wheat..... 90 to
Oats..... 47 to
Peas..... 80 to
Barley..... 60 to
Hay..... 17 00 to
Butter..... 23 to
Eggs..... 25 to
Potatoes per bag..... 75 to
Flour per cwt..... 2 65 to
Oatmeal per sack..... 3 30 to
Chop per cwt..... 1 75 to
Live Hogs, per cwt..... 5 60 to
Dressed Hogs per cwt. 7 25 to
Hides per lb..... 3 to
Sheepskins..... 40 to
Wool..... 23 to
Tallow..... 5 to
Lard..... 12 to
Turkeys..... 10 to
Geese..... 8 to
Ducks..... 8 to
Chickens..... 7 to

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