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AGRICULTURE IN SCHOOLS.

We note that the provincial government of Ontario is renewing its efforts to provide for a system of agricultural education in the schools.

Ontario's new scheme, according to The Toronto Globe, is "to secure the co-operation of the universities in preparing specialized high school teachers for the work."

An effort is being made to bend the mind of the boy towards farming by teaching him in school how to farm or, at least, by interesting him in agricultural processes and the scientific laws on which they depend.

the direction of law, dentistry, medicine, engineering, theology, commerce, &c., and yet the boys are drifting from the farms by thousands into these professions.

What is it that determines a boy's choice of occupation? Is it not, first of all, natural aptitude for the occupation chosen?

How much has the education received in school helped to bend the mind of the boy towards his profession? If, to school-work that is not always congenial, we add a new agony in the shape of "agricultural processes,"

Which a boy is too often subjected on the farm will be found to be the great factor in driving him off the farm and seeking a more congenial occupation elsewhere.

The boy will remain on the farm when he finds, first that farming is a congenial occupation, and, second, when he finds that he can make as good a living by it, as by some other calling within his reach.

APPEARANCES.

"I want to marry your daughter," said a young man to the father of the best girl on earth, with the trepidation and the palpitation customary on such occasions.

"Young man," the old gentleman asked, "can you give her as good a home as she would have to leave if she married you?"

"No," returned the young man, "but I can give her as good a home as you gave her mother when you married her."

The old gentleman refused. The young man went west. The heroine of the story married a dude with a

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The old gentleman has long since been gathered to his fathers and his place is now occupied by social conditions which perpetuate and do credit to his memory.

The young couple who, even in staid Prince Edward Island, would undertake to establish a home for themselves, markedly less opulent looking than that of their parents,

or worse still, than that of their neighbors, would find themselves sadly handicapped. Without appearing to be at least fairly well off, with the admission plainly written on their humble dwelling that they are poor, although doing their best and with a fair prospect of being able to make a comfortable living, they are if not practically ostracised—shown in many ways that they have little in common with the so-called society in which they have a right to move.

Many, knowing the modern value of appearances, burden themselves with debt at the outset in providing appearances and thus mortgage their future happiness and comfort. Many more, lacking the courage to face the handicap, leave it all and go where a beginning can be made among equals.

False ideas, originating in the spurious value placed upon wealth, have driven many to poverty in providing the outward and visible evidences of wealth, knowing that appearances are never questioned. A man, sufficiently well dressed and claiming to be fabulously rich, has been known to deceive whole communities and even to have his chimerical schemes expatiated upon in newspapers.

In a country like ours, a country whose greatest want is more people and whose only drawback is that it is not appreciated at its true value we cannot afford to deceive ourselves with appearances. "The rank is but the guinea stamp." The stamp of a mortgage is a sorry pretence for wealth.

NOTES.

The many farmers throughout the province who have written to the Guardian expressing the hope that the Government would see its way clear to retain the services of Professor Theodore Ross as Secretary of Agriculture will be pleased to learn that mutually satisfactory arrangements have been concluded and that Professor Ross remains in the position which has been so congenial to him and the duties of which he has so faithfully and satisfactorily performed.

premature advice (though I don't set up for an authority on the subject though I have been all my life in the business), I would say, give the fishermen from the present opening season in the spring till June 15th, close down for two months, say till August 15th, then fish as long as the weather will permit.

In some sections of the country there appears to be a little too much indifference as to the condition of the roadsides. A gentleman who recently drove over the roads in the vicinity of Summerside states that in some places clay has been carted off the roadsides to be used for the grading of private lawns.

Complaints regarding the dangerous condition of Hillsborough Bridge owing to its being unlighted are coming in both from land and sea. People driving over the bridge complain that they run the risk of breaking carriages or injuring themselves or their horses.

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SHELLFISH COMMISSION.

Sir—When is this lobster commission going to begin taking evidence or what good purpose will they serve? If they are going to take evidence with a view to making some changes for next season don't you think it about time there was something done? Again, why is it that such men as R. O'Leary of Richibuctou and John McLean of Souris were chosen? The other man I don't know. No doubt he is a man of money, too. Those men are all good, honorable gentlemen, but there are hundreds of men in each Province equally as well fitted for the position and to whom the amount they will receive would be a great benefit. Those men don't need it. But it was always so with Governments and no doubt always will be.

Another thing, I suppose this commission will follow in the footsteps of preceding ones and go and ask the opinion of most of the large packers. The fishermen, the ones most directly concerned, are hardly ever consulted in matters of this kind. But the large interests, because they have other business at different seasons of the year, are allowed to advise in matters of this kind and, moreover, their advice is usually followed. The last commission, or investigation, by Dr. McPhail did not amount to a row of beans. I must admit that packers and fishermen were requested to appear before him. But how many of their suggestions were followed? One, I think, about enlarging the space in the bottom lath which the present Government has, I understand, since abolished. If I might be allowed to give a little

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