

PRESIDENT AT WORK, FAILS TO "LISTEN IN"

Washington, June 14—Notwithstanding that a radio receiving set has been installed in the White House President Coolidge was at his desk when the Cleveland convention opened, with the waves of oratory going to waste, so far as the principal subject of the keynote speech was concerned.

The President met the members of his Cabinet at the usual semi-weekly meeting. It was said he had made no definite plans to "listen in," but probably would take advantage of the radio during the luncheon periods.

WILD WILLIES.

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AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE TRAINING AT GUELPH COMES UNDER FIRE; SYSTEM OF TEACHING DISCUSSED

Guelph, June 11—The old question of whether the Agricultural College should be an academic or vocational institution came under discussion at a meeting of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists in connection with the semi-centennial celebrations of the Ontario Agricultural College here today.

Dr. L. S. Klink of the University of British Columbia read a report of a committee investigating education. The finding of this report emphasized the necessity of teaching agriculture in the public and high schools of the country, the subject to be treated as nature study in the junior grades, but as science, to receive equal importance with other branches in the high schools.

Practical Work in Schools.

It was the opinion of the committee that some practical work should accompany the study and that this in the elementary schools should come under the Department of Education, but that outside lines of the service such as the formation of junior farmers' judging competitions should be handled by the departments and colleges of agriculture. In high schools the committee expressed the opinion that the subject should be taught by competent agriculturists.

Agricultural schools, stated the report, might better devote more attention to the vocational side of the business, but data was lacking on this point.

When the matter of agricultural colleges came up real discussion arose. The committee was of the opinion that there was as much reason for turning out professional agricultural teachers, newspaper men and administrative officials as practical scientific farmers. Specialization, they stated, might be carried too far, and matriculation standards of entrance and a certain amount of practical farm experience before entering college was essential.

Dominion Live Stock Commissioner H. S. Arkell started the ball rolling when he claimed that the agricultural colleges were not giving full service. He advocated a thorough grounding in English so that graduates might go out from the college and take their place as leaders in the community. He pointed out that the Government service and other agencies employing professional agricultural men could not absorb all the graduates, and that a larger percentage must go back to the farm, equipped with the knowledge that would make farming a paying proposition.

Teach Students to Farm Profitably. "We must pay more attention to commercial problems," he said, "and develop farmers that can make farming provide a comfortable living and agriculture contributes in a major degree to the prosperity of the country." Mr. Arkell quoted Prof. W. R. Graham, head of the Poultry Department at the O. A. C. as the ideal type of teacher, scientist, student of economics and a practical poultry man who could make chickens give the owner a good living.

Prof. Atkinson of the Montana Agricultural College supported these views. "We have passed through the war-time area when the only problem was to plant more crop in order to make more money," he said. "In previous years when farming was not profitable the farmer attacked the agricultural colleges because these did not show him how to make money. If we do not change our ways the colleges will become again a target for attack." G. I. Christie of Purdue University was of the opinion that our colleges were too much of an academic nature, but he was a strong supporter of practical agricultural research. He quoted numerous examples where research men who knew nothing of elementary farm problems had produced new strains of grain, new rations for live stock and other things which had meant millions of dollars to the farmers of this continent.

Practical Scientists Needed.

"Agricultural colleges up to the present have not been supplying us with a fair share of practical scientific men," was the statement of George Hutton of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

T. H. Mason of Ottawa, a member of the original graduating year of the Ontario Agricultural College, strongly endorsed the sentiments expressed by Mr. Arkell. "The training in English at our Agricultural colleges," stated Mr. Mason, "is being very largely neglected." A man must be able to express himself correctly or he will be classed as a second or lower. Next he must have a thorough training in the commercial problems of marketing and transportation."

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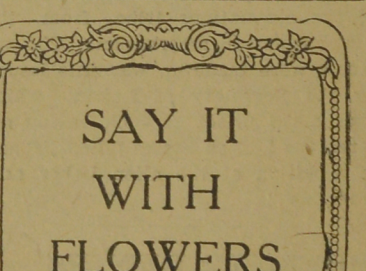
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