

HORSES AND CATTLE.

JERSEY CATTLE.

"PRINCE POGIS, 10,682."

The Jersey bull, "Prince Pogis, 10,682," a cut of whose photograph we present to our readers on this page, is the only son of "Mary Anne of St. Lambert," Mr. Valancey E. Fuller's great Jersey cow, and was for some time in service in the Oaklands herd. He is a very long deep bodied bull, straight as an arrow, solid silver gray in colour with dark shadings, and resembles his dam in individual appearance as far as it is possible for a male to resemble a female. All his get at Oaklands bear the characteristics of the "Stoke Pogis Victor Hugo" strain, and it would indicate that the prepotency of "Mary Anne of St. Lambert" would be demonstrated through the offspring of this her only son.

At the request of several American gentlemen, Jersey breeders, he was sent into the United States for service at a very high figure, namely \$500 a service, and was so much admired both for his individuality and his breeding that Hon. Henry L. Pierce, ex-Mayor of Boston, purchased him for use in his own herd at a very long price; namely, with service fees paid, for \$12,500.

"MERMAID OF ST. LAMBERT, 9,771."

The Jersey cow whose picture we present to our readers in this issue is "Mermaid of St. Lambert," from the celebrated Oaklands herd, owned by Mr. Valancey E. Fuller, at Hamilton, Ont. "Mermaid" was bred by Mr. Romeo H. Stephens, of St. Lambert, Quebec, the breeder of "Mary Anne of St. Lambert," and most of the animals of this great "Stoke Pogis 3rd Victor Hugo" family, he having had these bulls in use in his herd for some time.

"Mermaid," who is herself a great butter-maker, having made twenty-five pounds thirteen and a half ounces of butter from 307 pounds of milk in seven days, in the summer of 1884, by a test under a committee appointed by the American Jersey Cattle Club, has for her sire "Stoke Pogis 3rd," who has sired twenty-four daughters with tests over fourteen pounds, and whose average is slightly over nineteen pounds fourteen ounces for seven days. She is almost full sister to "Mary Anne of St. Lambert," and made thirty-six pounds twelve and a quarter ounces of butter in seven days under official test, and 867 pounds fourteen and three-quarters ounces in less than a year.

"Mermaid of St. Lambert" milks forty-eight pounds of milk per day when fresh.

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WHAT STOCK TO RAISE.

With our long winters this is the question of questions for us, and more difficult to solve than the cranky surd to the High School boy, and, like the affected quadratic, must always have two roots in the answer, namely, beef or butter. Between these we must choose, for all modern experience proves that we cannot have both in anything like perfection. We make a poor imitation at a combination of both, and may succeed for home consumption, but can never succeed for foreign supply. Those who attempt to show that beef and butter in quantities sufficiently large to pay for cost can be made from the same class of animal will only establish a natural impossibility; for our breeds of cattle that are now acknowledged to be good beefers have been selected and bred for that special purpose for generations with a basis for that quality long established in the stock whence they came. To pretend that fat and muscle

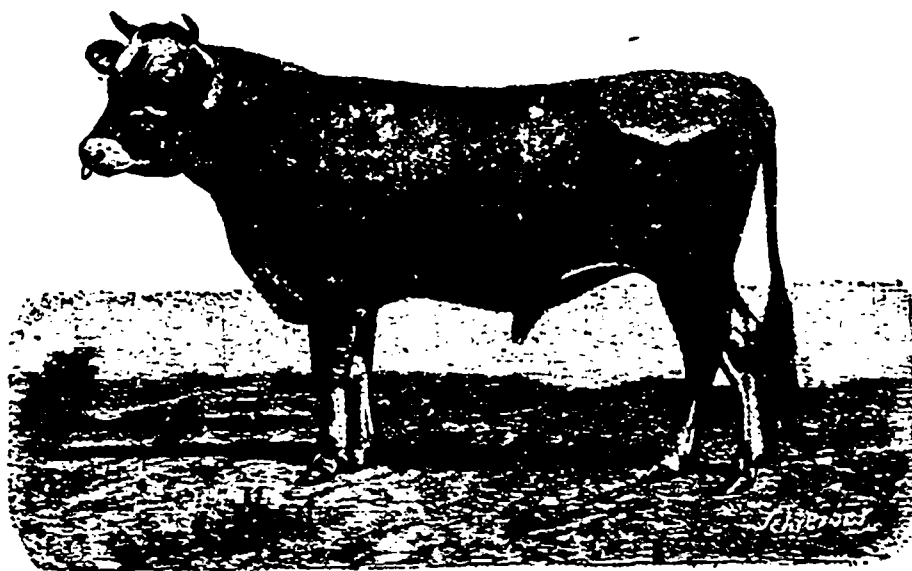
can be produced in the same animal at the same time, with fat as butter, is something like saying that we could eat our loaf and keep it; or, that the same food can supply double its own constituent elements in one class of animal and only single equivalents in another. Such is contrary to natural laws, and nature will not be contradicted with profit to those concerned.

The sooner we draw those lines distinctly, the sooner we will arrive at certain results.

The time must come, and may not be far distant, when the palates of foreign epicures will reject the form of surfeited overgrown veals, which have of late been sent to England under the name of beef; when quality will consist in flavour and fineness of tissue rather than quantity and grossness, when a fine boned mature animal covered with tender young muscle, will take the place of heavy surloin made up from a surfeited two-year-old Durham; when shipping from Canada will not be hampered by underling speculators, who make stock dealers pay an extra rate for deck accommodation. When these changes take place, as present indications point, we can make stock raising pay expenses, and give the capitalists of England a slice of beef and a roll of butter that will make them smack their lips, which, in the meantime, the tricks of trade and heavy freight prevent. We advise and invite farmers to give free expression on these points through THE RURAL.

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