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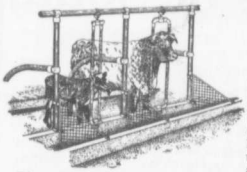

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A First Prize Farm

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one will find on many hundreds of Ontario's better farms. Everything about the house, however, is very cosy and homelike. Vines and flowers make it attractive, and a good sized lawn, neatly kept, and hedges trimmed and kept within the proper bounds, and many maple trees along the roadside close by, give this home a pleasing setting and show that the people living there appreciate the value of these real things in life.

Quite as one would expect of Mr. Paterson, he is painstaking in keeping books and accounts of all things pertaining to his farm. He keeps milk records of his cows, and, like any true business man, he can show you just where his profits come from. He makes sure that in all departments of his farm there are no leaks escaping his notice, through not keeping records and accounts.

This idea of bookkeeping and records extends to his system of underdrainage. His farm has been thoroughly underdrained for many years, Mr. Paterson can show you right to a few inches the exact location of each drain.

A PRODUCER OF EXCELLENT CROPS.

It might be said that good crops are characteristic of Mr. Paterson's farm. His place was remarkably free from weeds, and because of this fact he received on this point a score greatly exceeding all of his competitors in district No. 4, which included all of Western Ontario. His crops as we found them included: Corn, 8 acres; mangels, 3 acres; turnips, 2 barley, 16; fall wheat, 13; carrots, three-quarters of an acre; hay, 31 acres. Only a limited area is reserved for pasture, advantage being taken of roadside pasture and considerable feeding of soiling crops is practised within the stable.

These crops are grown in rotation, the grain following roots and corn, and the land being seeded down and left two years, then grain following for three years. We were not partial to this rotation, but Mr. Paterson said that he found it impossible to get over his place any quicker. He draws out all manure in the winter time, placing it on the land for roots and corn.

Potatoes are quite an important crop with Mr. Paterson. He likes to put them on a clover sod and plants them following the plow, which is set to run as shallow as can conveniently be turned.

SCORED ON ALL-ROUND HIGH AVERAGE.

There are many things about Mr. Paterson's place that we should like to enlarge upon did space permit. Before concluding, we must again make comment of the unusual high average of all departments as scored in connection with Mr. Paterson's farm. It is possible that not many farms elsewhere can be found but would in some one or two particulars be considerably ahead of Mr. Paterson's, but in the real worth-while things, which count, and as reckoned with in the score card, Mr. Paterson's farm was unusually praiseworthy, as indeed it had to be to score the high place it received.

Not Pretentious, But a Real Home

Hedges, flowers and a neatly kept lawn add embellishments to this place much beyond what one would expect from seeing this illustration. This farm of Mr. W. A. Paterson's won first place in competition with many farms having more pretentious homes, all of which goes to prove that it pays to make the most of the things we have.

Other than the several things already noted in connection with good workmanship and the pleasing appearance of things about this farm, special mention ought to be made of the painted buildings. The barns and outbuildings are painted red with white trimmings, the farmstead thus being an additional worth-while touch which makes it noteworthy to the passerby and pleasing to the people at home who are constantly about and in sight of the buildings.

Would that many others might emulate many of the things as they are to be found and as we have noted them on this first prize farm!—C. C. N.

The Stamp of Farm Horse that Mr. Paterson Favors

This mare is one of four kept at a double profit by Mr. W. A. Paterson, the first prize farmer, whose farm and methods are described in the adjoining article. The background of this illustration affords a side and partial rear view of Mr. Patterson's house. —Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

Item of Interest

At the convention held recently the Ontario Vegetable Growers' Association a strong resolution was passed urging upon the immigration authorities, both of Ontario and the Dominion, to endeavour to get a large emigration of skilled laborers for market gardeners and vegetable growers. If this is not done the market gardeners and vegetable growers and farmers of Ontario will be unable to supply the demand for their produce. This question is being brought before the authorities, both at Ottawa and Toronto at once.