

A Dairymen's Pionic at which the First Real Community Breeding Centre in Canada was Initiated. To the farmers of Kelowna, B. C., belongs the hanor of cooperating to auch good effect that they have agreed to specialize in one breed cattle, the Holstein. The story of this organization is told in an article below. The Kelowna breeders are pioneers in what may become a great movement.

## Ship Live Stock Cooperatively

It is Already an Approved Success

OR many years the packers and their representatives the local drovers, Lave succeeded in the such a cloak of mystery around the process hipping live stock to market, that hipping live stock to market, the hipping live stock to market, the supplies of the most difficult phases of cooperative stock in the most difficult phase of the most difficult phases of the stock of the stock of the situation so far as the shipment of live stock is concerned. The live stock department of the United Grain Growers', Linkind, for instances, have their own representatives at the stock yards in Winniper, Calgary and Edmonton. Calgary and Edmonton.

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In Ontario, so far as I am aware, the Minto Farmiers' club in Hastings County, was the first one to make the shipment of live stock; ad definite and important part of its operations. At first Mr. Houver, who was in charge of this branch of the club's work, could not get quotations at all from the packers. They always referred him to the local drovers. The club persisted, however, and it was not long before the packers were 'phoning quotations to Mr. Hoover et their own expense. Since then numerous clubs all the packers were 'phoning quotations to Mr. Hover et their own expense. Since then, numerous clubs all over-the province of Ontario and several in quebec, have started to ship live stock. Many of these clubs have been shipping swine only. The drovers have still managed to becloud the business so far as caus sere concerned. There are enough clubs, hover, shipping cattle regularly to prove the value of this cooperative enterprise. There is a strong demand for a unfilled control of cooperative shipment (Company, Limited, is purchasing a seat on the exchange at West Toronto, will hire an experience man to make sales for the local clubs at the exchange and single ship of the control and the substitution of the cooperative shipments. Mr. Gordon of the Cooperation of the Schange and also will soon be in a position to assist local clubs in organizing for live stock shipments. Mr. Gordon of the Cooperation and Markets Branch, clubs in organizing for live stock shipments. Mr. Gordon of the Cooperation and Markets Branch. Toronto, is also ready to assist clubs in cooperative shipping. Just how the system works at the country end is best fluestrated by the experience of a couple of clubs that have already achieved success.

## Experience of Clarksburg Club.

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The club at Clarksdury in Grey County, for instance, has been shipping live stock cooperatively
since May, 1915. At first many were sceptical as to
results, but this enterprise is now past the experimental stage. Since the first of October, 1917, which
is the beginning of the club's financial year, they
have shipped 64 car loads of live stock which svehave shipped 64 car loads of live stock which sveaged somewhat over \$3,900 per car. The process aged somewhat over \$3,000 per car. The process of marketing is described by one of the officials of the club as follows:

"We have a live stock committee whose duty it is to load all stock at shipping points and it is c signed to a commission merchant at Toronto. The signed to a commission merchant at Toronto. The committee in charge receive for their services seven dollars per car and personal expenses. All cattle are marked with Roman numerals and a record of same kept, thereby assuring that each individual's cattle are sold on their own merit. Hogs are weighed at point of shipment. Shrink and expenses are proportioned at so much per hog. Sheep and lambs are slow weighed at point of shipment and sold collection which we have the summary of the shipment and sold collections. The shipment is shipment and sold collections are the shipment and sold collections are shipment and sold collections.

emple reserves for any losses that have occurred. Each individual's check is sent to the bank with a statement attached thereto."

This system must be quite satisfactory as the business of this club is constantly discreasing and the official in question expresses the hope that starle as the waters do the sea." Another Grey County club, that at Meaford, although not operating for so long a period of time as the Charlesburg club, has been meeting with a large measure of success. His is the Rocklyn Farmers Club and its secretary, Mr. W. J. Davies, write us of its operations as follows:

## A \$225,000 Business.

"Our club was organized last November, and is really only young yet. The staff is composed of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, five directors and two selement. The latter go down to Toronto with the stock alternately, every week. The proceeds of the live stock are sent back to the bank in Meaford to the secretary-treasurer, who makes out the different cheques. Each farmer that ships each week bears the freight and expenses of that



Maggie of Darroch, a Spiendid Type of Milch Cow. the was first in the milk class and senior and grand champion Ayrshire femnic at Western Patr, London. Her udder was not a model of Ayrshire shapelless. It was good and showed capacity. Includeskilly it is processer, only in the way good and showed capacity. Includeskilly it is processer, only, has shown on the larger fair eliquit.—Phot by an editor of Parm and Dalry.

particular week. We ship every week and have an average of two cars a week. The satesmen get \$5.50 a car seiary, plus their expenses. The secretary-treasurer gets \$1.50 a car for figuring it up. He also gets \$1.00 a year for attending to the books and buying in other supplies for the club and looking after the distribution of it. I might say we have sold about \$225,000 worth of live stock since last November.

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"We have now a membership of about 300, which is always increasing, as when any farmer ships, \$1 is retained as membership fee. (The fee is \$1 percar.) We hisure our own stock from loss. The club retains five cents a head on floss and sheep and 15 cents on cattle, which is used to insure crippled pigs or animals, which are hurt on the way. Our shipping point is Meaford."

The cooperative shipment of live stock is a movement that is only now sotting well started in Ontario. No other branch of cooperative enterprise, however, has grown more rapidly.

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## First Community Breeding Centre

The Kelowna Holstein Freeders' Association

THE SUMP ORANGE TO SECURITY ASSOCIATION OF THE SUMP ORANGE TO SECURITY OF THE SUMP ORANGE TO SECURITY OF THE SUMP ada, Kelowna, the central city of this rayored valley, shall hereafter be known as the first section in Canada, where an entire community has organized an association for the breeding of one breed of dairy

cattle.

Not satisfied with their achievements with fruit and having proved for themselves that the incorporation of live stock in their farming is both need to the stock in their farming is both need to the stock in their farming is both need to the stock in the s munity support it.

At first the cattle wer; of all kinds and all quali At first the cattle wer of all kinds and all quali-ties. Pure-bred sizes were introduced, the different breads were fairly tried and from several year's experience and a study of the dairy industry ami-jority of the people became thoroughly possessed of the idea that only good animals of good breeding

At a meeting in March of 1918, about 30 farmers were present to discuss the question of the entire community breeding only one kind of cattle. The meeting was thoroughly alive and harmoniously enmeeting was thoroughly alive and harmoniously en-thushastic in regard to the principle, but showed some diversity of opinion upon the subject of which breed should be followed. The Holstein-Priessle strongly in favor. There were a few men who hear the open ranges and so liked Shorthorn-seys and once held sway in the Valley and still had their lovers; Red Polls and Arrahires both and adherents. Decision on the question was postposed until all had time to obthic the matter out, for all felt that no issue should be forced. felt that no issue should be forced.

Holsteins Agreed Upon

At the annual district Dairymen's Field Day, held late in June, the business was again prosecuted and finally put into form for action. The ommunity agreed to breed Holsteins and to do every thing in its power to further the interests of Holstein cat-They agreed to cooperate in the purchase and use of pure-bred sires. Twelve of the leading farmers banded together to purchase a num ber of pure-bred Holstein fe-males, looking toward the day when there should be nothing but pure-bred Holstein herds in the entire district. Professor J. A. McLean, of the University of British Columbia, in assisting this work, under gether the pure-bred animals desired. Already 16 pure-bred Holstein females of milking age, have been purchased and delivered to the various men bers of the association. stock purchased has all been carefully selected for superior-

breeding; it was obtained from the best herds in the Province and gives a foundation to the Kelowa herds that represents years of careful breeding by such men as J. M. Steves, Frank Bishop, Wm. Pater.

such men as J. M. Stevee, Frank Bishop, Wn. Patr-son and other equally well-known breeders. The following men were the purchasers of thes pure-bred females:—A. W. Cook, J. Murray, M. Her-hon, J. Day, L. E. Taylor, A. Creighton, S. Price, W. Coventry, E. M. Carruthers and Wm. Spall. They are the leading men of Kelowns. They are the ass are the leading men of Kelowns. who have undertaken to give form to a splendid ideal and from their work will be built herds of Holstein that will bring buyers from all parts of the land.

A recruit, on night guard duty for the first time, observed a shadowy form approaching. Following

observed a Single wy form approximate. Following instructions, he cried: "Halt! Who goes there?"
"Shut up!" a husky voice replied. "I ain't going: I'm coming back."

FEW weeks ago t of Farm and Da enough to his special Exhibition I tew paragraphs that I w about the home generating plant on the farm of triend. W. W. Ballar friend, W. W. Ballar Stratford. Incidentally letter, I made mention of or of the Ballantynes, Smith, who also has a ho ing plant,—clso a fine put it in, a fine farm an of Holstein cattle that nized as one of the best County. As Mr. Smith a couple of miles up from Neidpath Farm, M tyne and I took a run thim,—my host for a nevisit and I to renew old anceship.

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Mr. Smith is big, jolly able. He takes a great in all the duties that go citizenship and has ser public capacity in his l high hopes for the Uni a new branch of the program of an old one. organization work is alt tion for Holstein cattle that time, not so far in t have their own repres County were to pick P Mr. Ballantyne whisper this effect, while other Smith and I, however, to

other subjects of mutual Perth is one of the reof Western Ontario. I ha and have seen the most world-from our Ford ca has its full share of good Smith has 150 acres of it is. It is all free of bus a heavy to a medium bout in big fields and is w an ideal tractor farm, Smith still sticks to hor his mind and bought a with him. The farm is stead, which the present from the bush. I certs Smith's judgment in soil

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This Barn w he main barn is 100 by 4 shting and the cupolas, care and makes the old ba