

6. nber 30 and Octo- 9 and 20.

**MIXED FARMER** at Gilbert Plains, nds us a clipping ng.) "Chronicle," h, he thinks, is oha farmers, and, we reproduce it on says: This of interest cially that part re of the cattle, n was followed I would be much milk or tainted als would be en- ases, such as tu-

article contains ormation on gen- ay find room for casion. The Old ot so slow after s a fair sample." Aston, Preston f the courageous, is well worth a ld February day, le to the charm, to interest and rmers visiting a object of describ- Chronicle," but eing one of the in the United ; from the owner saw, and heard, ay disappointed. n tenant here for ry of this farm pherd's tenancy e. That awful egret to say is fer to anthrax) ng the live-stock et for two years nantless. It is Mr. Shepherd's r that he ven- ull upon a place us history. It eaders if we de- ve find it to-day. enuous endeavor reformation in-

7 acres all in a ood sandy loam, for mixed farm- is a milk-pro- from 3,500 to t per week, all ie Runcorn and Society, but is from another pherd holds at surprised, there- n of crops amply cy food for win- production. He with early pota- f a second crop ew 50 acres of m which since a daily toll of t we saw on the of good solid ing. His man- f 24 acres, and of Swedes. at the seed po-, and we walked or of one yard or loft floor of ings which sur- n a lower level. 12 boxes high. ed, just leaving 5,000 boxes of nt worth seeing this branch of ifully sprouted. arieties, stored and in a tem- e altered to suit The inspection t a preliminary ival of a fourth t friend having ped to inspect hether he talks epherd is a man vo hundred and w, well housed, fed. They are ction, not over ed and showing roperties, and

mostly quite young animals. Mr. Shepherd feeds off all his stock while they are in quality, but is no believer in the "one note" system. He rears about 20 calves each season, and buys calves to regulate his milk supply to his customers' requirements.

He feeds abundantly with corn, supplementing his home-grown wheat and oats with Indian meal (best-quality old corn), and decorticated cotton meal. The cows get three rations of this per day, after milking in the morning, again when tied up after watering in the form of mash, and again before evening milking. Besides this, of course, they get abundant rations of hay, roots, and cabbage. The cows are turned out 50 at a time in the forenoon, and have access to an abundant supply of good water in troughs so constructed that the animals cannot themselves contaminate it. The cattle sheds, more than half of which have been erected by Mr. Shepherd at his own expense, are well constructed, allowing ample room on the floor surface. The ventilation is perfect; our friend has his own ideas about this, and declares that light and efficient ventilation are more important than actual air space.

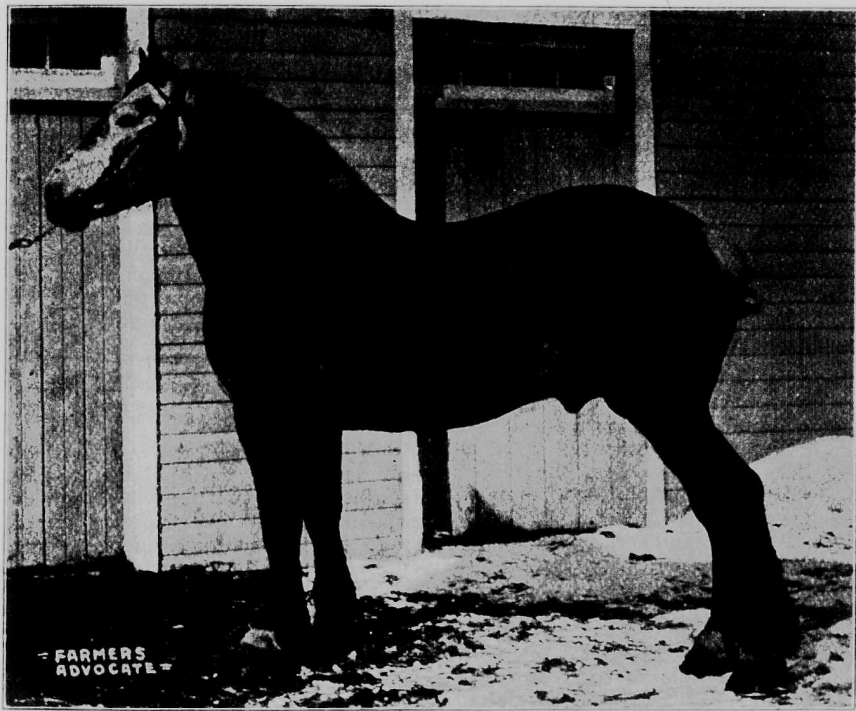
We now come to Mr. Shepherd's theories of cleanliness, sanitation, and disinfection, as preventative measures against the contraction and spread of tuberculosis in his herd. "Preven-

accommodation is available for laborers. It is worthy of note that there should be no labor problem involved. One so often hears farmers remark that they cannot get men unless they are provided with beer at harvest time. Mr. Shepherd contradicts this, as he states that he has not given his men a pint of beer since he came to the farm.

To sum up, we regard our friend as a thoroughly practical and efficient farmer, and as an exponent of modern methods of milk production he has few equals. We discussed with him the scheme which he advocates for the eradication of tuberculosis from bovines. His arguments are backed up by practical experience. Mr. Shepherd as a farmer knows full well the value of systematic prevention; his conclusions are the outcome of experiments which he has carried out, as he says, from the standpoint of making it pay, and after all, in the consideration of this great question, the commercial aspect of the schemes advocated, is one of vital importance to us, who will have to assist in carrying out the measures decided upon. That something must be done is unquestionable.

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In a recent letter to the "Advocate" Messrs. Mutch say: "Our



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tion is better than cure," says he, and without doubt he practises what he preaches. The shippens are periodically sprayed with a powerful disinfectant and then lime washed. The whole floor surface is twice a week spread over with powdered quick lime and chloride of lime. If an animal shows signs of tuberculosis she is at once isolated, and the stall well disinfected before being again occupied. We were much struck with the cleanliness of the cattle. They were perfect in this respect, and stood bedded in clean wheat straw like hunters.

Mr. Shepherd's preventative measures play a very important part in the precautions which he takes to keep dirt out of the milk. We noted with much interest the commencement of milking operations. Each milker is provided with a large overall apron, and is required to wash his hands before commencing to milk. A boy precedes the milkers, and armed with two cloths cleanses each cow's udder. Fifteen to eighteen milkers are employed, all men; "women will talk," says Mr. Shepherd. Stripping is not practised, an inspection of the cows' udders after the operation is all that is considered necessary in this respect.

Mr. Shepherd has no difficulty in finding milkers; he employs regularly 20 men. There are nine cottages on his farm, so that a fair amount of

sales still keeping brisk. We have sold, since writing you, the following: A first-class colt to W. H. Dodds, of Cut Knife; to John Simpson, of Moose Jaw, Earl Bombe, by Baron Hood, a big, thick colt; to Fred Brook, of Elgin, Man., the good horse, Lord Middleton, by Royal Favorite. This is a young horse that was a lot thought of at Regina and Brandon shows. He is one of the fleshiest-legged horses that ever graced a western show-yard, and, in another year, he should stand well to the front. Mr. Brook, in selecting this horse to head his valuable stud, has displayed excellent judgment. He had just previous to this bought the three good mares, Lady Eva, Gay Jess and Lady Marshall, and was so well pleased with them that he ended in adding Lord Middleton. To R. H. Miller, of Lumsden, two fillies, Sturdy Rose and Trolane Nell. The first-mentioned was sired by the great breeding horse, Prince Sturdy, and is out of a Baron's Pride mare. She won two first prizes in Scotland, and was an easy winner in her class at Regina. We do not hesitate in saying that this filly is one of the best animals that ever passed through our hands, and, should she do well in Mr. Millar's hands, we predict for her a great show-yard career."

[Craigie Mains is one of the best places to go to get good Clydesdales. —Ed.]



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