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## Nappan Experimental Farm.

GOOD WORK BEING DONE BY COLONEL BLAIR.

One of our representatives very recently visited the Nappan Experimental Farm, and was very hospitably received by Colonel Blair.

There are eighty-five acres now under cultivation, and the Colonel is experimenting scientifically in grasses, grains, roots, and large and small fruits, etc., etc., on an extended scale. He has 29 varieties of wheat, 25 of oats, 35 of barley, 2 of buckwheat, 31 of corn, 25 of beans, 4 of mangels, 2 of sugar beets, 3 of carrots, 8 of turnips, 4 of peas, 96 of potatoes, 1 of flax, 60 fruit trees, 50 small fruits, and 20 of grasses and clover.

As one drives to the farm from the Amherst direction, the most conspicuous object is the four acre field of turnips. There are three and one-half acres in corn, which is doing well. The permanent pasture is a success, and looks as green and inviting as other pastures would in the spring time. Thirteen grasses and clovers of the hardiest varieties have been seeded down, and one replaces the other in quick succession. These varieties have been selected from a number that were experimented with last year.

Instead of raising corn for green fodder, the Colonel has gone in for peas and oats grown together, and is quite satisfied with the results. The White Delhi wheat, a native of British India, takes the lead this year. Three years ago it hardly made itself visible above the ground. The second year it improved; but this year the seed apparently has become entirely acclimated, and intends to stay.

Experimenting in forest trees is carried on quite extensively. Next year those that have done well will be set out along the road, line fences and in clumps in the fields.

The orchard is doing well. The trees are planted very regularly, and

only a few are dead. A field is being cleared in the rear, leaving a thick depth of woods on four sides. Fruit trees will be set out in this field for the purpose of testing the value of the protection thus obtained from the winds, etc.

This autumn the farm will be stocked with three pure bred Shorthorns, Holsteins and Ayrshires, respectively, composed of two cows and one bull to each breed.

The old buildings are rapidly being torn down, and giving place to new ones, and the farm is alive with activity. The visitor cannot help but go away with the conviction that Colonel Blair is the right man in the right place.

### Editor Maritime Agriculturist.

DEAR SIR:—In reply to the letter published in your last issue over the name of Dr. A. W. Thompson of Shediac, N. B., asking me for the breeding of my stallion "Yardley." I may say that he is a chestnut foaled in 1882 and bred at the Yardley Stud Farm in miles from Birmingham. His dam is Aedesia out of Egyptian and by Sterling. His sire is Blandford out of Auricula and by Oxford (or the Duke).

It is almost needless to say that "Yardley" should be a most impressive sire. "Blandford," his sire, stands in England at 30 Guineas, or \$150 Stud fee: his Dam, "Auricula," is full sister to the dam of (W. L. Scotts' Esq., of Algeria Stud Farm, Erie, Pennsylvania, United States) Rayon D'or (or Ray of Gold) which cost \$40,000 when landed in America, closing his racing career with \$122,140.65 to his credit. This horse is bred on the right lines to get the stoutest hearted and most serviceable horses any man can wish for. The number of Derby Winners and St. Legar Winners in "Yearling's" Pedigree almost take up half the list.

I will be most happy to go into further particulars of his pedigree etc. for the Doctor's benefit or any of your numerous readers if called upon to do so. In conclusion I may say that the horse is popular and deservedly so.

Yours Truly

THOMAS ROBINSON.

Halifax, N. S. }  
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