

Mr. C. C. Black of Amherst, has several head of pure bred Hereford stock for sale. This is becoming a popular breed in this country.

We would draw the attention of our readers, who might be desirous of obtaining a pure bred Holstein bull, to the advertisement of Mr. Thos. A. Peters in this issue.

Notwithstanding that the Dorset Horn sheep are a famous English pure-bred strain, the U. S. government has refused to allow their free importation into that country until a herd book is started. There is more red tape than judgment in such a decision.

A shallow silo should be weighted; a deep silo does not need any weight. When the silo is filled the ensilage *etc.* and you must cover without disturbing the top where a sort of crust forms. Simply put some cut straw on top and lay on a few boards to firm the straw coverings. The crust formed will of course be spoiled to a depth of about three inches.

Iromony, one of the most famous stallions in the world, has just died in England. He was foaled in 1872, and when thirteen years old, he was sold for 9,000 guineas. Among his turf performances were the winning of the Ascot Cup twice and once each the Goodwood Cup, the Dorchester Cup, and the Queens Vase. He is the property of the Duchess of Montrose.

Whenever a horse dies which has been fed on ensilage the cry is raised that ensilage did it, but in no case have the facts elicited by careful investigation borne out such a theory. It is not impossible that a horse may have been killed by an overdose of ensilage, but the same fatality has been known to follow an overdose of oats or grass. Ensilage has been proved a good fodder for horses when fed with judgment.

D. W. McCormack's (St. John) gray gelding Mose who has been more or less in the hospital with a sore toe for a long time, has wintered finely and comes out this spring almost as good as new. He never looked better since he struck St. John. Mose is a good all round horse. To-day he can carry you to the front in almost any company and to-morrow the ladies may drive him around town as they please, letting him stand anywhere.

No man requires a business education more than a farmer. When a man, engaged in agricultural pursuits, is metho-

dical in his ways, and knows how to keep correct account books and deal with business men, he is almost certain to be successful. The St. John Business College, with S. Korr as the Principal, has done a great deal towards giving our farmers' sons a practical education. Their advertisement may be seen in our columns.

There are too many farmers trying to farm a large acreage with small capital or none at all, except what is represented in their stock and implements. There are arguments in favor of large farms but it takes capital to make them successful. The man who confines his farming operations within the limits of his means and works just what land he can thoroughly cultivate, can by the exercise of good judgment and real economy, make farming in any branch pay.

Mr. T. B. Dunn of Musquash, N. B. is carrying on a thriving business, which he started about nine years ago. He turned out of his factory this year \$40,000 worth of cured hams. He buys them all over the Maritime provinces and some portions of Upper Canada, and after curing them by a secret process sells them to all our well known grocers and provision men. Mr. Dunn finds himself in a position to compete with Canada and the United States because of the excellence of his goods.

Specialties pay better than mixed farming. One branch of the business worked for all it is worth will give more satisfaction than all the branches half worked. It requires an exceptionally good head to manage mixed farming, and it must be on a large scale and backed by capital to be successful. Very few of our farmers have the training in the art of cultivation and breeding or the necessary capital to engage in mixed farming on a scale to make it pay. Choose your specialty and master every detail of it.

The air is the store-house of plant food. Between 92 and 98 per cent. of all the substance of plants come from the air. The man who farms well will have his plants grow a suitable distance apart, as far as practicable in order that the air may circulate freely and the sunshine in brightly that the plants may get from the air the food it contains for them. This is one reason why it does not pay a man to grow a crop of boardcast corn; the stalks are so close together that there is not enough circulation, the plants have less vigor and the soil is exhausted.—[Prof. Robertson's Lectures].

Speculation, 2,321, made his appearance on the road a few days ago, his first outing since the snow went off. He looks as though he had been stopping at a first class hotel since last fall. Intelligent horsemen set great store by this fine young stallion whose early track performances were so much admired. George Carvill, (St. John) the owner, has just added another token of appreciation by presenting his horse with an entire new suit made of heavy black cloth with gold trimmings which may now be seen hanging in the window of T. Partelow Mott's store, Union street, where the suit was made to order.

The following resolution was passed at the April meeting of the S. & W. Agricultural Society held at Pt. de Bute, N.B. in reference to the proposed importation of stock by the government:

Whereas it is the opinion of this meeting, that stock can be secured in Ontario quite suitable for New-Brunswick as can be had in England, and at a much less cost. Therefore resolved that this meeting recommend the government to make their importation from that province.

It was also recommended by the meeting that one member of the commission should be from Westmorland county, and Mr. Edgar Dixon, of Sackville, was suggested as a man well qualified for the position.

Breeders of trotting stock in St. John city never before had so many eligible stallions from which to make their selection. In addition to those named above is the stud of John McCoy at Woodside, one mile from the city, where will be found Sir Charles, who probably has as many admirers as any horse in Canada; Mack F., whose young stock is creating a favorable impression; Thorn-dale Echo, who is spending his first season here, and a number of others which it would scarcely be safe to attempt to enumerate later than two hours after visiting the farm, as no one can tell what may be Mr. McCoy's next addition nor how soon it may be made.

The breeders of dairy cattle who have reported the wonderful butter yields of their favorites are a good deal "riled" over being branded as liars by some of the writers in the press of late. They think that their word should be as good as to the performances of their cows as in any other transaction, and think they are being asked too much by a demand for chemical tests and the employment of an expensive professor to manage, or at least overlook, the test. These breeders might bear in mind that it is only when an animal is reported as having privately "beaten the record" that a