

A Veteran Among Holstein Breeders

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first place purchased. He had never been satisfied with his farm, realizing that on it he could never attain to his ideal of what a farm should be. Accordingly he purchased 160 acres of the farm he now occupies. Seven acres have been added since. The buildings were all on the farm, such as they were, with the exception of the silo. Mr. Hallman had had a wooden silo on his first farm, one of the first built in the county. On his present farm is the first cement silo in Waterloo county, and I might remark on the side that on the institute platform Mr. Hallman has made many a convert for corn growing and the silo.

The old stables have been remodelled, until now they are light, sanitary and thoroughly up-to-date. Recently the top part of the barn has been rebuilt and red paint with white trimmings have made the outbuildings on the Hallman farm quite in keeping with the quality of the splendid Holstein cattle that they house. The house has been improved. The plantings done years ago when Mr. Hallman first came on the farm is now beginning to add its touches to the making of one of the finest farm homes in Ontario. All of the 160 acres has been cleared except 20 acres of swamp and bogging land. On this farm Mr. Hallman has left his financial worries behind him and people are beginning to ask him why he does not retire.

"My greatest pleasure is right here," he explained to me. "I feel that I have not yet finished my work. I now want to combine records with desirable conformation, and I feel that with time I can do it. I had to work too hard in the early days to care for records. Going to town to retire, I notice, is a choice for many between working with pick and shovel or dying."

Connection With Holstein Association.

The sketch would not be complete without a reference to Mr. Hallman's connection with the Canadian Holstein Breeders' Association. In one capacity or another Mr. Hallman has been on the official board of the Association since its first inception when a few Holstein enthusiasts met in the sheds at the old Toronto exhibition and organized the present Association. There were just a half a dozen at that meeting and Mr. Hallman was appointed one of a deputation to meet at the old Parliament Buildings to get a permit to issue a herd book. They could not, however, get a charter, as they wanted a Dominion charter, and all they could get at Toronto was a Provincial one. Again he was on the committee appointed to draft a set of rules and revise the American constitution, in order to get out their own herd book in 1912. Two reports were submitted by this committee, one on getting out a special herd book for the association, and the other on amalgamation with the Agricultural and Arts Society. The first proposal was voted down on the ground of expense.

Mr. Hallman was elected president of the Association that year, and E. B. Smith and he were appointed a committee with full power to make arrangements to go in with the Agricultural and Arts Society. Mr. Smith got the idea that there was too much Southern influence in that association and he offered to do the same work for the same money as the Agricultural and Arts Society would do it. Mr. Hallman took things in his own hands and called a meeting of the Association at Guelph to make arrangements for their own herd book. At that meeting the herd book was established and the Holstein Association started on the independent road that it has since followed.

Mr. Hallman is still an enthusiastic breeder and has the same faith in the Holstein that he had when he bought

rowed money to buy his first Holsteins in his young manhood. He is still proud in command as a judge of Holstein at the larger fairs. In his herd he has some of the best blood of the breed and his work as a breeder is still far from complete. What a satisfaction it must be to this veteran breeder to witness the present day popularity of a breed which he championed so ably when admiration for the Black and Whites was considered "foolishness".

Good Roads Wisdom

"To the farmer better roads frequently mean the difference between affluence and bankruptcy," said Prof. Ernest Flagg Ayres, highway engineer of the Oregon Agricultural College in a lecture to the summer students at that institution.

"A Wisconsin farmer held 1,000 bushels of potatoes in his cellar, waiting for a good price. He was offered 92 cents in March, but they must be delivered in town, and the roads were so bad he could not haul over them. When he finally got them to market, his potatoes brought him 30 cents a bushel. The bad roads cost him \$620, and now he is an ardent booster for any movement promising relief."

"While the farmer receives as great financial gain from good roads as anyone, he has the added social benefits. Under present conditions it is often impossible for his children to go to school regularly, his family to go to church except when the roads are dried out, his doctor to reach him in time to be of most help, or his mail to be delivered regularly. With better roads this can all be changed, and graded schools and larger churches always follow these improvements."

The Mother's Lament

By F. G. H. Pattison, Winona, Ont.

DID not raise my boy to be a colonel
But had known how simply it
were done

No need to face the murderous foe infernal,
No need to slay the sanguine Hun.

No need to flay the hide from off the Kaiser,
Nor pull his teeth out slowly one by one;

If I had only been a little wiser,
And "starved" how to train my boy only son.

I could have raised my boy to be a Colonel,
And kept him far from either shot or shell,
He would have had a niche in fame eternal,
And drawn a double salary as well.

Entirely freed from all my fears maternal,
And only proud of duty nobly done,
I would have raised my boy to be a Colonel,

Of course I mean an "honorary" one.

Hog Feeding Notes

The fattening hog should never be overfed, just enough so that everything is eaten before the pig leaves the trough the first time. Young pigs are best kept decidedly hungry. An exception to this case would be where appetites are satisfied on roughage or water.

A necessary concomitant to good hog feeding is exercise. Young pigs and breeding stock need it particularly. Even market hogs need it right up to the final finishing period, when they may be encouraged to leave out exercise and make the putting on of fat the business of their lives.

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