

stream of water, which, by the construction of dams, has been completely utilized for the supply of the several divisions and compartments. The soil is a rich alluvium, all arable and highly cultivated. Previous to its conversion into a stock farm, it was used for the production of hay and grains for use in the distillery. The refuse of the distillery and the manure produce of a thousand head of cattle, amounting to about 5,000 loads yearly, has been used on the farm. This abundance of fertilization accounts for the richness of the soil. This enriching process, he has carried on for the last eight or ten years, making the farm unsurpassed in fertility in this part of the country. In 1875, his hay crop of 230 acres averaged three and a half tons to the acre, the first twenty acres cut averaged over eight tons to the acre!

On this farm he usually has from 1,000 to 1,200 graded cattle, and the only *large* breeding stable for horses, we believe, in Ontario. He usually has a sale every other year, disposing of about fifty horses at each sale. In this line there is nothing superior to his stock in the Dominion, it being in fact, the best, bloods in the world—Hambletonian stallions, with the highest degree of the "trotting instinct," and brood mares of the noblest strain. Among his stallions of the best class are "Rysdyk," which cost him \$10,000; "Phil Sheridan," which cost \$12,000; and "Chesnut Hill," sired by "Rysdyk," and although but six years old, has acquitted himself handsomely on the turf, acquiring a record of 2.26½. "Phil Sheridan's" record is 2.26½. "Rysdyk" is an untrained trotter and has no record, but is a marvel of power, and in a private trial has shown 2.36½.

Among the best brood mares are "Flora," "Belle," "Lady Potchin," "Jennie Rysdyk," "Lady Moxley," and "Jessie," most of them having a pedigree unsurpassed for excellence.

Mr. Wiser seems to have made horse-flesh his study, and reasoning on the principle that "like begets like," and that by careful cultivation the qualities of an ancestor can be transmitted to his posterity in an improved condition or a higher degree of perfection, he started in this line with the best stock to be found in the United States, and has gone on improving until his bi-annual sales of brood mares and young stallions are noted for their tallness of figures.

In 1877, Mr. Wiser sent three carloads of horses to the Provincial Fair held at London, and took the first premium and a diploma for the stallion "Rysdyk," and the first premium on colts of different ages. He has an eye not only for fancy stock, but for its improvement, and no man in Ontario is doing more to encourage the raising of the best class of horses. His success in this branch of his business has created a noble spirit of emulation among stock raisers in other parts of the Province.

Mr. Wiser was first returned to Parliament at the general election held in September, 1878, and has just served his second session in that body. His politics are Liberal.

Mrs. Wiser, who was married February 5, 1856, was Emily, second daughter of the Hon. Harlow Godard, Richville, St. Lawrence county, New York. She is the mother of six children, all of them living, but John Abel, who was drowned when four years old. The father of Mrs.