

IMPROVED FARM CONDITIONS

One of the most striking thing amongst farmers in the vicinity of my old home," said the traveling man of a large manufacturing firm of agricultural implements, upon his return from a visit to his birthplace, in the State of New York, recently. "In the better and more permanent character of the buildings and means farm improvements."

"Fencing with some of the farmers in the section regarding the methods of the present day, as compared with the past, I find that a very great saving has been effected by the introduction of the use of cement. The price of this article, when I was a boy, was almost prohibitive. In fact, we had hardly ever heard of cement until—and when we did, it was more as a curiosity—when I read about it in an article in the kitchen—rather than an article in the used on the farm. Nowadays most of the boys have been learning how to use it, and no matter where you go you are sure to see something made of it."

CEMENT FENCE POSTS.

"I was particularly struck with a fence I saw on my way to the place where I was born. My brother and I, you know, particularly hated looking at fences. We used to put the posts up early by aid of the stones we had picked up of the property. Somehow those stones would get removed, and down would come the fence. It used to be a little hard on us sometimes we thought. When the boys were off playing, he used to be at work repairing these fences. As he said, 'they wouldn't hold the posts up, he said, he dug holes deep in the ground, and drove in the posts. Then they were set well, but the trouble was that the stones would rot. That did matter so much these days, fence posts were made of wood. It was a trouble when we were a boy that we had to go over the fence and repair it, and waste all of time over it. In fact, the fence was the hate of our lives, and must have a lot to keep in repair."

"A good many accidents took place, one day another, with those fences which seem to me now must have cost rather more than the fences did. I remember one night the boys were out tearing down the fields, and burned into a part of the fence which had been neglected for some time past, for the reason that we were busy harvesting the hay. There was a field of green grain. The horses got in it, and trampled all over it, but we didn't know it. They gorged themselves with it, with the result that two of them died the following day, and the other two were badly pulled through by the aid of a veterinarian from the nearest town."

PROUD OF HIS FENCE.

"As I was about to say, my brother who was on part of the old farm, took me to the old line fence, just to look at the place where the horses broke through the night. He told me that when he was a boy, he must have used so much he wondered it wouldn't be a good thing to make fence posts, of so that they could not rot. He got into a good thing with cement, with the result that they sent him all instructions regarding the making of most fence posts."

"Jack was very proud of his fence, and it struck me when he showed it to me, that he had never seen any place. It was a straight as a die, and there wasn't a bit of a break in it from end to end. The boys were up to the wire—the wire was smooth wire—as tight and as trim as a used to be on Judge Foster's lawn. I told him how I had thought it was the best fence I had ever seen. I told him perhaps a few months. Well," said he, "make runs instead of months, and you would be sure of it."

"It was a fact that for half a dozen years that fence had stood there, and during that time not a break had taken place, and Jack had not spent five minutes looking after it."

THE COST

"I asked him whether the fence had not been a little costly."

"I said he. That's the cheapest fence I ever had on my farm. It cost more to be in with than the old kind we used to use so much trouble with when we were boys. I told him it is the forever fence, has posts can never rot. The longer they are up the harder and stronger they are. I made a little mistake, but I was right in the work, but they were not the boys, and I now know how to provide for them. One of the great things that is required, I suppose in the course of time the wire will run out and break, and you will have to be fast of the posts, and as you will remember, it was always the posts that used to give us the worry when we were boys."

"I asked him if the posts never loosened and fell over to one side in the way that used to make so much work for us in the old days."

"Well," said he, "they do loosen sometimes. But do not remember how solid the old wooden posts used to be after they had been in the ground a good while, and had been there for a long time. The longer they remained there the solid they became. That's the way with these posts. I never have to tinker with them, so that they are never disturbed, but are allowed to become imbedded in the earth. I have sunk them pretty deep, so that the frost will not affect them, and the fence will be as firm as the fence is always just as you see it now. The strongest man on this farm could hardly move one of those posts. I am just now completing the fence on my farm, and after it is finished the fence problem on this farm will be settled forever. No more time will be wasted looking after them, and there will be no danger of the horses breaking in as they did at this spot thirty years ago, or so—as you may remember."

"I remembered all right, and as we stood there laughing, we instinctively began rubbing the stones under my feet, which fact left on us upon that memorable occasion."

AYRSHIRE NEWS

Farm and Dairy is the recognized exponent of the Dairy interests of Canada. Breeders of Ayrshire Cattle and all members of the Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association are invited to send lines of interest to Farm and Dairy for publication in this column.

GREAT AYRSHIRES AT AUCTION

Never before in the Ayrshire annals of this country have breeders had such an opportunity to secure excellent producing stock as will be offered them at the dispersion sale of A. S. Turner and Son, Ryckman's Corners, Ont. Included in this herd are more cows with world records than in any other Ayrshire herd in Canada, and hence in the world. Mr. Turner has made a wonderful success of his breeding operations, and were it not due to a nervous breakdown on the part of Mrs. Turner, this splendid herd would not be sold.

Mr. Turner's herd combines showyard quality and producing ability to a marked degree. It is mostly, however, as milk producers that his Ayrshires have acquired fame. Almost without exception they are of the long, low set type, possessing strong, vigorous constitutions, and with well developed udders and teats, the kind that make butter and money for their owners.

Mr. Turner keeps record of the milk and fat production of all the milkers in his herd. To give an idea of the quality of his offering, notice the following: The mature cows have records running up to 556.7 lbs. of butter fat a year, which is equivalent to 680 lbs. of butter, which, at 25 cents a pound, a very low price, would be worth \$162.50. Three-year-olds run up to 521.9 lbs. of butter fat a year, and two-year-olds to 496.7 lbs. of butter fat. One of the cows, Briar, during April gave 5,095.75 lbs. of milk in 30 days as a three-year-old, her test being 15. As a two-year-old, Briar's record of later issue of 5,544.44 whole milk. In the month of April it was worth \$35.

This herd consists of about 30 animals. Of these all but three will be sold, and it is not certain that even these will be retained. Of the whole lot, 45 are females and 35 milk cows. We would advise all who are looking for high-class Ayrshire producing stock to attend Mr. Turner's sale on Monday, June 18th, at Ryckman's Corners just four miles from Hamilton. Watch for further information regarding this great Ayrshire sale in the reading and advertising columns of later issues of Farm and Dairy. Catalogue will be ready by May 24th.

NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY'S REPORT

W. F. Stephen, Huntington, Que.
The advertising campaign for the Dairy Tests Record of Performance records and the press—all have combined to bring to the notice of the public the many good qualities of the Ayrshire breed. Their attractiveness may be summed up as perfection and uniformity of type, as no other breed is just as typical. The beauty of form, economical use of feed, uniformity in production, dairy ability and well balanced milk, the most suitable for city consumers and all other uses.



25 Holstein Cattle

Will be sold at Public Auction at Lyndenwood Stock Farm, Naber, Ont. (Norfolk County)

Wednesday, MAY 22, 1912

The Offering includes 15 Registered Holstein Friesians and 10 High-Grade Holsteins

Nearly all of the pure breeds are either fresh or with call to Gano's Favorit Butter Boy 6654, who is also offered in the sale. His dam Sherwood Gano has a record of 17,610 lbs. milk and 82 1/2 lbs. butter, at 12 years old.

All of the Pure Breed Females are in the Record of Merit or out of Record of Merit stock with records ranging from nearly 18 lbs. for two-year-olds to 23.42 lbs. as mature cows.

Some of the cows offered are sired by Sir Schilling Posch, No. 3416, sire of Netherland Beauty Posch, who made a Canadian record for a senior two-year-old, 31 days after freshening, viz: 48.5 lbs. milk, 80.00 lbs. butter in 6 days, 73.9 lbs. milk in one day, and Maggie Clark whose official record is nearly 25 lbs. of butter as a three-year-old. Send for a catalogue giving full particulars. Lunch at noon for those from a distance.

Trains will be met at Townsend and Hagersville on day of sale. TERMS: Cash or six months credit to responsible parties at 6% interest.

Welby Almas, Auctioneer

W. J. BAILEY, Prop. Naber, Ont.

LABOR SAVING

Manches appeal mightily to Farm and Dairy people—Ayrshire farmers, since manual labor is most expensive to buy. I'll pay you to meet our people with your advertisement at the time their interest will be high in our great Farm Machinery Number, June 6th

OUR HERD OF

8 Ayrshires-80

Will be sold at Unreserved Public Auction

TUESDAY, JUNE 18th, 1912

Our herd comprises more world's record producers than at any previous sale ever held in America.

Mature Cows with records as high as 556.7 lbs. of butter fat a year.

Three-year-olds with records as high as 521.9 lbs. of butter fat a year.

Two-year-olds with records as high as 496.7 lbs. of butter fat a year.

Seize this opportunity of getting deep milking, high testing Ayrshire females. We have a few bulls and bull calves from deep milking stock which will be in the sale.

Watch Farm and Dairy during next few weeks for large advertisements and illustrations of our cattle

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BREEDER'S DIRECTORY

Cards under this head inserted at the rate of \$4.00 a line per year. No card accepted under two lines nor for less than six months, or is insertions during twelve months.

FOR TAMWORTH SWINE—Write John W. Todd, Corinth, Ont., R.F.D. No. 9.

YORKSHIRE PIGS—Write John W. Todd, Corinth, Ont., R.F.D. No. 9.

CHOOSE YOUR BOARS, AT SERVICE—H. C. Benfield, Woodstock, Ontario.

HAMPSHIRE PIGS—Canadian Champion breed. Bear head leaders. Write to: H. C. Benfield, Woodstock, Ontario.

CLYDEDALES—Imp. Stallions and Pigs. Fresh Importations. Write to: H. C. Benfield, Woodstock, Ontario.

Every mare guaranteed in full blood. Write to: H. C. Benfield, Woodstock, Ontario.

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