Postal Card Reports

Correspondence Invited.

GARLETON CO., ONT.

BRITANNIA BAY, Aug. 19.—In this locality we have been several weeks without rain. The condition of the grain, root and corn crop is therefore very unsatisfactory. Unless the weather improves it is going to be difficult to do the curing. The weather was ideal for hay making and the crop was well cured. It was very heavy, an average of from two to three loads an acre being cut.—J. A. D.

WATERLOO COUNTY, ONT.

WATERLOO, Aug. 29.—We have had no rain of any account for about 8 weeks, and the ground is very dry. Plowing for wheat is proceeding under difficulties. The finishing touches have been put on the grain harvest. On farms where they were able to get the seed sown in good time, the barns are well filled, while on wet soils the yield has been very light. One can see some very good corn, and also some that is very short and thin. Pastures are dried up, and cows have to be fed in barnyards. Last week two large bank barns, with contents, were burnt to the ground. Cause of fires is unknown. They will be rebuilt at once. —C. H. S.

NORTH EDMONTON, ALTA.

HORSE HILLS, Aug. 32.—We are just about ready for harvest again. Some are starting at their oats next week. The crop is good in this district, but about two miles south is a big hail storm, covering about 60 miles, did from 20 to 80 per cent. damage. Some are cutting their crop and selling it for green feed. Others are plowing their grain up, so that they will pull down the average yield per acre in this district this year. If cut for green feed and sold, however, a farmer can make about as much as he could by threshing it and selling the grain for 20 cents a bushel. Some of the grain sold last year at 54 cents a bushel, but the elevators will have to pay more this year or do without the grain. We had a slight frost on Aug. 9, but no damage done in this district. Pasture is fine and cows are milking well. Some are feeding the very best. Beef is worth $7.25; hogs, $10; eggs, 25c; butter, 30c; cheese, 23c; oats, 36c; wheat, $1.06.—G. E. T.

NEW WESTMINSTER DIST., B.C.

CHILLIWACK, Aug. 28.—Harvesting has been in full swing for the past week. Nearly all the fall wheat has been harvested and oats and barley are now being cut. The weather is excellent for harvesting and the crops would be hard to beat. Quite a lot of the early sown grain is lying down as we had a lot of rain and wind in July, but what is standing has certainly made up for what is down. The rye crop alone has lodged badly and is better than usual. The turnip crop is coming along very good. Corn for ensilage is about 10 feet high already. The plum crop is heavy, while late apples are on the light side.—N. C.

QU'APPELLE DISTRICT, SASK.

FORT QU'APPELLE, Aug. 21.—Although the season of growth has been very short, grains have made a rapid headway. Hail, blight and rust have done some damage and probably will take further toll. Some wheat is cut Aug. 17. Cutting is general to-day along the valley banks. The yield is not expected to be large this season, as ears are not as well filled as usual. Stock is doing well now because of abundance of feed in pastures. Weed growth is very strong, and owing to continued rains it is difficult to get fallows thoroughly cultivated at the right time.—R. H. C.

A BOOKLET FOR HOLSTEIN MEN.

HOLSTEIN breeders and others will be interested in a small booklet entitled "How to Make Good Pictures of Holsteins," issued by the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. The object of the booklet is to give suggestions regarding correct posturing and the selection of suitable backgrounds in photographing animals. Illustrations are given, showing desirable and also some undesirable photographs. The many valuable hints in the booklet will be appreciated by all who are admirers of Holsteins and are therefore interested in having good photographs made of them for publication. A copy can be secured without cost by writing to F. L. Houghton, Secretary of the H. F. Association of America, Brattleboro, Vt.

HOLSTEINS IN GREAT BRITAIN.

ONE of the striking live stock developments of recent years has been the remarkable way in which Holstein-Friesian cattle have come to the front. The black and white Dutch cow has been an object of more or less interest in the landscape in various districts, both north and south of the Border, for a great many years. In the old days before there was any restriction on live stock importation they were wont to be introduced into Leith, and other accessible ports, from Holland in considerable numbers. But in these days they were simply introduced and dealt with as dairy cows. No attempt was made to keep them distinct by themselves as a breed—at least no attempt was made to keep them on pedigree lines and in special registered herds. They were simply known as Dutch cattle, and passed from hand to hand as such. The cows were always recognized as being heavy milkers, but in the absence of a system of registration it was not easy keeping the variety together as a coherent body; indeed, the closing of the ports to the importation of live stock, except for practically immediate slaughter, all but extinguished the breed in this country. The few who had laid in a stock found it increasingly difficult to get fresh blood either on the male or the female side. The result was that the breed began to deteriorate in size and type, while their milking properties were naturally also impaired to some extent. This was substantially the position when the British Holstein Society was founded some few years ago. A few were still holding on, but there was no real life in the breed, and values were inclined to get lower.

The change which came over the scene, so far as the outlook for the breed was concerned, came with dramatic suddenness some two years ago, when the almost newly-constituted breed society prevailed upon Mr. Runciman, who was then Minister of Agriculture, to allow them to make a special importation from Holland. The animals selected in Holland were mainly young bulls and heifers, and they sold like hot cakes, the total shipment of fifty-nine realizing the extraordinary sum of £14,636, an average of £248 per head. The Society which made itself responsible for the deal, netted the very large sum of £10,000 over the transaction. The bidding was restricted to members, and members were even limited as to the number of lots which they could purchase. The result was that the cattle were very widely distributed.

Breeders in this country hardly realise the nicety to which such subjects as milk-recording has been reduced in Holland, Southern Sweden, and other countries on the Continent where dairying has been converted into a fine art. In this country we are inclined to speak of our Augustas, our Prides of Aberdeen, our Bricas, our Myates, and all the rest of them. In the countries named on the Continent a cow stands or falls by her milk yield and by the milk-bred parentage from which she is descended on both sides. A continental breeder of such varieties as the Holstein never talks of families, but of the yield of the dam of the animal and the dam of her sire, going back probably for three or four generations. In these countries all the records are kept by the Government, and the cattle are largely fed and judged on a basis of their yields. We have not got that length in this country yet, but we are making progress, and the advent of the Holstein as a serious proposition in dairying is likely to hasten on the work of general recording. Prices lately for Holsteins have shown that the breed has come to stay, but it may be doubted if it will ever prove a serious competitor to the Ayrshire in her own particular territory. The Ayrshire is essentially a hustler, and on the scant pastures on which she exists in the main will probably, intelligently bred and managed, defy competition. But in the rich, wide, grassy and arable districts of England and Scotland the results of the Craigiehall sale and other events of late show that the Holstein will be a serious competitor to all other cattle where size and weight and a big milk yield is a consideration and indeed an essential.—North British Agriculturist.

A DIRE THREAT.

Harry and James, brothers, were in their playroom for a little recreation after supper. Harry sat James with a stick. An argument followed, and in the midst of it the nurse happened in with the news that it was time for them to retire. James was put to bed first. The nurse said:—"You must forgive your brother before you go to bed. You might die in the night." After a few minutes elapsed James replied: "Well, I'll forgive him to-night, but if I don't die he'd better look out in the morning."

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