

Breeders' Meetings at Chicago.

The following meetings of U. S. National Association will be held in Chicago during the International Live Stock Exhibition:

Saturday, Nov. 30.	
American Society of Animal Nutrition, Breeders' Hall	1.00 p.m.
Monday, December 2.	
Percheron Society of America, Congress Hotel	8.00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 3.	
American Shetland Pony Club, Sherman House	3.30 p.m.
Continental Dorset Club, Wool Office	3.00 p.m.
American Milch Goat Rec. Assn., Breeders' Hall	2.00 p.m.
American Cotswold Rec. Assn., Galloway Hall	7.30 p.m.
American Shire Horse Assn., Assembly Hall	7.00 p.m.
International Live Stock Exposition, Saddle & Sirloin Club	8.00 p.m.
American Oxford-Down Rec. Assn., Breeders' Hall	8.00 p.m.
American Cheviot Sheep Society, Exposition Hall	8.00 p.m.
Hampshire Swine Rec. Assn., Wool Office	8.00 p.m.
American Aberdeen-Angus Breeders' Association, Grand Pacific Hotel	8.00 p.m.
American Berkshire Assn., Stock Yards Inn	8.00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 4.	
American Shropshire Association, Assembly Hall	10.00 a.m.
Red Polled Cattle Club of America, Breeders' Hall	2.00 p.m.
American Poland-China Record Assn., Wool Office	2.00 p.m.
American Hampshire Sheep Assn., Exposition Hall	7.30 p.m.
National Lincoln Sheep Breeders' Assn., Wool Office	7.30 p.m.
American Association of Imp. & Br. of Belgian Draft Horses, Assembly Hall	7.30 p.m.
Chester White Congress, Breeders' Hall	8.00 p.m.
American Shorthorn Association, Grand Pacific Hotel	8.00 p.m.
American Yorkshire Club, Stock Yards Inn	8.00 p.m.
Thursday, December 5.	
American Galloway Breeders' Assn., Galloway Office	8.00 p.m.
American Southdown Breeders' Assn., Breeders' Hall	8.00 p.m.
American Suffolk Horse Assn., Breeders' Bldg.	8.00 p.m.
American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders' Assn., Wool Office	8.00 p.m.
Polled Durham Breeders' Assn., Grand Pacific Hotel	8.00 p.m.
American Tamworth Swine Record Assn., Exposition Hall	8.00 p.m.

Sell Stock or Buy Hay.

At present some of our farmers are reducing their stocks, on account of the light hay crop in Antigonish and the eastern part of the Province this year. The stock is being sold at low prices, to avoid buying hay next winter at high and out-of-the-way prices, or holding their stock and paying high prices for hay and expecting big returns from their animals next season.

Last year there were poor crops in some districts, the Gulf Shore in particular, and farmers there suffered a good deal, had to haul high-priced hay long distances and over bad roads.

For some time the executive of the Antigonish County Farmers' Association have been considering the situation, with a view to discovering measures to help out the situation.

Committees have been appointed to ascertain where a quantity of hay could be got at a reasonable price, and also to find out, approximately, the quantity needed.

It has been reported that hay can be got in Quebec under fifteen dollars a ton; about a thousand tons or so would be needed; transportation charges on it from Quebec to the East would be very heavy.

L. Girroir, M. P. P. (Antigonish), left recently for Ottawa, and will interview the Minister of Railways for the purpose of getting low rates of transportation on hay from Quebec to Antigonish over the Intercolonial Railway.

A good crop of potatoes has been reported. One person had a lot of large potatoes, some weighing as much as 2½ lbs. each.

Recently Antigonish potatoes have been shipped to Halifax to private customers at 50c. per bushel.

The fall being so wet, oats and other grain in some cases failed to ripen evenly. A great deal will be used for green feed. At present writing there is still grain out yet.

The price of oats is fifty to fifty-five cents per bushel, according to quality, which, in some respects, is very good.

Milk.—The milk factories are overcrowded with orders for milk. The Sydneys (C. B.) will consume more milk than can be got out. The Antigonish Farmers' Pasteurizing Milk Factory is doing a rushing business. The milk is rushed on the express trains, and conveyed to different Cape Breton towns, through the excellent work of the Canadian Express Co., and sold for good prices.

The wooden floor of the above-named factory has been extracted and a concrete floor laid in its stead.

As has been stated, the demand for milk being so large, butter-making has been greatly diminished. As a consequence butter has been imported from Ontario, and is retailing for 30c. per lb. (dairy). J. M.

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The P. E. Island Black Fox Boom.

Another season with its strenuous toil is over, crops are all garnered in, and the last of the stock is housed for the winter. The farmer now has comparative leisure to enjoy the fruits of his labor. This is a good time to review the past season with a sharp eye to see where we have succeeded and where we have failed in the different lines of our agricultural effort. Not all of the varied branches of our system of mixed farming have succeeded up to our expectations. Now is the time to take a backward glance, noting our failures and successes, and lay our plans for the future, with an eye to improved methods and more intelligent effort all along the line for another season. If we can thus discover what particular line in crop-growing and stock husbandry has given us the best returns for our labor, we will have taken a long step forward in our agricultural education, and be in a position to work to future advantage and profit. Though as farmers we have great opportunity to study our calling, through excellent agricultural literature, issued by agricultural institutions and the agricultural press, still if we are observant farmers, a great deal of education that profits us most comes from our own failures and successes.

Though a favorable season is our biggest asset in getting a good return from the land, still the skillful farmer can do a very considerable to overcome adverse conditions, in any season. Notwithstanding the somewhat peculiar growing season of 1912, with its overabundance of moisture and low temperature, our farmers have had a good return for their labor. Following, as we do, a system of mixed husbandry, we are always pretty sure of fair returns. In some sections, there was loss from hailstorms, and the exceedingly wet season for the hay and grain harvest detracted somewhat from the value of these crops. Still there is plenty for man and beast, and the farmer enters the winter season satisfied with the provision for the present and hopeful for the future. Prices are greatly in his favor, and there is a brisk demand for all produce. During the closing days of October, and the first week in November, we have been favored with ideal weather for gathering the root crops, and finishing up the fall plowing. Returns from dairying will be the best yet. Cheese-factory patrons are looking for over a dollar per hundred for milk, and patrons' accounts are larger than usual. Cheese has averaged higher in price than ever before. Butter-factories are paying record prices. The best farmers here get almost all their revenue from sales of stock, and returns from butter- and cheese factories, and eggs and poultry. This leaves the farmer every succeeding year with increased capital, from added fertility in his soil.

Our new industry, "fox farming," has eclipsed all other efforts during the last year. Breeding foxes here have been more than doubled in price within the year. Some of the best pairs have been sold recently for as much as \$16,000. A conservative estimate places the increase in value of our stock of black foxes during the year at \$2,800,000. This big sum is the result of the enormous increase in the price of breeding foxes and also the natural increase for the year. Still the boom goes on. The biggest financial transaction that ever took place here was consummated a short time ago, when the oldest fox ranch was sold to a syndicate for the enormous sum of \$600,000. The tendency of the business now is towards large stock companies, and it will be well for would-be investors to beware, as the promoters of these big concerns will likely have a lot of water to sell to the unwary with the stock they are offering. Still the boom keeps up, and is likely to for some time yet, as the demand is broadening every day for breeding stock. It is claimed that Prince Edward Island has a monopoly of the fox business by having about 75 per cent. of all the black foxes in the world that are in captivity.

Many fox men here have become rich in a few years, and these great successes have given this little island the biggest advertisement it ever had. A buyer from Russia was here recently offering big monies for some of our select breeding foxes. Though this is a little different from ordinary stock husbandry, still it is production from the soil, and it is up to Prince Edward Islanders to breed what brings most money for their expenditure of skill and labor. There is still room for all our other industries.

W. S.

South Kent Notes.

November is here with rain following a rainy October, September, August and July. It has been the worst fall for getting work done in a dozen years. On low land corn is yet to be cut, (Nov. 11th) so wet it cannot be cut with a machine, it will have to stand till it freezes up. Potatoes are rotting badly. Looks like dear seed again next spring. Beans are an uneven crop, some which were harvested without rain picking 1 lb. and 2 lbs., those which got rained on picking 5 to 15 lbs. Two pound pickers are the standard, and there is 5 cents a lb. dock on all over that. They are worth \$2.40 a bushel. At present a few of our public-spirited citizens have started a Publicity Association to be known as the Blenheim and District Publicity Association. Anyone on payment of one dollar may become a member. We hope to see this Association spread out and take up other things in the future, as good roads transportation, and larger and better markets for our produce. There is no question but we can grow the stuff, what we need most of all is a better system of putting it on the market; a more uniform product and a more steady supply. This Association can help a great deal along these lines. It is the intention to issue a pamphlet in the near future describing this part of Kent and its products in detail. There is also some talk of a winter show to be held at Chatham. Why not? The corn show is held at Windsor this year, and this leaves an opening for something to be done along this line this year.

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P. E. I. Crops and Prices.

According to the Prince Edward Island November circular, harvest was generally completed about October 15th, although a field here and there remained out till November. Oats are turning out much better than were expected. "More than a bushel to the stook" is the general report of correspondents. The quality is excellent. The potato crop is light in Prince County, being about 70 per cent.; in Queen's it is about average, and in King's much above average, being about 150 per cent. The quality also bears a close relation to the quantity, being very superior in King's County. The root crop is much below average, most correspondents reporting from 50 per cent. to 70 per cent. Early seeding proved much better than late. Pastures are still green, and are supplying quite a lot of succulent feed for stock. Farm work is well forward and a lot of produce has been marketed. The following are the market prices for November 11th, 1912:

Oats, per bushel	\$.44
Hay, per ton	13.50
Straw, per ton	5.00
Eggs, per dozen	.30
Butter, per pound	.26
Potatoes, per bushel	.25
Turnips, per bushel	.18
Lambs, per pound	.04½
Chickens (undrawn) per pound	.15

Milk Powder for France.

Dr. Roy, Commissioner General for France, states that the demand for milk powder in France and Belgium, which has been steadily increasing for the past two years, has now reached a stage where Canadian exporters would find a ready market. The varieties of milk powder consumed are classified as: whole milk, half skimmed and skimmed. The duty, according to the Franco-Canadian Convention, is approximately \$3.80 per 50 lbs., providing that the percentage of sugar is less than 40 per cent. If Canadian firms interested would submit quotations, including freight charges, which could be obtained from lines plying between Canada and Havre, the Department would forward them to the Commissioner General for Canada in Paris, who is in communication with importers of this commodity.

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