

## JANUARY.

Care of Live Stock requires much of the farmer's time and attention at this season. Feed sufficiently and water regularly; if you fail in either you cannot have profitable stock, whatever the breed may be. In most parts of the country farmers have now the means of improving their Stock by the importations made of late years. For the Dairy, Ayrshires are preferred; for large beef cattle, the Short Horn breed, which is increasing rapidly. The Devons are well liked, and for active working oxen there is no better race. Where one or two cows are kept to supply a gentleman's family with the richest milk and cream, the Alderney breed is to be selected in preference to all others, but they are too tender for country farms, do not roam enough through the wild pastures, and stay about the barns waiting to be fed, while other cattle are fattening in the bush. The large Short Horns require rich level pastures, the Devons and Ayrshires are as hardy as the shaggiest mongrels. The Herefords are beautiful animals, but although a few have been imported, they have not come generally into favor.

## FEBRUARY.

### CANADIAN FRUIT.

A resident of the Niagara District, in the Province of Ontario, who has recently visited England, writes the following communication to the Editor of the *Ontario Farmer*, an agricultural journal published monthly at Toronto:—

The fact that there is a large portion of Canada well adapted to fruit growing is becoming daily more manifest, and the good reputation of Canadian fruits is now well established, whether the test be for beauty, flavour, or long keeping qualities. In the British Markets our apples are looked upon very favourably, and command a good price, and if suitable varieties be shipped, the returns are generally profitable. There is no reason in the world why pears should not also find their way to trans-atlantic ports.

In January of last year, while in London, I exhibited a small collection of Canadian apples at a meeting of the Royal Horticultural Society. Before my departure for