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A GOOD COUNTRY FOR FARMERS.

We clip the following sensible and timely remarks from a city contemporary:

"Rev. J. A. Nelson, of Lawrence, Kansas, has been travelling through western Ontario, and writes to the *Lawrence Gazette* on Canada and Her Customs. He says it is a good country, and that the people have more health and comfort than can be found anywhere else, although they think they can do better in the States. 'The greatest fault and wonder,' he says, 'is they do not seem to believe either in themselves or their country. They disparage their land and the crops they produce. They compare opportunities with the States unfavourably to themselves.' Rev. J. A. Nelson is right. The great trouble with Canadians is that they have not enough national conceit. One reason for Toronto's rapid growth is that the people believe in it. They think it has a great future before it, and are ready to invest their savings here. Every resident of Toronto is certain that it is bound to be a very great city. If Canadians generally were so enthusiastic regarding the future of the country, its progress would be as wonderful as that of Toronto."

Yes, Ontario is a good country, but, if we don't show that we appreciate it, who will? There has been entirely too much said in our public journals in praise of our North-West and of prairie regions generally, and Ontario has reaped the fruits of it in losing a very large number of her best citizens. Thousands of thrifty and enterprising men have sold their farms during the past four or five years and have gone to the West or the North-West, carrying with them in hard cash, the earnings of an industrious lifetime, and leaving behind them, in far too many instances, farms loaded down with mortgages by the new owners. Take, let us say, a farm of one hundred acres, worth \$7,000. The new owner is able to scrape together \$2,000, and the balance of \$5,000 is raised by mortgage. The \$7,000 is taken out of the country, and along with it, perhaps \$3,000 realized from the sale of stock, implements, etc., to say nothing of other accumulations of thrifty husbandry, or of men and women whose value cannot be computed in money. And what have we left? The farm is there, it is true, but the \$5,000 mortgage is on it and two chances to one that mortgage will keep the nose of the new proprietor to the grindstone as long as he lives. Meantime the old proprietor finds himself struggling with pioneer hardships—perhaps in Dakota, perhaps in Manitoba, or perhaps in regions two or three hundred miles beyond. He begins life in a world that is entirely new to him. His neighbours, if there be any such nearer than a mile or two, are men he never saw nor heard of before, and when he comes to know who they are he may discover that of all men they are among the least desirable to know. There are no schools, no post-office, no store, no roads, no market place, and the only preaching he hears is when a colporteur or a missionary strays along the way. Moreover, he has to run the gauntlet of cyclones and blizzards with a rickety shanty over his head, and his crops may rot under excessive rains, be dried up with drouth, or devoured by grasshoppers, or destroyed by prairie fires. He learns when too late that in selling the

Ontario farmstead, and leaving a comfortable home, the society of old friends, and all the advantages and conveniences of civilized settlement, he has made an irreparable mistake. Not only so, but he learns that all the highfalutin' descriptions he once heard or read of concerning the fertility of prairie lands and the big bonanzas in prairie farming have been for the most part stuff and nonsense, and that his old Ontario farm when well worked would yield him greater comforts and larger profits twice over. No, we don't sufficiently appreciate the value of Ontario in an agricultural sense, and too many of our people have as a consequence been led to chase after chimeras. It is time that we awoke to the gravity of the situation, and that we talked the words of truth and soberness to our own people.

MANURE RUNNING TO WASTE.

We think that if correct figures were obtained of the quantity of manure and other fertilizers that is wasted every year in Ontario, the result would be startling. In the cities, towns, and villages the aggregate is enormous, and yet the greater part of it might be obtained by farmers at the cost of carting it home. Indeed, we fear the statement is too true, that on a large number of farms in the country the home product is not utilized, or, if it is, that no care is taken to get it into fit condition for giving strength and richness to the soil. This is a subject that demands attention, and it cannot be neglected, if a good average of crops is going to be maintained. We noticed in a London exchange the other day that the city authorities offered to supply the Asylum farm with the refuse, garbage, and excreta of the city, and that their offer had been gladly accepted by the superintendent of the institution. The farm has an area of three hundred acres, of which two hundred are for farming and forty-five for gardening purposes. The material will be collected by the city scavengers in air-tight tanks or barrels, and deposited in a reservoir or manure yard of the farm, where it will be thoroughly composted for use as required. We have no doubt that the experiment will prove to be a satisfactory and profitable one, and we shall be surprised if farmers of the locality, who observe the results, do not become earnest rivals with the superintendent of the Asylum farm for the supply which he has just agreed to take as a favour to the city. But what shall we say of farmers in the vicinity of Toronto, who are far more neglectful of their opportunities? It is a fact that enough manure, the most valuable for fertilizing purposes, is flooded out from the cattle byres into Ashbridge's Bay every year to supply eighty farms, of a hundred acres each. There are at the present time 3,800 head of cattle fattening in those byres, and the flume or channel which carries the solid and liquid manure out into the bay, is a steadily flowing stream. To such an extent has this deposit reached that the bay now resembles nothing so much as a huge barnyard, full to overflowing with liquid and solid manure. We confess astonishment at this great waste, and especially in the vicinity of lands so much in need of the best kind of manure for the production of good crops. Here, if anywhere, there is a fortune to be had for the taking.

CANADIAN SHORTHORN HERD-BOOK.

Below we give transfers of thoroughbreds reported up to April 21st, 1884. In the following list the person first named is the seller and the second the buyer.

Cow, Carnation (vol. 4), by Alexis [2676].—John Payne, Cayuga; F. J. Ramsey, Dunnville.

Cow, Serena (vol. 6), by Grand Duke [7153].—F. Martindale, York; F. J. Ramsey, Dunnville.

Cow, Glasserton Belle (vol. 8), by Cayuga Chief [2859].—F. T. Docker, Byng; F. J. Ramsey, Dunnville.

Cow Glasserton Maid (vol. 8), by Scotsman 3rd [6229].—F. T. Docker, Byng; F. J. Ramsey, Dunnville.

Bull Calf, Sir William [11860], by Framework 4th [9975].—Thos. A. Wright, Cartwright; A. Hanna, Enniskillen.

Bull Calf, Spotted Chief [11862], by Erin Chief [11861].—J. Marshall, Jackson; N. Barber, Tara.

Bull, Duke of Rosehall [11867], by Victor Emmanuel [11866].—Noah Bricker, Roseville; S. Cassel, Hayesville.

Bull Calf, Earl of Rosehill [11868], by Victor Emmanuel [11866].—Noah Bricker, Roseville; Meno Snyder, Elmira.

Bull, Prince James [11472], by Captain [9742].—R. Sommersville, Elder's Hill; Geo. Mitchell, Clarksburg.

Bull, Duke of Springbrook [11874], by British Statesman [8175].—Green Bros., Oakville; Lewis McKenney, Kingsmill.

Bull Calf, John A [11875], by 5th Lord Red Rose [10178].—T. C. Stark, Gananoque; John Thompson, Gananoque.

Bull, Guy [11876], by Lord Bright Eyes 1st [7319].—T. Dunbar, Harriston; P. Smart, Palmerston.

Bull, Stanley [11877], by Fairview Chief [9965].—R. D. Dundas, Springville; G. Scott, Peterboro'.

Bull, Western Duke [11859], by Mazurka Duke [5703].—R. B. Ireland, Nelson; John McDonald, Rock Lake, Manitoba.

Cow, Lily of the West (vol. 9), by Mosstrooper [7495].—R. B. Ireland, Nelson; John McDonald, Rock Lake, Manitoba.

Bull, Tuscarora Duke [11858], by Mazurka Duke [5703].—R. B. Ireland, Nelson; John McDonald, Rock Lake, Manitoba.

Bull, Wentworth [11879], by Mosstrooper [7495].—John Dodd, East Flamboro'; T. Halt, Dundas.

Bull, Essex Lad [11883], by Jupiter 2nd [3419].—George Axford & Son, Talbotville; Saml. McCauley, South Woodslee.

Bull, Baron Balsam [11886], by Ouray [7575].—George Hickingbottom, Balsam; Richard Ward, Balsam.

Cow, Bell Atha (vol. 9), by Baron Balsam [11886].—Thomas Hickingbottom, Balsam; Daniel Brims, Atholstane, Que.

Bull, Tom [11511], by King Lear [10110].—Jas. McArthur, Ailsa Craig; Jas. S. Grant, Granton.

Heifer Calf, Maude 6th (vol. 9), by Fairview Lad [12126].—Thomas Dunbar, Harriston; Valentine Plantz, Neustadt.

Cow, Farmer's Daisy (vol. 9), by Earl of Grass Hill [7031].—Wm. Glennie, Conestogo; John Dick, Britton.