

compartments. And an inner square space answers its purpose well, except that in the corners the silage does not keep well, a defect which may be remedied to some extent by rounding out the corners.

The Horses.—Thorncliffe is famous as the home of the great Thoroughbred Stallion *Mikado*, portrayed in our illustration, winner of \$75,000 in races for his former owner before coming to Canada, and of numerous first prizes and championships in the hands of his present owner, having several times carried off the sweepstakes at Toronto Spring Show and the Industrial Exhibition, and obtained the same distinction at the New York Horse Show, and also at the great horse show at Chicago in 1897. *Mikado* comes of a line of winners, being a son of imported King Ernest, and a full brother of King-like, winner of the Futurity race the present year, a stake worth to his fortunate owner \$80,000. "Good wine needs no bush," and *Mikado* speaks for himself by his records, and his individuality. Among the other noted sires in the stud are imported *Parisian*, by Cherabert, who sired more sons who won more money for a greater number of years than any other in his day. *Admiral*, a brown son of St. Blaise, a sire who won distinction in his day, and sold for \$10,000, is another of this noted collection of high-class horses.

Clydesdales.—Thorncliffe has long been known for its magnificent Clydesdale horses, and never in

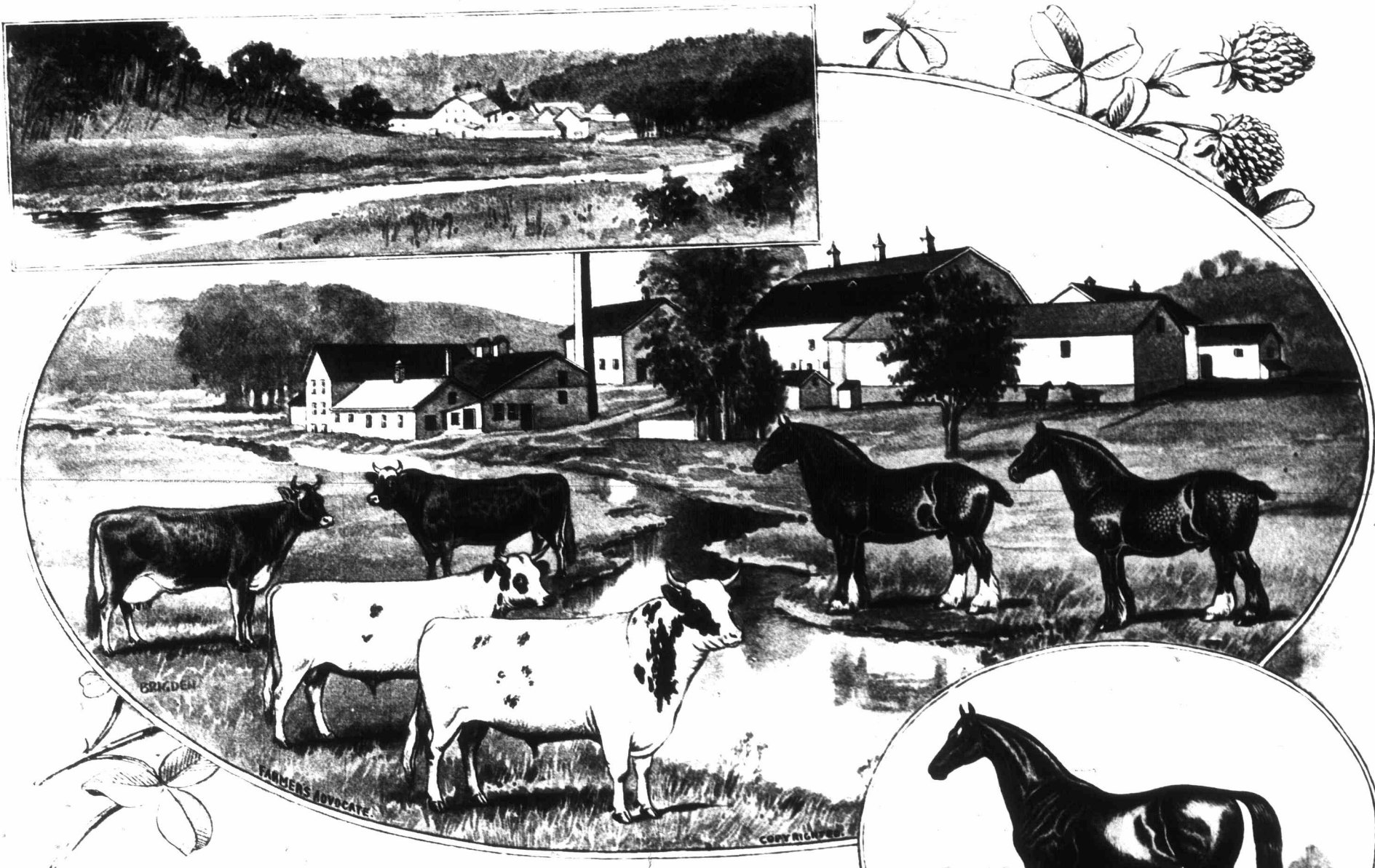
thick, blocky and well proportioned. He was also a prize-winner in his native land as a foal. Still another of McGregor's sons in this lot is *Polonius*, a big three-year-old, standing 17.2, and promising to develop into a very large horse. A promising gelding, by Baron's Pride, and having for his dam a daughter of Lord Eskine, was imported in 1888. He has the material from which to make a magnificent horse and only needs time to develop. *King's Own*, a five-year-old seal brown son of imp. Queen's Own and imp. Candour, by McGregor, won first at the Toronto Spring Show, '98, and was gold medallist at Ottawa, '97, having formerly won first at Toronto as a two-year-old. The limit of space forbids the mention of even the names of half a hundred brood mares, colts and fillies, among which is the first prize and sweepstakes mare, first prize yearling colt, three-year-old filly, spring foal, and mare with two of her produce at Toronto Industrial, '98, make up a galaxy of equines which only need to be seen to be appreciated by a lover of good horses.

The Jerseys. are made up mainly of the imported animals, selected in person from noted herds in Scotland by Mr. Davies, Jr., in 1897. At the head of the harem stands *Oliver Twist* of *Barcheskic*, pictured in the forefront of the engraving, a typical Ayrshire, winner of first prize at the Western Fair at London, 1888, defeating the first prize winner at Toronto the previous week, a grand specimen of the breed, combining constitution and

with many good judges. *Nita B.* (pictured in the illustration, now in her fourth year, is an ideal dairy cow in conformation, with a model shaped udder, and stood first as a two-year-old in the competition at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition in 1897. *Mariland B.* (daughter of the last named, sired on the Island by Duke of Mariland, inherits her mother's form and promises to be very rich in her milk secretions. *Nicot's P.* is another of the imported cows, which in her three-year-old form gave five gallons of milk daily, testing 6%, and is such a cow as to tempt to the breaking of the tenth commandment. These are samples of the Thorncliffe Jerseys, which constitute one of the best herds on the continent, the younger things growing up promising to equal if not excel their ancestors in beauty and usefulness. A select flock of fifty Shropshire ewes, bred direct from imported stock, is kept up to-date by the use of first class imported sires. An excellent herd of Berkshires is also maintained on the farm.

Honor to the Pioneers.

We all join in giving honor to the memory of the men of undaunted courage who faced the toil and the privations incident to the early settlement of this country and laid the foundations of the comfortable homes which their children and grandchildren enjoy to-day. There is, perhaps, not the same



THORNCIFFE STOCK FARM OF MR. ROBERT DAVIES, TORONTO, CANADA.

its history was it stronger in this line than at present. Probably nowhere on the continent can be found more first-class representatives of the breed in one establishment. Half a dozen high-class imported stallions, young and full of quality, measuring well up to the standard of first-class individual excellence and in breeding, stand at the head of the stud, while a grand collection of imported and home-bred mares grace the pastures and the stalls. Prominent among the imported horses is *Border River* (2300), standing first in the picture, a dark bay four-year-old son of Prince of Millfield and Connie Nairn, bred by Lord Polwarth, St. Boswells. He won the first prize and the championship of the breed at the Canadian Horse show of 1898, and has had a winning way from his colthood, having won numerous prizes in Scotland as a foal and stood first as a two-year-old at Toronto Industrial Exhibition, where the best dog congregation, *Lyon McGregor*, the second horse in the illustration, by the great McGregor, dam by Lord Eskine, was imported in 1887, and is a rich bay three-year-old, standing 17.2 and weighing over a ton, with not a suspicion of coarseness, but lots of quality. He was a first prize winner in Scotland as a youngster, and won first at Ottawa in 1887, and first at Toronto Industrial, 1888. *Tom McGregor*, by the same famous sire, another three-year-old of the same type, won first prize at the Canadian Horse Show in 1888, and second at the Toronto Industrial in 1897, and is

quality in a high degree, and bred in the purple, as his name would indicate, for *Barcheskic* stands for all that is up to date in Ayrshires. *Duke of York*, the other bull in the picture, was the first prize yearling at the Toronto Industrial, and was imported with his dam, Clara of Balmowat, a Royal and Highland Society winner, who has given as high as 62 lbs. milk per day. Among the other imported cows is *Jennie 14th* of *Barcheskic*, with a record of 82 lbs. in a day and with model dairy conformation and milk vessel. *Belle* of *Barcheskic*, a four-year-old, from the same Scotch herd, when fresh gave four gallons per day and keeps up her flow for a long period. Such milk-making machinery as she carries and such a system of veins is seldom seen even in the best of the breed. Time is called and we pass to a brief review of

The Jerseys, which are also based on a recent importation of selected animals from the best herds on the Island, at the head of which stands the richly bred and typical bull, *Destruction's Golden*, shown in the engraving, a son of the noted Island-bred sire Golden Lad, whose sons and daughters have been more successful in winning prizes on the Island in late years than those of any other sire. Among the best of the imported cows is *Cecilia Beck*, winner of first prize and sweepstakes at the Western Fair at London in 1898, and second prize at the Toronto Industrial Exhibition, where she was the favorite

unanimity of sentiment in acknowledging the worth of the work of the early importers of pure bred stock, the impression seeming to have prevailed that the prices they received for their stock were such as to make their ventures profitable; but when we reflect upon the heavy losses often sustained in the case of sea voyages of eight to twelve weeks by sailing vessels, the high rates of freight and the limited market, it required no small amount of courage and enterprise to undertake the work, and its importance is manifest to-day, the revenue to our people from live stock and its products being larger by millions than from any other of our industries.

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