

I still have faith that Canada will awaken and arise to her rightful and exalted destiny; but it will not be at the summons of the god of war, spreading terror abroad; and commanding obedience at home, at the mouth of the cannon and the pistol; but she will rise to her glorious destiny through the power of righteousness, under the invincible Captainship of the Prince of Peace.

If Canada would pursue this course, she could not fail of her high destiny; her people would indeed be free, prosperous and happy; and she would become the light and the emulation of all armament Europe, and of every war-cursed nation of the earth.

EDGAR M. ZAVITZ.

Gossip.

Mr. A. P. Blue, Eustis, Que ec, advertises for sale registered Ayrshires, all ages, including prizewinners and imported animals. Seventy-five head to choose from. See the advertisement, and write for price and particulars, or give him a call.

Scott Bros., Highgate, Ont., write: "Since our last report we have sold the following showtoppers: To Mr. Robert Moorhouse, Cairo, Ont., Dairy Mare 83131-1, seven months old, sired by Lord Lieutenant, dam Imp. Lady Steel, a winner at St. Louis in the dairy test; to James Randall, Highgate, one ten-months-old bull calf, sired by Lord Lieutenant (imp.). We have exchanged with Mr. L. K. Weber, of Hawkesville, Ont., our imported bull, Lord Lieutenant, for Good Morning (imp.), and we are now breeding the heifers from Lord Lieutenant to Good Morning. The yearlings and two-year-olds advertised are an exceptionally good lot, and will be priced right. Breed right, feed right, and advertise in 'The Farmer's Advocate,' and you are sure to sell at fair prices."

For many years, with an international reputation of superior excellence, the Fairview flock of Shropshires, property of J. & D. J. Campbell, Woodville, Ont., this year really appear to excel those of any previous year. The fifteen shearing rams and the thirty shearding ewes, nearly all the get of Belvoir Siridar (imp.) and Harding's Best (imp.), the grand champions at St. Louis World's Fair and the Chicago International, are certainly a very superior lot, among them being very many high-class show animals, a credit to their famous sire and their no less superior dams. The

Happy the man who tills his field,  
Content with rustic labor;  
Earth does to him her fullness yield,  
Hap what may to his neighbor.  
Well days, sound nights, oh, can there be  
A life more rational and free?

This is the time when such lines can be appreciated by the tiller of the soil, as from day to day he pursues his vocation amid the fragrance sent forth by bud and blossom, especially as he drills in the seed, hopeful of reaping a bountiful return a few months hence. Rising with the sun, making best use of the bright days, tilling the soil with intelligent purpose, this farmer is sure to reap the reward of his labor.

The sugar season was the best for many years, a larger number of trees were tapped, therefore a larger quantity of maple product of superior quality was realized, and much of it was marketed at a profitable price. Although the demand was not quite as brisk as last year, 80c. to 85c. per gallon, in tins, was the prevailing figure. Sugar sold at from 8c. to 10c. per lb. Notwithstanding the "Foods Adulteration Act," much adulterated maple syrup and sugar is manufactured by city firms and foisted on the public as the pure article at a lesser price. This has had its effect in lessening the demand for the pure article.

The warm, genial days, about the 25th to 27th of April, so dried up the soil on our high lands that we got sowing, but it soon came cold, wet and backward, until the early days of May, when it has cleared up, and seeding had again become general, and, with good weather, about two weeks will see all the seed sown. Much new seeding has to be resown, as owing to the drought last summer a great part of it is killed out. Some that survived is looking rather thin. On this, with some oats sown, and a fresh seeding worked in lightly, a good crop of forage may be raised. On the high and gravelly lands the grass is such as to sustain young stock, and many herds have been turned out to eke out an existence until a more liberal supply may be had, which we trust will not be long, as nearly every farmer is going to be scarce of feed before he gets his cows to grass.

Most of the creameries and cheeseries have commenced operations with a smaller milk flow, viz., 15 per cent., below former years. The amount of milk and

Quietly and steadily the Campbells have been building up a superior herd of Shorthorn cattle. Strathallans are in the majority, and a rare good lot they are. Cows and heifers there are in the herd good enough to go in the ring among the best, and as proof that they are exceptionally good milkers, we have only to see their well-developed udders, and the thick, well-fleshed calves fed by their dams, among which are three September bulls, and one heifer, as near ideals of perfection as any we have seen for many a day, sired by the Brawith bud stock bull, Golden Count, a son of that great sire of show stuff, Prince Gloster, and among the very best bulls in Canada, he is a marvel of thickness and goodly proportions, and a sire of a very high order indeed. Recently, some new blood has been infused in the herd by the purchase of Mysie Maid, a two-year-old Mysie-bred daughter of the great bull, Joy of Morning (imp.), she has a choice bull calf at foot, got by Imp. Gold Mine. Another recent purchase is a roan yearling, by Imp. Gold Mine, and of the noted Scotch Thistle tribe. These were purchased at the late sale of Mr. F. A. Gardiner, and considered by many as the cream of the sale. The Scotch Thistle heifer is out of a daughter of the Missie bull, Luxury, for years chief stock bull at the head of the herd of His Majesty King Edward. On such an excellent foundation, both as individuals and from the breeder's standpoint, the Fairview Shorthorn herd promises to become as noted as the Fairview flock of Shropshires.

cream going to Montreal and the condensary here, is much larger than usual. Milch cows are still high in price, as high as \$75 is being paid for first-class cows. Horses have been going a little slower, especially carriage horses, which are usually picked up by men of position at good prices, but they are more careful buyers than usual. Drafters are bringing good prices, and a large number have been taken.

Fewer hogs have been wintered, and fewer brood sows bred, but young pigs have done well, there being a small mortality as compared with last year. Stock has not been wintered as well as when feed has been more plentiful, and it will take a month's good grass to put them in thrifty condition.

While we are not pessimistic of the situation, yet we advise farmers to go slow until they see what the season will bring by way of good pasturage and bountiful crops.

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The Crop-reporting Board of the Bureau of Statistics of the United States Department of Agriculture finds, from the reports of correspondents and agents of the Bureau, that the area of winter wheat standing on May 1st to be harvested was about 29,751,000 acres, which is 4.2 per cent., or 1,818,000 acres, less than the area reported as sown last fall, and 5.8 per cent., or 1,619,000 acres, more than the area of winter wheat harvested last year. The average condition of the growing winter wheat on May 1st was 89.0 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 91.3 on April 1st, 82.9 per cent. on May 1st, 1907, and 85.8 per cent. the mean of the May 1st averages of the past ten years.

The average condition of the rye crop on May 1st was 90.3 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 89.1 on April 1st, 88.0 on May 1st, 1907, and 89.5, the mean of the May 1st averages of the past ten years.

The average condition of meadow (hay) lands on May 1st was 93.5 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 83.6 on May 1st, 1907, and 89.5, the mean of the averages on May 1st of the past ten years.

The average condition of pastures on May 1st was 92.6 per cent. of a normal, as compared with 79.6 on May 1st, 1907, and 87.8 the mean of the averages on May 1st of the past ten years.

fa, by Brave Archer =70018=, bred by Wm. Duthie. He will certainly make a grand bull, as size and quality is combined with the richest breeding. To Capt. Thos. E. Robson, London, a very nice Claret cow and heifer calf, and the grand yearling heifer, Belle of the Morning, sired by the noted bull, Springhurst, dam Joy Bell, by Joy of the Morning, second dam by Scottish Archer, third dam by Field Marshal. I did not care to part with her, as I considered her one of the best heifers in the Dominion, but the genial Captain's argument prevailed, and he became the fortunate possessor."

At the Kilmarnock (Scotland) Spring Show a strong showing of Ayrshires was made. The championship bull was Spicy Sam, by Not Likely, shown by Mr. James Howie, and the reserve was the first prize yearling, White Prince, by White Cockade, shown by Mr. R. Cunningham. The champion of the Show was the first-prize three-year-old cow, in milk, Lady Bute, by Flora's Chief, shown by Mrs. McAlister, Mookle Kilmory. The first-prize aged cow, in calf, was Mr. Chas. Douglas's McLean H., bred by Mr. Andrew Harvey, and sired by Captain of Burnhouses; she was the reserve champion of the Show. In the aged milk class, first ticket was taken by Burnhouses' Gipsy X., sired by Flora's Chief, and shown by Mr. Wm. Howie. The Derby for three-year-olds was won by Yes, Hunter for Polly, home-bred, by Duke of Foulton. Mr. Matthew Hunter was second with Bertha IV., by the same