

Stock.**Oakdale Farm.**

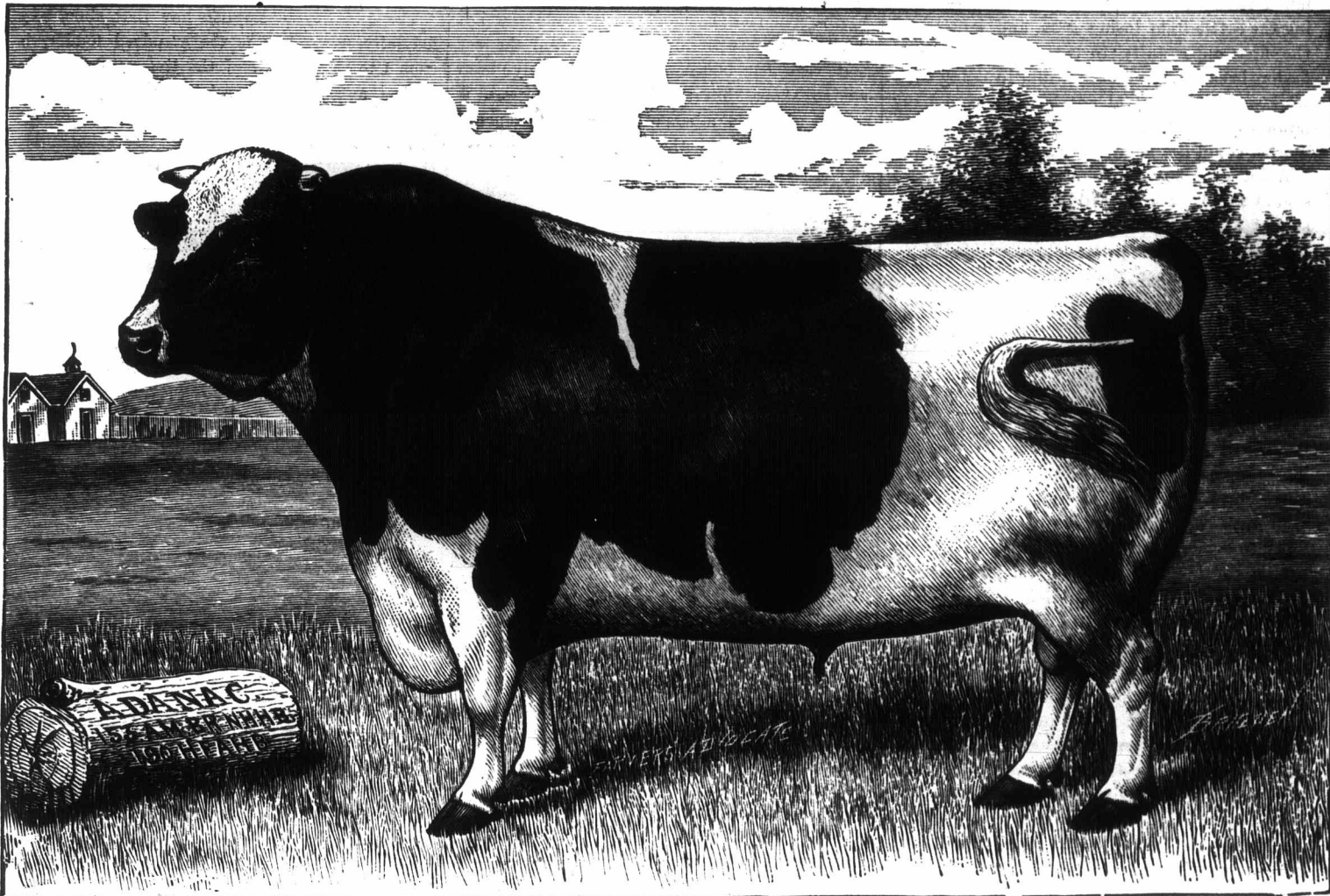
Oakdale Farm, near the village of Pickering, in Ontario county, was started in 1886, and the success in the show rings in 1887 and 1888 was phenomenal. The Holstein herd winning more gold and silver medals, more diplomas and more money prizes that were ever won at the same number of exhibitions by any herd in Canada. The breeding animals with two exceptions, were all imported from Holland. Presto, the bull hitherto in use at Oakdale was a first prize winner at the great fair at Alkman, in the Netherlands, and is the only bull in Canada winner of a first prize at any of the great fairs in Holland.

The sales for the year have been large. There have been sold from the farm the following: Imported Yorkshire coach stallion "Nobleman," to J. W. Horton, Shedden; J. W. Moore, for his ranch, the steeplechaser thorough-bred stallion "Oakdale;" Charles Smith, Tarrytown, the clear grit trotting stallion "Ben Hur;" Peter McLaren, Carleton Place, the pure-bred Cleveland Bay mare "Lady Bird;" Thomas Moodie, Liverpool Market, the Cleveland Bay mare Lady Newell with foal by "Ben Hur;" Dr. Warren, Brooklin, Ont., the trotting mare "Stella;" various parties, fifty-one Cotswold ewes. Sales of Holstein cattle have been large. J. W. Phillips, Ashdown, the bull "Presto," third imported from Holland; Archibald Heron, Scarborough, the bull "Willem," imported from

cow; Robert Secker, Dumbarton, a cow; R. B. Varden, a yearling heifer; J. W. Smith, Toronto, a cow; Dr. Wagner, a young cow; Mrs. Otter, a heifer calf; John Moodie & Sons, Ridgetown, a young bull; W. R. Warner, a young cow; J. E. Steggell, Streetsville, and Geo. Laidlaw, each a young bull.

Welsh Ponies and Jerseys.

The prettiest sight in the stock line that we have been favored with for some time is a pair of Welsh ponies, the property of Mr. George Smith of Grimsby. Not the dwarf Clydesdale, but the miniature blood horse. Wiry, active, and graceful, they are a beautiful sight as they prance along with all the importance of an English hunter. Mr. S. informs us he has about



ONE OF THE WELL-KNOWN OAKDALE HERD, OWNED BY MR. JOHN LEYS, M. P. P., TORONTO, ONTARIO.

Not being able to visit this farm personally, the proprietor, Mr. John Leys, M. P. P., Toronto, Ont., has kindly forwarded us the following details of the stock kept here:—

Adanac, No. 153, Am. Br. H. H. B., was bred in Holland, and imported by Geo. E. Brown & Co., Illinois. He was never exhibited until 1888, when he won first prize at Toronto, beating Presto, and the stock bulls belonging to other leading firms. He also won the sweepstakes silver medal for best bull any age, and was at head of the herd which took the first herd prize. He was again first at London, and was again at head of first prize herd. At the West Durham Fair, he was again first in his class, first for sweepstakes, and was at head of first prize herd. His record, like that of our young bull "Banker," is an unbroken one, both having been first prize winners wherever shown.

Holland, also heifer "Dagman," calved in quarantine at Halifax; D. Robertson, Kincardine, a fine yearling bull; John Barbour, St. Helens, a bull and heifer calf, splendid breeding and individual merit; Capt. Bunbury, Oakville, the grand two-year-old heifer "Gerritke," sired by Gerritt, said to be the best bull in Holland, "Gerritke" was a great prize-winner as a calf and yearling, and I think her the best heifer of her age in Canada; Wesley Pound, Cornith, the two-year-old bull "Oakdale," calved in quarantine at Halifax, he was sired by Gerritt; Geo. Goldworthy, Kent County, a yearling bull and heifer, one sired by "Presto," the other by "Oakdale," and a choice pair of youngsters; Isaac Gardiner, Morpeth, a very choice yearling bull; Anthony Barkey, Grand River, a young bull. In Jerseys the following sales have been made. William Hodgson, Brooklin, a young

forty of these little animals at his farm on the mountain, that overlooks his home a short distance west of Grimsby. In an adjoining stable was a large herd of magnificent Jerseys, all in A. J. C. C., and chiefly of the St. Lambert strain, most of them are fine dairy cows. Allie of St. Lambert especially drew our attention. On enquiry we learned that she had at a private test made 26 lbs. 12 ounces of butter in seven days, and her sister Ida of St. Lambert, had made 30 lbs. 24 ounces at an official test by the A. J. C. C. Since these tests Mr. Smith has thought it best to use stock bulls, exclusively of this superior family.

An overproduction of grade draught horses is not probable—scarcely possible—in ten years to come.

In the horse, the pulse should beat 40 times; in an ox, from 40 to 55 times; in sheep and pigs 70 to 80 times per minute.