

cost of winter feeding to a figure comparatively low. Farmers who have studied this subject are finding it more profitable to market their crops in the form of cattle, especially as the live stock industry helps to renew the farms.

Kent cattle have won first prizes in many stock shows, though the industry has by no means reached the maximum of its possibilities.

DAIRY FARMING.

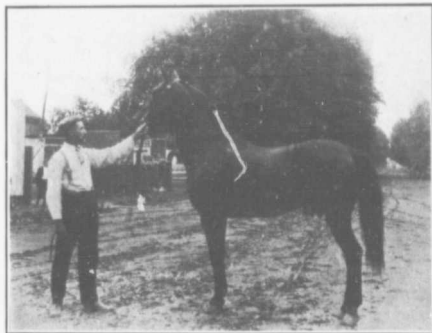
The importance of dairy farming in Kent is indicated by the two successful creameries conducted at Chatham, one at Bothwell, one near Dresden, and one recently established at Thamesville. These afford a ready market for the farmers' cream. For those farmers who prefer to make their own butter, labor saving devices have reduced the incidental work to a minimum, and there is a constant market all the year round for good butter at excellent prices.

The skim milk provides an important feed for hogs and other stock.

Yet dairying has not reached the development of which it is capable in Kent, where there is an abundance of excellent pasture to be had.

HORSES.

Many farmers find horse raising a profitable branch of agriculture. Careful study of the subject of breeding, and the importation of thoroughbred animals, has resulted in a marked improvement in the horses throughout the county. Kent horses enjoy a high reputation in all parts of Canada. Buy-



Kent Horses Enjoy a High Reputation.

ers from Toronto, Montreal and other eastern markets regularly visit Chatham and other points in the county while on their purchasing trips; and Kent horses find a ready market in the Canadian West, where there is a steady and increasing demand for animals of all kinds.

The spring horse fairs, held in various parts of the county, afford in their liberal patronage some indication of the popularity of horse raising among the farmers.

HOGS.

The Kent corn fed hog is celebrated throughout the Dominion. With his fertile land producing generous crops of corn, the Kent farmer can raise hogs in competition even with the great corn-growing districts of the United States. Fattened on home grown corn, the Kent hogs command good prices, and buyers at practically all the large shipping cen-



Kent Corn-fed Hogs are Celebrated.

tres of the county are eager to secure them for shipment to the eastern markets. A large abattoir and packing plant, recently established at Chatham, also affords a good market.

The hog raising industry is one of the most important in Kent, and brings large returns to the farmers every year. Hogs shown by Ed. Brien, of Howard, at the Chicago Stock Show, won first prizes in international competition.

SHEEP.

Kent County sheep have won many prizes. Owing to the development of specialized farming and the demand for land for the purpose of raising crops, the returns from which run into the hundreds of dollars to the acre, sheep raising is not so general in Kent as in counties where the possibilities of farming are not so numerous and varied. The excellence of the Kent flocks is, however, indicated by the large number of prizes secured.