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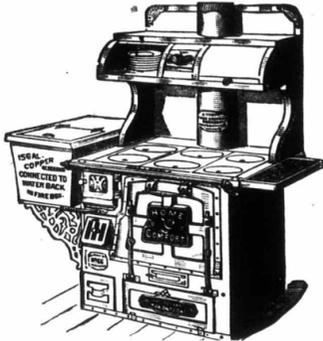
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The Regents of the University of Nebraska have established a school of agriculture, with Prof. T. L. Ryan as director.

Governor Morton, of New York State, has appointed Chas. A. Weiting, of Cobleskill, as State Commissioner of Agriculture, to succeed Frederick C. Schraub.

In 1895 the Bavarian authorities spent over \$5,900 in compensation for animals slaughtered compulsorily in combating outbreaks of contagious diseases. Anthrax caused the expenditure of \$3,230, which was paid on account of 502 animals; glanders, \$615 for thirty horses destroyed, and pleuro, \$44 for four cattle.

The sale of Jerseys belonging to Mrs. Starkie, at Monk's Hall Farm, Saffron Walden, proved very successful, the average being \$30 10s., while the highest price was 105 gs. Altogether the sale was the best for the breed that has been held for a long time, and will give a fresh stimulus to the breeding of these valuable butter cows, remarks the English Live Stock Journal.

The following are given as the average prices for horses at the Lincoln (Eng.) Fair a short time ago:—Matched pairs (very scarce) from \$180 to \$250; high steppers, suitable for broughams, \$130 to \$200; carriage horses with good action, \$80 to \$120; high-stepping saddle horses, \$80 to \$120; hunters, \$60 to \$120; horses for cab work, \$18 to \$30; horses suitable for van, bus, or tram work, \$25 to \$40; draft horses for town work, \$60 to \$70; and agricultural horses, \$35 to \$45 each.

Walter W. Law, proprietor Briar Cliff Farms, Whitson's, N. Y., who recently made an investigation of the Simmenthaler cattle in Switzerland, has ordered a herd for his farm, which will be used for dairy purposes. He expresses the opinion that bulls of this breed will cross well with the Jerseys and grades which he has been keeping at Briar Cliff. In addition to his own herd, Mr. Law directed the purchase of a number of Simmenthalers for Mr. W. D. Sloan, who maintains a fine country place and stock farm at Lenox, Mass. John Mayer, manager of Mr. T. A. Havemeyer's Mountain-side Farm, at Mahway, N. J., was the pioneer U. S. importer of the Simmenthalers.

Hon. John Dryden, Minister of Agriculture for Ontario, writes:—"Since a member of your staff visited my farm, 'Maple Shade,' I have had the honor of a visit from the Hon. Thomas Greenway, Premier of Manitoba. Mr. Greenway, like myself, is a farmer, and combines the duties that devolve upon him as Premier of our sister Province with the work of his farm, situated at Crystal City. He already possesses the nucleus of a Short-horn herd, but complains that many of the animals are not as good milkers as he would like. His visit resulted in the purchase of three animals, which are expected to correct this deficiency in his Short-horn. He takes the young bull, Emperor Earl, whose dam is an exceedingly good milk, and who belongs to a good milking family. Her sire was out of an imported cow, which also had good milking properties. This bull, of pure Cretchbank blood, and which was noticed in the herd by your representative, is a very handsome animal, and it is believed will do good service in Manitoba. The two females are Scottish Belle, with heifer calf at foot, and Roan Mary, a heifer of considerable promise. Both these females are of good milking strains, and have splendid Scotch pedigrees. Mr. Greenway agrees with me that in these difficult days the most must be made out of everything on the farm, and that it is desirable to have, if possible, animals that combine the essential qualities of milk and beef."

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This herd has now been established some four years, and have succeeded already in winning many of the best prizes in the best rings of Canada, last year carrying off the herd prizes at both Toronto and Montreal, and other good prizes in their classes. Some eighteen firsts and two medals were won by this herd last year, and from present appearances they promise to repeat their successes the coming season. The aged bull that headed the herd last year (Emery Prince) was a grand specimen of the breed—a typical bull in most respects, and a winner of several firsts and a bronze medal at Montreal for best Holstein bull any age, and diploma in same class at Ottawa. The two-year-old Baron Witzde is a model Holstein, and an improvement on the old bull, if such were possible. He is a monster in size and still retains a smoothness and finish seldom seen in one of his proportions. We would judge from present appearances that he would tip the scales at 2,000 pounds as a two-year-old. He has never yet been beaten, and we should judge that it will take something good to take the ribbon from him this fall. He was bred by J. C. McNeven & Son, of Winona, Ont., and was sired by Siepkje 3rd dam Witzde 847 761. The foundation cows of the herd were purchased from S. Shunk, Jr., Edgeley, Ont., whose stock were imported from Holland by B. B. Lord & Son, N. Y. Among the good ones in the Emery herd we might mention Edgeley Lilly 97, a beautiful cow of capital conformation and keenly marked; she is a half-sister to Emery Prince (above mentioned), out of imp. Lilly (95) and sired by Earl Parrington, imp. (2903). A daughter of hers, Emery Beauty, gives great promise as a milker. She was the winner last year, at Gananoque Dairy show, in the three-year-old test, and also won second at Toronto and third at Montreal in her class as a three-year-old. Edgeley Treva 1674, a full sister to Emery Prince, is a grand cow, and also a successful winner, having captured first at Montreal and Ottawa and second at Gananoque and first at Woodbridge. Edgeley May 294, by Edgeley Pilot, was shown in the first or best class. She is rather dark in color and of good dairy conformation. We also noticed in the herd the imp. cow, Aggie Gem 2nd 47, bred by T. G. Yeomans & Sons, Walworth, N. Y., and sired by Prince of Wayne 5th 199, dam Aggie Gem. A few nice young things were also seen. Messrs. Hoover's farm is located at Emery, on the C. P. R., and but a short distance north-east of Toronto. Note their announcement in our advertisement columns.