

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Contributions Invited.

QUEBEC

SHERBROOKE CO. QUE.

LENNOXVILLE.—The winter season thus far has been very pleasant and favorable for all industries. Weather has been winter, but not too cold, and there is sufficient snow for most purposes. These conditions have helped business in all directions and farmers have shares in the general average. Prices for farm products have been very good and of course the Christmas season brought an extra demand. Pigs are very scarce, retailing at from 50c to 60c. Pork still holds at 11 and 11½ cents a lb. Butter 23 and 30c. Potatoes are abundant and cheap, bringing 40c. Feed is still high with no prospect of being cheaper. This has put many farmers out of the winter dairy business and has increased the acreage under grain as well.—H. M.

ONTARIO

HASTINGS CO. ONT.

TERRIFF.—Markets are steady. Oats are 40c, peas 50c, potatoes 55c, hay 613 to 615. Considerable business is being done on account of a revival of building has commenced, quite a few barn frames are being made this fall and winter. Nearly everyone is trying to make a start at raising, this helped having paid out lately. Looking for horses, and some say cattle will be scarce next spring, so many having been shipped this fall.—W. B. W.

NORTHERNBERLAND CO. ONT.

WICKLOW.—Farmers are fairly well satisfied with the result of their season's work; grain turned out to be a fairly good average crop. Harvesting closed the first of December. The returns from the "Old Country" for apples have been quite satisfactory. Stock generally has commenced winter in good condition.—E. B. H.

HALIBURTON CO. ONT.

KINMOUNT.—The good sleighing and mild weather of the last two weeks has made things lively here for Christmas. A large number took in the winter fair at Lindsay on Dec. 1st, where they enjoyed a good show. Cattle have gone into winter quarters in fairly good shape. Feed, with exception of hay, is plentiful. Large quantities of tan bark wood, ties, posts, etc., are changing hands.—J. & T.

IRONDALE.—We have had sleighing for a month. Farmers are taking advantage of it in getting up wood and hay. Cattle are looking well. There is plenty of water for the stock.—T. P. H.

WELLINGTON CO. ONT.

ELORA.—The finest of winter weather prevails. Christmas has been a success from a business point of view. Markets are quiet, as it is to be expected at this season, and it would not be surprising if the highest level for live cattle has been reached and passed at least for some months. There are large numbers of heavy exporters in the stalls. These will begin to move in a couple of months time if markets permit, but having been put in at exceptionally high prices prospects for profits are not large. Quite a number are feeding for \$1.00 a cwt. increase in price, which at present prices of feed is not likely to leave any profit for the handling and on the whole this plan is not to be commended.—G. W.

WATERLOO CO. ONT.

NEW HAMBURG.—Municipal matters now occupy people's attention. The county roads system has been adopted in this county, each township paying its own money for its own improvements. This system works very satisfactorily and our council is erecting permanent bridges and well graded and drained roads. This system is an encouragement to put up first-class bridges and to build roads that are in every respect first class. Christmas fowl brought good prices. Several of our turkey men drove to Berlin and for the Christmas market received 12 cents a lb. for their produce. Chickens sold at 12c live weight; hogs are selling at various prices. There has been competition in New Hamburg market. Last Monday \$2.30 a cwt. was paid.—R. G. S.

BRUCE CO. ONT.

WARTON.—Now that winter has fairly set in and all stock is in winter quarters, the farmer is asking himself the ques-

tion, Have I enough feed to pull me through? Most of us have shortened our stock down to so few that there will be little doubt that there will be enough, while others are depending on getting enough feeding to pay for what they have to buy. One thing is certain, there never was such a failure of crops before in Altonville and North Anabel, although the grasshoppers were to blame in most cases of short grain crops. There will be more peas sown next year, because the crop was not toxic, then as a rule. Corn will be sown more than ever before. Turkeys and ducks proved profitable the past year, so feed for them was plentiful, the latter being the most persistent hopper scavengers. Farmers realized 3 to 4 and 5 cents a pound for Christmas to buy, the young gibblers running 14 to 15 pounds each dressed, and hens 10 to 12 pounds. Butter is firm at 25c eggs 28c, hay \$15 per cwt.—O. S.

MIDDLESEX CO. ONT.

TEMPO.—In the early times, before the shipping of apples to outside markets became a general custom, they were disposed of in the following way. Many were sold in the markets of the local towns, and to the settlers who had not as yet an orchard that was bearing well. About one quarter were used this way. Another quarter were made into cider, and one was kept for vinegar, or boiled down thick and mixed with sweet apples and made into cider apple sauce. This was a staple article, for the table, 40 years ago. Now the young gibblers running away for the winter. The glass jars and

No Kick Coming

I have just received the pure bred Berkshire boar, pig sent me by Farm and Dairy, from Mr. Howard Wilson of Russell, Ont., for securing a club of seven new subscribers, and it is O.K. Now I am going to get up an other club and get a sow pig and if it is as good as the boar you sent me there will not be any kick coming.—E. L. Grant, Kelowna, B. C.

a more plentiful supply of smaller fruit has put "old-time" in the background. Another quarter was kept for home use, and these were mostly pitted away in some form, and after doing with out apples for a few weeks, there would be universal rejoicing in the home when a fresh pit would be opened. And bulging pockets full would be taken to school the next day, much to the teacher's sorrow. And the remaining quarter would be dried and some sold for there always was a market for apples that had been dried at home. In the good "old summer time" these dried apples would be mixed with raisins and after being well sweetened, would produce a smile on any boy's or girl's face when a great dishful was placed on the table. The paring-bowl will come next.—J. E. O.

ELGIN CO. ONT.

TALBOTVILLE.—For several years "Local Option" has been in operation in this village and township. The splendid results of this are seen in a dozen different ways. Greater industry, better crops, more up-to-date buildings and a sober, quiet community. One of the oldest residents says: "It often makes me feel sad when I look back at the farms that have been squandered through their owners in years past indulging too long in the flowing bowl." In those years the hotels received thousands of dollars every year from the city farmers who were getting what was left. Now the opposite is exactly the case. No hotels whatever, and a splendid store, doing a business of many thousands a year. Another man told the writer the following: "When I was a young man, night after night it was not unusual to see a dozen or more boys and young men going to the bar and treating one after another. Now I don't think there is one young man or boy in the village or its surroundings who could be induced to touch a drop of liquor. And if a petition was put in circulation to-day asking that a hotel might be granted I don't think the bearer could get one signer. We think too much of our present prosperity and quiet village to ever again allow liquor to be sold in it."—J. E. O.

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GOSSIP

ANOTHER GREAT WINTER FAIR.

Prospects are very bright for a magnificent exhibit of live stock and poultry in connection with the Eastern Ontario Live Stock and Poultry Show which will be held in Ottawa on January 17th to 21st, 1910. Although several thousand copies of the prize list were distributed in September nearly every mail since has brought a number of applications for lists. The recipients of these lists will find in the large prizes offered a strong inducement to prepare and make exhibits.

A total of \$30,000 is offered in cash prizes for horses, dairy cattle, beef cattle, sheep, swine, seeds and poultry. The classification provided for animals of all the principal breeds and the different ages. Breeders who have stock that they could show should make arrangements at an early date, as live stock entries close on January 8th and poultry entries on January 3rd. Prize lists may be secured on application to D. T. Elderkin, Secretary, 21 Sparks St., Ottawa.

HOLSTEIN NEWS.

Since a merely average lot of tested animals give such fine results, it is not strange that there is general interest in dairy circles that Holstein-Friesians produce milk in large quantity; yet when a milk producer, who has grown

tired of a losing business with light yield speaks of his intention to give Holstein-Friesian blood a trial, he is often told by those who know nothing about it that, while the breed does give a large flow of milk, the milk is below standard in quality. It is lately become necessary for the Advanced Registry office to make some computations in this line; so let us take the figures from strictly connected official tests and carefully examine this charge:

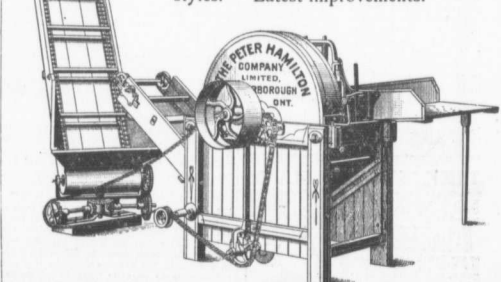
Above 44 quarts of milk a day, in weight 93 lbs., might well be considered as an amount so great that no cow could produce it; yet under the strictest of official tests 32 Holstein-Friesian cows have produced in excess of 651 lbs. of milk in seven consecutive days. This herd of 32 cows, of which some were not of full age, produced within a period of seven days 21,757 lbs. of milk containing 753.7 lbs. of butter-fat thus showing an average of 3.31 per cent fat. The average for each cow was 680 lbs. of milk, containing 22.9 lbs. of butter-fat; equivalent to 97.1 lbs. or 47% quarts of milk a day, and 26% lbs. of the best commercial butter a week. These animals are the heaviest milkers of the breed, one of them producing 119 lbs. of milk in one day; yet the average per cent fat for the mixed milk of the lot is fully 10 per cent in excess of the usual legal requirement for milk as sold.—Malcolm H. Gardner, Supt. of Advanced Registry.

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