

## OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Correspondence Invited

### ONTARIO

#### GREENVILLE, Dec. 10.

**EASTON'S CORNER, Dec. 10.**—On Friday and Saturday of last week we had a short course in stock judging under the guidance of Dr. Reed of Georgetown. Mr. C. Stewart, of Ottawa, spoke on Winter Egg Production and Cooperative Marketing. As a result of this address, a local egg circle may soon mature. Mr. T. G. Haynor conducted a course in seed judging, and Mr. G. A. Brethorn, of Newburg, discussed dairy cattle and conducted a judging class. The attendance averaged about 30-35.

#### LEEDS CO., ONT.

**BROCKVILLE, Dec. 10.**—We had a fine Live Stock Judging Convention here Dec. 3rd and 4th. Mr. Brethorn conducted the course in dairy cattle, while Dr. Reed, of Georgetown, gave instruction on the judging of light and heavy horses. The convention was held at the Farmers' Institute branch, through the agency of our district representative, The Holstein cattle and horses were the property of A. C. Hardy, Brockville, and the Ayrshire came from the Plevierville herd at Forbush—W. B.

#### HASTINGS CO., ONT.

**CHAPMAN, Dec. 13.**—The ground remained open here the first week in December, but has frozen up this week. The long period of open weather has given farmers a chance to complete their fall plowing. A great many cattle of all ages have been shipped out this fall, and most farmers have had sufficient feed for winter. Dairy cattle and pigs are in good demand. A large sale at auction brings good prices.—H. S. T.

#### OXFORD CO., ONT.

**WOODSTOCK, Dec. 15.**—We have very fine winter weather, and the roads are excellent; most frost at night and fine in day time. Our milk goes to the City Dairy Woodstock. They pay \$1.60 a cwt. so it counts up, but buying cows is out of the question. There are a great many sales. Ordinary cows go over \$100—the highest I ever knew. Very little grain is sold. Most farmers buy a lot of feed. Bran, oats and cottonseed meal are the principal feeds bought.—A. M. McD.

#### MIDDLESEX CO., ONT.

**APPIN, Dec. 15.**—Fine open weather prevails and has for some time, and gives opportunity for gathering up odds and ends of work. This is very acceptable, as these have gathered on most farms on account of labor shortage. Seed cleaning and threshing is in progress. Seed is fair in quality, good color, but generally small; yield about half a bushel to one bushel an acre. Cattle are going out still and the temptation of the market is depressing the herds. It is time for a move in the horse market here now.—C. M. M.

#### STANDING FIELD CROP COMPETITORS

The following are some of the prize-winners at the Standing Field Winter Fair in the Standing Field Crop Competition:

Cats: Foster Bros., Oakburg, Lincoln variety; W. G. Rennie, Elmcree, Lincoln. Barley: Alex. Morrison, Smithdale, O.A.C. No. 2; F. A. Legge, Jefferson, O.A.C. No. 1. Spring wheat: James Rennie, Milliken, Goose; L. Summerfield, Unionville, Goose; Fall wheat: J. A. Gillespie, 377 Dawson's G. Chaff; Joe Taylor, Galt, Dawson's G. Chaff.

Peas: Wm. Naismith, Falkenburg, Canadian Standard; Sherman Polmatier, Gravenhurst, Empire State; C. R. J. Shepley, Amherstburg, Wisconsin No. 1; John Park, Amherstburg, Wisconsin No. 1; F. Peas, Ake Meinhousen, Lion's Head; Golden Vine; Ronald Cameron, Spry, Golden Vine.

#### TROUT RUN AYRSHIRES

Editor, Farm and Dairy.—My Ayrshires are doing well. Cows are milking well, and summer having almost finished and are giving from 4 to 5 1/2 lbs. the milk a day, testing 61 lbs. of milk a day. She is a big cow with large teats and a splendid shaped udder. This bull should produce great milking stock.

Another bull for sale was one year old last month. His dam is Holsteiner Flirt, who gave 35.98 lbs. of milk and 43.72 lbs. butter in a year as a two-year-old. At present she is giving 39% milk daily, testing 46 per cent. butter fat. I have a bull 10 months old for sale from White Flies, who gave 10.63 lbs. milk and 42.17 lbs. butter fat in a year as a cow.

All the dams of these bulls are large cows with good udders and large teats, and their sire is Holsteiner Flirt (Imp.), a breeder of heavy milking stock. I am

offering these bulls for half their value to sell at once as I am crowded for room. Any one wishing a high quality sire at half price should buy within 30 days. I can spare six bulls from one to two months old at \$25 each, all sired by Holsteiner Flirt (Imp.), and from R.O.P. dams. Some are from dairy test winners at Gravel. Have a few choice females also for sale, about 50 head to choose from—Wm. Thorn, Lynedoch, Ont.

#### CANADIAN PRINTED PEDIGREES

Dairymen in general, and Holstein breeders in particular, will be gratified to learn that there is now in Canada a place where extended printed pedigrees of pure-bred Holsteins can be secured. Gordon S. Gooderham, of Bedford Park, Ont. has recently undertaken a line of work. Previously we have always been forced to send to our friends across the United States for a pedigree of Canadian Holsteiner Pedigree Company. Mr. Gooderham will be able to lend his wide and practical experience as a successful breeder of high quality Holsteins to the carrying on of this new line of effort. One of a few of our dairy breeders have complete lists of the herd books, and are thus handicapped in tracing out ancestry of their herds. Moreover, in the sale and transfer of animals it will save an endless amount of writing of pedigrees. This Pedigree Company is also open to make up pedigrees of all other cattle, here, too, practical experience as a successful Holstein breeder should insure good service to Canadian dairymen.

#### THE SHANTZ HOLSTEIN SALE

The following prices were realized for pure-bred Holsteins at the sale of M. Shantz, Berlin, Ont., on Nov. 27th: Sir Koradke Gerben Dec. 1st \$250, Improved Shantz, 1st; Cornelia Statesman, \$55, Norman Snyder, Berlin; Coriella Cornelia, \$25, F. L. Koh, Berlin; Perry Nasse, \$50, Aaron Bowman, Berlin; Daisy Meckthilde Peggy, \$190; George Milnes, Berlin; Beatrice Meckthilde, \$50, Markle Bros., Hespeler; Pictet Nasser, \$30, Allan Hares, Berlin; Pearl Meckthilde, \$20, Ian Hares; Blanche Glotthide, \$150, Neil McLean, Hespeler; Perry Nasse, \$140, Neil McLean; Heifer calf, \$55, Aaron Bowman, Berlin; heifer calf, \$50, Joe Howling, New Dundas; a calf of Pearl Meckthilde, the only few days old, sold for \$37. Mr. Shantz writes us re his sale as follows:

"The pure-bred, as will be noticed, are nearly all staying near home which I think shows a lively interest in pure-bred for this community. The grade cows brought higher prices accordingly than the registered ones. The highest price paid for a grade was \$254, she being a pure-bred for which no pedigree could be given. There were \$150 and over all grade cows averaged \$125 a head. The young cattle also brought good prices. The herds did well compared with other sales."

"Although the sale was a great success, it being considered the largest sale ever held in this country. It was estimated that 1,500 persons attended the sale, thanks to Farm and Dairy as an advertising medium. The total receipts amounted to \$1,000."

#### PERCHERONS IN DEMAND

Many of us are persuaded that breeders and importers of pure-bred live stock, horses, cattle, etc., do a community but little service except in the embellishing of their own fancies. But such is not the case. The privilege of being able to secure higher quality animals for their own farms can be traced largely to the selection of choice ones from outside sources.

One of our importers who is doing excellent service in this respect is F. J. Sullivan, of Windsor. During the past few years he has brought into Ontario a great many Percherons that are a credit to our Ontario farms, and are proving quite a popular with our farmers as they are with our neighbors across the line. The demand for good Percherons for breeding purposes continues to be of good with our Ontario farmers, as denoted by the following note from Mr. Sullivan:

"My Percherons are now in fine shape, and the mares are all showing in foal. A lot of enquiries for horses are coming in, and the outlook at present is very encouraging indeed, particularly during the last two weeks—in fact so much so that I have instructed my buyers in Illinois to forward me another bunch of good home-bred mares all showing in foal. We have just sold an excellent pair of four-year-olds for \$1,500 to W. W. Wooler, Ont. Although just off the grade, the pair weigh 1,300, and their splendid black necks make them to Mr. W. W. Germana, and another one weighing over 1,400 lbs. to Mr. L. G. Bennett, of Port Hope."

Mr. Sullivan is a keeper of the choice kind, and should be able to suit any of us who may be looking for a choice Percheron stallion, or a good brood mare.

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