

by Lothian [1718], 10393, is a strong roan. Dalsy Dean, one of the three-year-olds, and white in color, is massive and broad, and well sprung in the ribs, and Wildame 2d the other, a nice red, has for grand-dam Blossom, and sire Lord Languish, 17569. These two suckle beautiful heifer calves.

Two came from Mr. Gibson's. One, Lady Chesterfield, was got by Mr. R. Gibson's Royal Favorite 30942, and has four Lady Chesterfields in her ancestry. She is carrying calf to Wild Eyes Le Grand 67993, sold (given away, in a manner) at Mr. Gibson's sale last winter. Her one-year daughter, Lady Chesterfield 6th, a red, is also from this bull. If Mr. Ballachey is wise in his selection of sires, he should soon have a numerous herd, with very few "weeds" in it. Mr. Ballachey has also a large lot of Shorthorn grades, and some grade Percheron horses, also Berkshire pigs and Leicester sheep.

EDGEMOUNT,

owned by Mr. George Ballachey, Jr., has possessed a good herd of Shorthorn grades for many years. As far back as 1856, while the country was being scalped to produce wheat, consequent upon the prices induced by the Russian war, he commenced keeping a grade registry (to be referred to some other time) and using good bulls. Every animal which he now owns can thus be traced, and the exact measure of its breeding ascertained. Again we repeat, that a private registry of every animal from pure sires should be kept, the advantages are so obvious.

The first sire came from the herd of Mr. Charles Taylor, Brantford, in 1868. His name was Marlow [1752] and he improved the herd a good deal. Then came Crown Prince [1161] bought from W. Sage, also of Brantford Township. Oswald [5799], came from Bow Park in 1875, followed by Bolivar 3rd 25741, from the same place. In 1880, Baron Knightly 2nd 25611, imp., came also from Bow Park. He had for sire, G. Duke of Geneva (28756), and dam Knightly Grand Duchess. After three more years Britannia's Baron—1992—bred by Mr. Douglas and descended from one of Mr. Cochrane's importations, was made lord of the harem, where he now remains. His sire was 5th Earl of Goodness (32519), and dam, Britannia 26th. He is large and vigorous and strong. (See advertisement).

In 1880, two three-year-old pure bred heifers came from the herd of W. Douglas, Caledonia, in calf to 5th Earl of Goodness 32519, and both produced heifer calves. These were Lady Mary (twin), a red, descended from Beauty by Snowball (2647) imp. by the Hon. Adam Ferguson, and from the sire Lord Languish, 17569, and Miss Languish, a roan of nearly similar breeding. Most of the herd are from these. Six young bulls have been dropped this year, large in frame and growthy, and of good colors, and are, of course, for sale. They are sired by Britannia's Baron—1992—, though one is by Loyalist—1751—, bred by the Messrs. Green Bros., of "The Glen."

In April last, Jewess and Venetia were brought from "The Glen." The former, a two-year heifer, deep all over, and compact—mostly red—was imported in her dam, Jewell, bred by W. Duthie, Collynie, by the sire, Cayhurst (47560), bred by A. Cruikshank. The latter, white in color, was bred by Green Bros.; sire, Enterprise (49553), bred by W. Duthie, and imported to "The Glen." The dam is Vainmaid, imported and of breeding very similar to the great Earl of Mar (47815). The herd of pure Shorthorns numbers fourteen or fifteen head. There are also some fine grade Percheron horses (see advertisement in another column), and a large flock of Leicester sheep.

Of pure Percherons but two are on hand now, Peerless and Arthur, both from the Oaklawn stud of M. W. Dunham. Peerless won the silver medal in Toronto, in 1883, and diploma in 1882, both as best Percheron mare. Our readers will remember that she appeared in one of the earliest numbers of the JOURNAL. She was imported in 1877 from France, arrived at Edgemount in 1880, and has produced for her owners three mare colts, all sold, and a horse colt by Arthur 904, —847—, Percheron stud book of France, a horse that has done good service in the country.

The view from Edgemount is very beautiful indeed. Down at the end of the valley the smoke of a hundred furnaces curls up from the busy workshops of Brantford, and rests above the wooded highland beyond the river. Following the course of the sun in his advancing midday journey, there are hills and hills beyond the wide valley, where the Shorthorns and trout alike rejoice because of the waters of the rivulet which it nurses. Everywhere rise up the shades of oak that crown this pretty township with summer glories. The incline of undulations beyond is covered with quiet homesteads, and on many of the fields the shocks of ripe yellow corn stood, full of the assurance of hope in possession.

But what has lovely prospects to do with pure-bred stock? Much we answer in many ways, or the agricultural history of Britain is a lie. Fine scenery without a doubt arouses the slumbering in man, and is assuredly connected with the growth of vigorous minds, and vigorous minds and vigorous stock are but the greater and lesser links of the same chain. The inhabitants of marshy places soon resemble a good deal the denizens of the marsh. Why has Britain given to the world nearly all that is worth having in the line of live-stock? Because she possesses a bracing air, and a land of smiling valleys, and rugged mountains, and always running streams.

MR. STEPHEN FAIRCHILD,

some four miles from Brantford, has Shorthorns since 1882, when he bought a cow, Letty More and a calf, the cow, by Kaiser Bill [1412], from the late Mr. Christopher, Edmonton; then from Mr. Wm. Coles, a two-year heifer, June Lady, by Baron Sharon 6th [4601], dam, Bow Park Lady 10th, by Duke of Barrington, 4th (30924), a Bow Park bull. This cow has since produced three heifers and two bulls. Mr. Fairchild has already eleven head, a large increase, of which three are bull calves. Several of the herd are from Mr. Ballachey's bull, Baron Knightly 2nd 25611.

OAK LODGE,

about one mile from the village of Burford, on the Tilsonburg branch of the G.T.R., a prettily bordered farm, containing about one hundred acres of level lying land, and easy of tillage, gives evidence in its every feature of the most careful and judicious culture. It supports at the present time some thirty head of cattle, all in a flourishing condition, six breeding sows and their progeny, and eight head of horses and colts. This is no ordinary achievement, when we remember that fodder is sometimes sold rather than bought. The truth is that the proprietor of Oak Lodge, Mr. J. E. Brethour, is enthusiastic in his pursuit, and judicious enthusiasm always brings men to the front in any line. We venture the statement that in Burford there are but few, if any, who keep so much stock on one farm of similar size and in such fine condition.

We were agreeably surprised to find one so young with a farm in shape good enough for exhibition, and cultivated on the most approved principles of the farming of to-day. Soiling is regularly practised. Oats and vetches come first into use. Corn does duty

next, and while turnips sow on the ground occupied by the vetches brings late autumnal days. This year one acre of oats and vetches were sown and three of western corn. It was a sight that fills the soul of the lover of good stock with pleasure to find some thirty head of well-kept cattle in the darkened stables all the afternoon, as at Oak Lodge, almost oblivious of the existence of sun or flies.

Permanent pastures are regularly grown here, and Mr. Brethour's experience is another confirmation of their great utility during the first few years, but of the lack of duration of several of the varieties sown. They cannot long stand the light of winter, but more of this again.

Mr. Brethour makes good use of the "borders" as they are termed, that is, the beautiful lines of oak trees that fringe the fields in this and other farms. They are fenced as paddocks and can be utilized in feeding the green fodder at certain seasons, and in many other ways.

About half the herd are pure-breds, at the head of which stands the Earl of Roseberry—3303—, bred by W. S. Marr, Upper Mill, Tarves, Aberdeen, Scotland, and imported by Green Bros., of the Glen. His sire is Athahasca (47359), and dam, Emma 2nd, which was also the dam of the Messrs. Green's Earl of Mar—1917—. He is to be succeeded by Jacobite, red and a little white, calved September 14th, 1885, also from The Glen, and by the Earl of Mar (47815), having for dam, Jewell 8th, imported, by Mountain Chief (47814). He has the Earl's head, a good barrel, and fine front, with plenty of room to fill out strong and grand.

The herd was founded in 1881 when four cows and one bull were purchased. Some of the females were bred by Mr. Thos. Boak, of Milton, of which Duchess of Halton is one of the best—a fine roan cow—sired by High Sheriff 3rd—281—, bred by Mr. Jas. Russell, of Richmond Hill, Ont., and having for dam, Duchess of Cumberland a centennial prize winner, by the Duke of Cumberland—12—. Duchess of Halton 2nd, her daughter, has style, quality and size, which reflect credit on the sire, the Earl of Mar (47815).

Two females of the original lot came from The Glen, of which Lady Caroline was one, now seven years old, a cow of great capacity, having plenty of heart girth and room to keep up her flesh. The bull was Albert, bred by Mr. Boak, aged two years, and had for sire, Prince Inglewood—318—, imported. Albert proved a good bull in many ways. He was followed by Lorne—846—, a dark red, which in turn made way for the Earl of Roseberry.

Two good strong bull calves, about one year old, are also on hand from the dams, Lady Caroline and Duchess Lassie, and the sire, imp. Earl of Roseberry—3303—.

In the production of grades of high order, Mr. Brethour excels. Several of the females are more than good, especially the young ones, and Cherry Bounce, the prize-winning steer at the Provincial Fat Stock Show of last year, is going to come out in fine style this year again.

The Berkshire pigs are grounded upon the stock of Messrs. Simmons & Quirie, Lobo, and H. Sorby, Gourock. The sires used were Trevelyan, from Altou Hall, and Geneva Duke 2nd, from Lobo. Mr. B. finds ready sale for them all, although his six breeding sows produce twice in the year.

MR. DANIEL BARKER,

within three miles of Paris westward, is situated on the river Nith, a busy little stream with a will of its own, which sometimes carries away live-stock in its antics in time of freshets, and tears up fields of grain.