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THE TRANSFORMATION OF A FARM

The Story of a Young Farmer who has Made Good—How he Revolutionized the Methods Followed on His Home Farm and Doubled Its Revenue—A Story of Enterprise, Pluck and Success

WITHIN seven years Mr. A. J. Tamblin, of Orono, has doubled the average yearly revenue of his farm. He has done this without launching into any heavy expense, although he has been forced to completely change the method of farming previously followed on the farm. This is a creditable record. It has been possible in Mr. Tamblin's case only because he has first thought out things for himself and then, having faith in his own judgment, as well as a willingness to work hard, he has proceeded to put his ideas into effect.



Mr. A. J. Tamblin

Tamblin has changed over from beef raising and grain growing to the shipping of cream and the raising of pure bred dairy cattle. He was led to do this largely because of articles he had read in Farm and Dairy of which he is a careful reader.*

Mr. Tamblin's father, Mr. Albert Tamblin, *reference to this was published in Farm and Dairy in February, 1911.

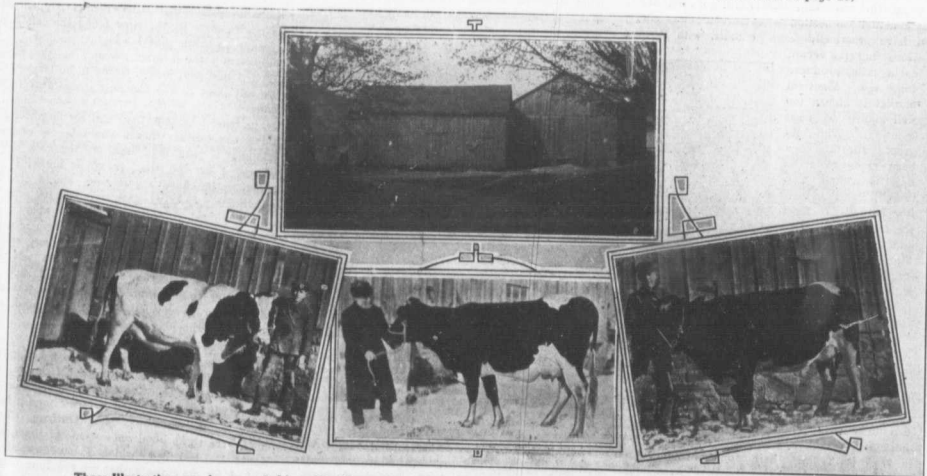
is recognized as having been one of the most successful farmers in Durham county. The home farm, on which John now lives, was entered by the father in the prize farms competition held some 20 years ago by the old Agricultural and Arts Association and won high honors. At that time, and as long as he managed the farm, which was until some seven years ago, Mr. Albert Tamblin raised beef cattle, sheep and grain, as well as a considerable quantity of apples each year. In these lines he was unusually successful, especially 15 to 25 years ago. He brought up a large family and has done well by all of them. He now enjoys the pleasure of seeing the success the members of his family have achieved, and naturally takes a deep interest in the accomplishment of his son John, who was the only son to remain on the home farm. At first, largely owing to the success he had achieved along other lines, he did not approve of the innovations introduced by John, but he takes as much pleasure in them now as does his son, and gives John all the more credit because of the difficulties he had to overcome before he was able to carry his plans into effect.

Mr. John Tamblin's control of the farm started in 1906. The farm has been visited at intervals

since by an editor of Farm and Dairy. The following story of the farm has been gained during the course of these visits. For two or three years John Tamblin had worked the farm with his father. They were still raising Short-horns and sheep and growing grain. "I knew that father had been successful on these lines," said John to us on one occasion, "but it did not seem to me that the revenue of the farm was as great as it had been years before, or as it might be made. I continued to follow this system, however, until I finally became convinced that conditions to-day have completely changed from those that existed even only 10 to 15 years ago. Since the development of the west, grain growing has not been as profitable as it used to be while the great growth that has taken place in Toronto and other cities has created a demand for milk and cream that did not exist before."

Such thoughts as these were pondered over for some time before it seemed wise to act upon them. In the meantime he began to wonder if it would not be possible for him to make a few changes in the farm buildings that would improve the comfort of the live stock and save considerable work for himself and the men. One day while working in the barn, it occurred to him that if there was a door in the end of the barn near the house he would be able to save a lot of time going to and from the house. This thought led him to see that time was being

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These illustrations are accompanied by a Most Interesting Story of the Success that has Attended a Young Farmer on the Old Homestead

There are many of us who would like to have better stock, more convenient buildings, and who would gladly make many needed improvements did we have the capital. It is possible, however, to gradually acquire better stock and make improvements with a comparatively small expenditure of capital. Mr. A. J. Tamblin, of Durham Co., Ont., is a young man who in the last few years had made many radical changes and most desirable improvements on the old homestead, and these with a very small expenditure. In the illustration above, may be seen some of Mr. Tamblin's buildings and stock. The cow to the left, Trina Tooke De Kol, was one of the best pure bred heifers Mr. Tamblin ever owned. The door in the corner, between the two barns, is the subject of an interesting incident told in the editorial article.

—Photos by an editor of Farm and Dairy.