

Gossip.

The Larkin Farms at Queenston.

Despite the fact that crops throughout Ontario may be said to be somewhat "off color" this year, but few farms ever showed to better advantage than the one thousand acre Larkin Farms, lying just below Queenstown, Ont., and inspected by an "Advocate" Representative last week. We might add that we journeyed to Larkin Farm for the express purpose of viewing the noted Aberdeen-Angus herd or that part of it rather, which was being prepared to make the Exhibitions next month. With prospects in the fields showing so bright, however, we found mutual pleasure with farm Manager Ramsey in spending a goodly portion of the day among the fields and orchards of the big estate. Needless to say that here-like all other well-tilled farms in Ontario this year, hay, had been an exceptional crop and fall wheat of which there were over one hundred acres was equally heavy. Threshing, however, was in progress and slightly shrunken kernels caused by the continued dry weather were responsible for keeping the average yield below thirty-five bushels per acre, when in the field it had the appearance of yielding well over forty. Both oats and corn were standing the drouth exceptionally well and showed every promise of keeping well up to at least, an average crop. Peaches, however, and there is over a hundred acres on the farm bearing fruit at present, were just at this date particularly disappointing. A week previous all estimates gave the Niagara District an average crop, but beginning with the first week of August an unknown blight striking the entire district, was on August 6th responsible for a loss in the Larkin orchards alone, which Mr. Ramsey estimated had then reached ten thousand baskets, and they were still falling.

But, to get back to the Angus, 1919, exhibit, of which we started to write, it was the intention of the management at the time of our visit to bring out the usual number, having at least one entry in each of the classes. The three-year-old bull Benedictine Monk No. 17372 (imp.), senior and grand champion bull at Toronto last year, again heads the herd. He has retained his smoothness and great even fleshing of last year, and, with his added weight, shows a mass of substance and character that will make him a strong contestant for high honors again this year. A resume of his pedigree shows that he belongs to the Miss Burgess family, being from a Miss Burgess dam bred by Sir G. M. Grant and got by Matador of Bywell, the first-prize aged bull at the Royal Show in 1916. The last year's winner has been used as the chief herd sire throughout the past year, and a four-months bull calf, which is the oldest of his get to date, is one of the most promising calves of this age the management claims to have ever raised on the farm. The female lineup for the circuit, especially in the mature classes, comprise much that has been out in former years, and suffice it is to say in all of the years showing they have never left the stables in better bloom. The majority of the entries for the junior and senior calf classes are animals that were bred on the farm. Many of these are sired by Ernesto No. 6663, an Erica-bred bull, which will be remembered as the sire of Pride of Larkin Farms 13th, grand champion female at Toronto in 1916-1917. There are twenty daughters of this bull and three young bulls of serviceable age, by him, in the stables, and several of the former, and two of the latter are included in this year's exhibition entries. In looking over these youngsters, the herdsman informed us that they never had been sold out of young stock so close at this time of the year since the herd was founded. He stated that there had been an exceptional call for good young bulls all through the past year, and that while many of their imported cows had raised bull calves last year, very few of these calves remained in the stables after they were ten and twelve months of age. These youngsters represented the Brides, Queen Mothers and Erica families, these being the principal tribes which make up the imported breeding females. Many of our readers would be interested, no doubt, in a short review of the Shropshire and Southdowns, in which section the Larkin Farms have been so successful at Toronto and London for the past two years, but the flocks which we were informed, now number around 500 head were all kept at another farm, and unfortunately we were forced to leave them over until another date.

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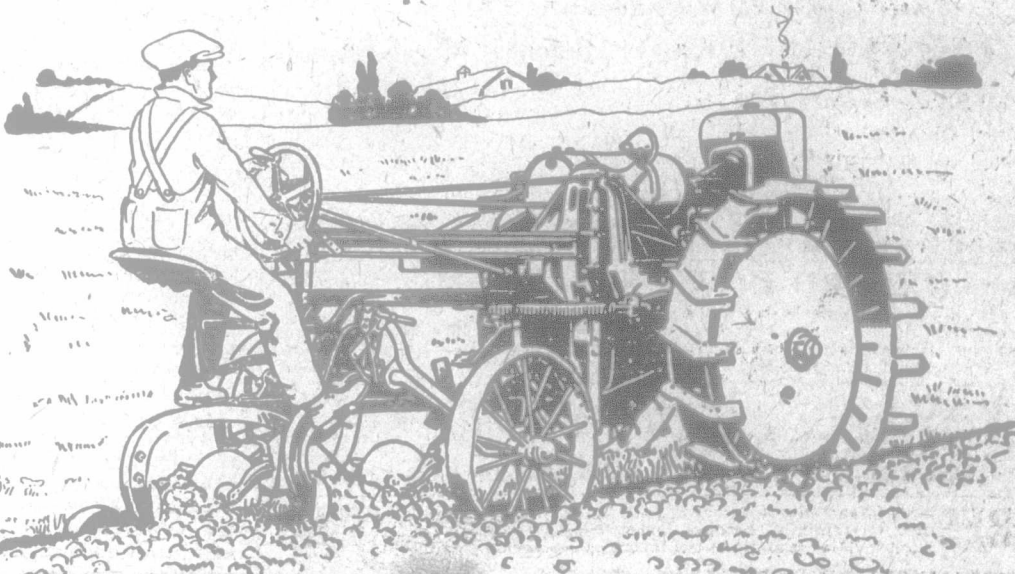
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