

## A VISIT TO SEE SOME PERCHERONS

Percherons, on account of their qualities of hardihood, clean legs and their suitability for general purpose work, are gaining in popularity and there is an ever increasing demand for good Percherons of pure blood. Indeed the demand for them is so great, especially for fillets of pure breeding, that the price of these fillets is often higher than the ordinary breeder cares to pay, and for that reason importers of Percherons have not as yet imported to any large extent consignments of fillets. There is a great demand for stallions and sires, they sell more readily at the prices asked, importers of Percherons have given greater attention to the importation of stallions. This is true of the well known Percheron importer and breeder, Mr. J. B. Hogate, who has stock and barns at Weston, Ontario, and at Brandon, Manitoba, and whose advertisement appears elsewhere in this issue.

Last week one of the editors of Farm and Dairy called on Mr. Hogate at his barns at Weston and inspected the string of Percherons there stabled. Mr. Hogate very kindly had his men bring out of the stable a great many of his horses and showed them individually in show-yard style, much to our pleasure. Included in the lot were a number of three-year-old stallions and two-year-old stallions, both gray and black, with

splendid feet and legs, straight going and flashy action. Mr. Hogate has it as an axiom that he will not import a horse with a bad foot and for years he has challenged buyers who come to him that he would give a man any horse in his stable that had a bad foot or which padded.

In addition to his two-year-old and three-year-old Percheron stallions, Mr. Hogate showed some four-year-old and aged Percheron stallions and a number of Percheron fillies, and a mare and her foal, which he imported from the west.

W. F. Young, P.D.F., at Lyonsville, Montreal, Ca. All told Mr. Hogate this year brought over 50 head.

In buying, Mr. Hogate has the advantage of the importers of Percherons, in that he speaks the French language and deals directly with the breeders, and does not employ any interpreters or middlemen. Mr. Hogate is always accompanied on his buying trips by his wife, who speaks French fluently, and who is interested in and is a good judge of horses. Thus they are able to buy what is the best advantage, and can save money and price their horses below what it costs most importers.

Mr. Hogate has at his barn at Weston a Clydesdale and a number of stallions by Marcona, by Hiaswatha. This stallion is kept for service and is as fine a Clydesdale as one could wish to see—probably as good a one as there is in Canada. He possesses wonderful size and with it he has exceptional quality and great strength. He is too, Mr. Hogate is an expert Shire stallion and other horses at his barn of which space does not permit us to make mention.

Anyone wishing to buy Percherons should see the stock which Mr. Hogate will be glad to show them at Weston. While taking advantage of the cheap rates to Toronto at the time of the Fat Stock Show, at the Union Stock Yards, anyone can slip out to Weston on the electric car, at a cost of 50 cents each way, and see these horses. When writing to Mr. Hogate address him at Weston, Toronto, Ont., where he resides. His barn at Weston is at the Eagle House Hotel.

## ABOUT "EVERGREEN MARCH" AND OTHERS

While in Brant County two weeks ago one of the editors of Farm and Dairy called on Mr. G. W. Clemons, of St. George, Ont., and made a hurried inspection of his Holstein. Breeders of the Black-and-White will be interested to learn that Evergreen March is giving up a tremendous record. Mr. Percy Clemons told us that he expected to get over 26,000 lbs. of milk from her for the year. Up to the night of Tuesday, November 13, she had given 24,900 lbs. She had given 24,520 lbs. in 11 months, and when we saw her she was running still 53 to 56 lbs. of milk a day. The only "fly in the ointment" is that she will not calf in time to qualify in the Record of Performance. She is now four months gone in calf.

Speaking of Evergreen, Mr. Percy Clemons said, "This is the cow they told about last year that I would kill by feeding. Does she look like it?" We were frank to admit that she did not, since she was in excellent flesh and looking in the very pink of health and condition. Continuing, Mr. Percy Clemons said, "If we had had as good a summer as usual, Evergreen would have broken every record known as an authenticated milk test. We had absolutely no ensilage for her after the first of June, and when the hot wave struck us and the pastures dried up she dropped 15 lbs. a day, and never regained it."

Our space will not permit us to mention this week extended details about other cows and stock worthy of note in Mr. Clemons' herd. Chief amongst these we inspected were Queen De Koi Teake, out of Queen De Koi Ind, 16,500 lbs. milk, 650 lbs. butter (milked twice daily)—this cow is a four-year-old, about to freshen; Beauty De Koi, purchased at Mr. Manhard's sale, a sister to Francy Ind—she has an official record of 145 lbs. butter as a two-year-old. Then too, we saw Rose De Koi Teake, a very proper type of a dairy cow, long and low-set, she was three times first at Toronto—three years in succession. She has an official record of 375 lbs. butter. Evergreen March, 3rd also in a year-old, and that after retention of after-birth. She is now barely three years old, and is a very big cow; in fact, it may be said of all of Mr. Clemons' stuff that size is a predominating feature of the Holstein breed.

Visitors are always welcome at Mr. Clemons' place, and at the present time he has some real choice individuals and young stuff out of tested stock for sale.

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