

Elmwood Stock Farm.

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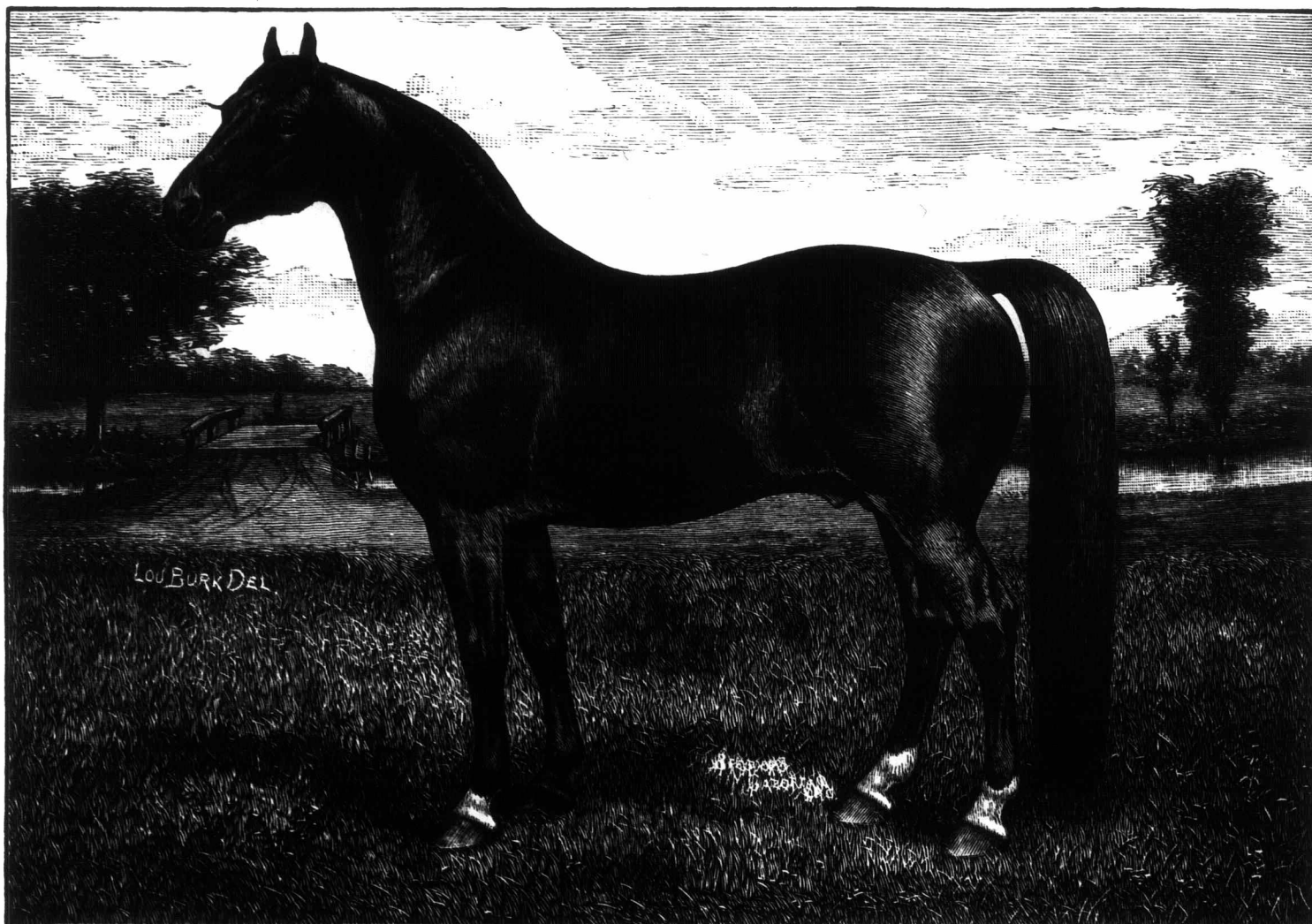
This farm, consisting of 94 acres, is situated on concession 5, London Township, four miles from the City of London, Ont.

A large portion of this farm is a flat, which sometimes overflows in the spring of the year, and produces pasture and hay in quantity and quality rarely to be found. For instance, sixteen acres of hay were cut last year and fifty tons taken from it. Out of this 94 acres 24 are plowed and 12 are yet in woods. All the feed is cut and the grain ground. Two men do all the work on the farm, both summer and winter, except one additional hand for six weeks during haying and harvest-

the high-bred trotting stallion, "Middlesex," son of "Hambletonian," the greatest sire of trotting horses known; his name is a household word among all horsemen on this continent. In his younger days \$25 was charged for his service, but as his reputation became known the price of his services was gradually increased, and to prevent over-work, for the last ten years of his life \$500 was charged for his services per mare. He made a net earning of \$100,000 for his owner, the late W. M. Rysdyk, of Chester, Orange Co., N. Y. "Middlesex" was bred by Daniel Kelly, of Greenwood Lake, Orange Co., N. Y., sired by Rysdyk's "Hambletonian," 1st dam by "Fiddler," son of "Monmouth Eclipse." The great demand for really fine carriage

impt. bull, "Belooch," brought out last season, stands at the head of his herd and is a very fine animal. On the farm also are forty-six pure-bred Shropshire sheep, imported or bred from imported stock.

This we should look on as management to be copied and deserving attention. This farm will return a handsome profit to the owner, do a great good to the county in which it is situated, and to the whole Dominion. Mr. Hodgins is a gentleman whose word can be relied on. To see so much stock, of such value, and every one looking first rate, and at a cost of only \$300 for extra feed, and two men one year and one for six weeks, is what should and must cause our farmers to enquire and see



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FIRST PRIZE ROAD AND CARRIAGE HORSE, "ALBION."

ing. Only \$300 was paid out for extra feed and bedding during the last year, one-third of which was for straw; one-third for hay, which has not been used, and the balance for oats.

Mr. Hodgins purchased the farm eight years ago, and laid out his plans of what he wished to do, namely, establish a stock farm deserving of the name, his principal aim being to excel as a breeder in raising fine road and carriage horses. For this purpose he secured several fine mares, some of the "Royal George" family, and "Grey Norman 4," by "Highland," a son of "Hambletonian," some having a record in the thirties.

At the head of the horse department stands

horses shows us that the County of Middlesex now stands second to none in her facilities for raising this valuable class of horses, and these two stallions must keep this county in the foreground for carriage horses in coming years. Her reputation has not been low up to the present. Not only have the farmers of this County an excellent opportunity of improving their stock; but this establishment must draw the purchaser of the best from all parts of the Dominion, for where the best are the best buyers will come. Mr. Hodgins does not confine his entire energies to breeding. At the time of our visit he had twenty-six horses, mares and colts on the farm; also a nice herd of fourteen Shorthorns. The

if they can make as good a showing.

"Albion,"

of which we now give you an illustration, drawn and engraved for the FARMER'S ADVOCATE, is the joint property of Messrs. Hodgins and Geary, of London Township, and is one of the most perfect models of a horse to be found. He has a large proportion of Hambletonian blood in him; he carried off the first prize and diploma at the Western Fair in 1879, first prize at the Provincial in 1881, and first prize and diploma at Western Fair, 1883.

For growing plants a weekly application of diluted manure water will work wonders.