

dering trains and shrill engine-whistles rouse the echoes and gives vivacity to the scene all the year round.

"Hillhurst consists of a noble stretch of fine rolling land, the soil a light loam of good depth, with a variety of sub-soils, gravelly, rocky, and blue clay. The several buildings which were on the small holdings of which the farm consists, make convenient dwellings for the men employed on the estate, as well as separate steadings for stock which it is found desirable to keep apart. The homestead, a very commodious, neat, unpretending, yet tasteful and comfortable dwelling, surrounded with spacious and well-arranged buildings and premises, occupies a central position on the estate, and is at once adorned and sheltered by some ancestral maples, the like of which we could wish embowered every farm-

house in Canada. The accompanying illustration has been drawn and engraved from a photograph of Hillhurst farm-house and surroundings.

It is Mr. Cochrane's ambition to distinguish himself as a breeder of choice stock, and especially of Short Horns. Already he has attained no small eminence, as the Prize List of our last Provincial Exhibition testifies. The best aged cow, the best three-year old cow, the best two-year old heifer, and the best one-year old heifer among the female Short Horns, were, to say nothing of Hereford cattle, sheep, and hog prizes, surely glory enough for one show, and must have taken our older stockmen very much by surprise. We candidly own that, notwithstanding the honours won at the exhibition in question, we were not prepared to find so noble



HILLHURST HOUSE, COMPTON, QUEBEC.

a collection of animals as we lately inspected at Hillhurst. The Short Horn herd already collected comprises no fewer than thirty-three pure-bred animals of various ages, and ten high grades. Among the pure Short Horns, are at least from six to eight that will be hard to beat on the continent of America. The aged cow "Rosedale" is of world-wide celebrity, having won all possible distinction in the British show-yards, and retired from competition at the early age of two years; and a half. "Snowdrop" and "Margaret III." have twice carried off the highest honours at our Provincial Shows. The "11th Duke of Thorndale," recently added to this herd at a cost of \$3,000, has no superior as a two-year old bull of Bates or Duchess blood. "Baron Booth of Lancaster" is of equal merit as a representative of the strain of Short Horns, that rivals the one just named. "Maid of Atha" is another first-class two-year old, and beside her there are some yearlings of highest excellence.

"Not content with thus mounting the highest pinnacle as a Short Horn man, Mr. Cochrane is hardly less distinguished in the Hereford class. He had the best one-year old bull, the best cow, and the best one-year old heifer of this breed at the last Provincial Show. The young bull "Compton Lad" was a close competitor with his father,

"Guelph," for the diploma awarded to the best Hereford bull of any age. From our late inspection of him we predict a career of distinction for him, if no harm befalls him. He not only holds his own, but has improved greatly since the Show. The Hillhurst herd of Herefords, comprising now thirteen animals, are a very choice lot, and will contend bravely with the notabilities of Moreton in days to come for prize honours.

"We must not omit mention of the beautiful Suffolk Punch Stallion that won the second prize for the best agricultural stallion and the diploma for the best stallion of any breed, nor the first prize three-year old filly of the same breed at the last Provincial Exhibition. Both these valuable animals are thriving finely, and bid fair to bring their owner something more substantial than the honours of the show-ring.

"Next to the Short Horns, it must be fairly conceded that the sheep are the chief distinction of Hillhurst. No fewer than fifty-seven picked animals were imported last year from noted flocks in Britain. Eight of these were sold at high figures, and seventeen added from the best flocks in Canada, so that there are now sixty-six in all. Of these, forty-three are Cotswolds, ten Leicesters, eight Oxford Downs, and seven Lin-