

I have been following up closely for the past few weeks the discussion which has been going on in your paper about Old Countrymen. I think it partly lies with both parties—the hired man and the farmer. There are lazy farmers as well as lazy hired men of both countries, and I don't think a thrifty and hustling farmer would be suited at all with a slow servant, whether English or Canadian; or would a good working hired man stay long with poor management on the farmer's part. But I think, if two of the same stamp get together, they may get on well. The farmer who takes two years and a half to find out whether he has a good man or not, would be very slow. Wishing your paper every success.

A YOUNG ENGLISHMAN.

Essex Co., Ont.

I have read with interest your articles on country and city life. For my part, I think the country is far better than the city yet, even if one can make more money in the city. The person who signs, "A Farmer's Son," gives us an overdrawn picture of the hardships of farm life. With so many prosperous farmers around us, it is foolish to say it is impossible to make money on the farm. A few young people are used like machines, and thus are driven to the city; but do they fare any better there? Perhaps they make more money, but are they any farther ahead in the long run? They may not have to work quite so hard, but the person who leaves the farm because of a little hard work is liable to make a poor showing wherever he goes. I think if the farmer gave his boys more of an interest in things, and gave them an insight into the business of the farm, it would be easier to keep them from the city. I know of men in the city who are getting \$125 to \$150 a month, and who claim they cannot save a cent. In that case, or even where men accumulate large fortunes, what use is all their money? There are plenty of things more valuable than money—health for one, and how many men lose their health in the rush after the dollar, where, if they had been satisfied to gain a reasonable competence on the farm, they might have been happy and healthy men. And where do you find the wretchedly poor, in the city or in the country? In the city, to be sure,

The Glengow herd of Scotch Short-horns, property of Mr. Wm. Smith, Columbus, Ont., were never stronger numerically, and never contained so many high-class young things during its 50 years' existence as are in the herd at the present time. That grand old stock bull, Imp. Ben Lomond, for so many years at the head of the herd, will never be forgotten so long as the two dozen and more heifers of his get, now in the herd, are alive, as their superior type of the low-down, thick, even-fleshed order will keep his memory green around the Glengow Farm. He was selected and imported by Mr. Smith several years ago, and all the young things on the farm are sons and daughters of his, which necessitated a change at the head of the herd. A year ago, Mr. Smith purchased the grandly-bred Clara bull, Royal Clare =66772=, a beautiful roan son of the Bruce Mayflower bull, Imp. Royal Bruce, by the Wimple-bred bull, Winning Hope; dam Clara C. 2nd =54839=, by Imp. Count Douglas; grandam Clara 57th (imp.), by Spicy Robin. After using this bull for one season, he was offered a tempting price and sold him, and immediately bought his half-brother, Lord Clare =59596=, a roan yearling son of the Coral Gem-bred bull, Cyclone (imp.); dam Clara C. 2nd, etc. In the selection of this young bull, we believe Mr. Smith has been very fortunate, as his breeding leaves nothing to be desired, and his individuality is certainly of the show-ring order. He is particularly even-fleshed, and away above the average back of the shoulders and over the back, coupled with which he handles like feathers. He will certainly leave the herd better than he found it. Over 50 head make up the sum total of the herd to-day, all of which belong to the following Scotch strains, better than which there is none: Wedding Gifts, Strathallans and Kilblean Beauty, imported and Canadian-bred. In young bulls, there are six red yearlings, four of them sired by Imp. Ben Lomond, one of which is out of an Imp. Kilblean Beauty dam; three are out of Wedding Gift-bred dam. The other two are sired by a son of Imp. Ben Lomond and Imp. Kilblean Beauty; one is out of a Strathallan dam; the other out of a Wedding Gift dam. Here are half a dozen young bulls hard to duplicate for

Mr. H. M. Vanderlip, Cainsville, Ont., breeder of Berkshire hogs, whose advertisement runs in this paper, writes: "We have disposed of most of the young boars advertised; have a couple yet that are worth inquiring about. They are ten months old. In brood sows, we can supply some choice goods, due for April farrow. Among recent sales were a pair of sows just eight months old, weighing 300 lbs. each. One went to Mr. C. J. Bally, Dundas, and the other to Mr. J. Liddell, Mineral Springs; also an extra good pair just weaned to J. D. Clement & Sons, Vanessa. Our new boar, Stall Pitt's Middy (imp.), is throwing the right sort of stock—long and deep, with vigorous constitutions. We have received very many flattering letters from those who purchased stock at our recent sale. Some have inquired if we were going out of the business. 'Well, not yet. We're in it to stay, and are breeding the kind, brother farmer, that will yield you the profits.' It's a good time to buy when prices are low."

Mr. James Gray, Birkenhead, Gargun-
nock, has sold his well-known Clydes-
dale Hiawatha stallion, Debonair
(12937), and the prizewinning Hackney
horse, Warwick King (8026), to Mr. J.
F. Elliot, Oxford Centre, Ont., Canada.
Debonair was bred by Mr. James Stewart,
Corseville, Dunblane, and at the Stallion
Show, only the other day, was the sire
of Climax, the second-prize yearling colt
in a very heavy class. He is a horse
of beautiful quality, winner of many
prizes as a two-year-old, and was in the
short list for the Glasgow premium as a
three-year-old, when he secured the Poi-
talloch district. His dam, Madge Carru-
talloch, is a splendid breeding mare, by the
Cawdor-cup champion, Prince of Carru-
chan (8151). It is safe to say that few
more promising breeders have left this
country. The Hackney horse, Warwick

not here. It is true the farmer gets the small end of the profits on farm produce, but, still, there is money in the farm if it is properly managed, and, besides that there is the pleasure of working out in the fresh air and sunshine, instead of in some stuffy city office.

"Our Suffolk sheep are being more encouraged for this season. We have sold sheep to parties in New York, Virginia, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Alberta and Ontario. Our customer from Virginia writes on receipt of his: 'The sheep arrived in good shape, and I am very much pleased with them, as I am with all well-bred Suffolks. I have had considerable experience with Suffolks, Hampshires, Oxford, Dorsets, Cotswolds, Southdowns and Shropshires, and I unhesitatingly declare the Suffolks as superior to any of the above-named breeds. In my mind Suffolks have no equal as a moneymaker for the farmer.' This man raises 600 lambs a year for New York market. At Smithfield Club Show, England, Suffolks and their crosses have, for five years in succession, carried off the champion prize (1902-1906), and reserve number for same (1901-1905); three shearing wethers in one instance weighing 993 lbs., or 331 lbs. each. They have won more prizes in carcass competition than all other breeds combined. We have now in our flock all the prizewinners at the International Show at Chicago in 1907."

Cable despatches last month stated that an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease had been discovered in Scotland. Subsequently, it was announced that in order to prevent the further introduction of the disease, importation of hay and straw from a large number of countries has been forbidden by the British authorities, and that Canada was one of the countries included. On Friday, March 6th, a message from Lord Strathcona to Hon. Sydney Fisher, Dominion Minister of Agriculture, confirmed the fact that the British Government were taking precautions, but contained the welcome assurance that the British Board of Agriculture had so far conceded the Canadian Government's contention of freedom from disease in Canadian herds as to exempt Canada from the prohibited list. The message read: "Have been closely watching and in communication with Board of Agriculture since outbreak of disease in Scotland. An order received to-day contains a long list of countries from which importation of hay and straw is prohibited, but Canada is not included. Have also been so assured by the Board of Agriculture. (Signed) Strathcona."

A perfect potato planter is the claim for a machine advertised in this paper—an implement that opens the furrow, drops the seed and covers it, and does all its work without damage to the seed, saves labor, and does the work systematically. W. A. Broughton, Sarnia, Ont., is the Canadian Agent. Send a postcard for their free book of 1908.

Mr. David Hume, of Barrelwell, Brechin, Scotland, the noted breeder of Border Leicester sheep, died in Switzerland, on February 18th, where he and his wife were on a holiday trip. For several years, Mr. Hume's Barrelwell sheep have been remarkably prominent at the annual shows of the Highland Society, winning the championship in seven years out of the last nine, besides being on several occasions, also, reserve. At the annual Kelso sales, his sheep were also classed among the "cracks."

March 12th.—Donald Gunn & Son, at Dunrobin Farm, Beaverton, Ont., Clydesdale mares and fillies, imported and Canadian-bred.

March 12th.—J. H. Patten, Paris, Ont., Holsteins.

March 12th.—W. R. Bowman, Mount Forest, Ont., Shorthorns, Shropshires, Yorkshires.

March 13th.—Jas. McCormack, Sr., Rockton, Arshires.

March 18th.—Ira L. Howlett, Keldon, Ont., Berkshires, Yorkshires, Shorthorns. Sale to be held at Shelburne (C. P. R.).

March 17th.—Jonathan Jantze, New Dundee, Ont., Holsteins.

March 18th.—C. M. & G. W. Blythe, Marden, Ont., Shorthorns.

March 18th.—N. A. Steen & Sons, Meadowvale, Ont., Shorthorns.

March 19th.—Myrtle Sales Association, Myrtle, Ont., Shorthorns, Clydesdales and sheep.

March 26th.—Ellas Pannabecker, Hespeler, Ont., Holsteins.

March 26th.—McGarvin Bros., Chatham, Ont., imported and Canadian-bred Percherons and road horses.

April 8th.—F. A. Gardner, Britannia, and S. J. Pearson, Son & Co., Meadowvale, Ont., joint sale, Shorthorns.

June 4th.—John Dryden & Son, Brooklin, Ont., Shorthorns.