

On & Around the Farm.

General Notes.

Total Canadian Cattle Exports the past year were 119,188 head, of which 12,171 were United States' shipped through in bond, these figures showing an increase of 18,828 compared with 1896. The exports two years ago were 94,582; in 1890 as high as 123,136; in 1885, 61,917; and in 1880, 41,730.

Tent Caterpillar Eggs.—During mild winter days, time cannot be put to better purpose than to examine the small branches of apple trees for eggs of the tent caterpillar. They will be found in glossy, dense, hoop-shaped clusters, girdling the top twigs. As each cluster contains several hundred eggs, it is easily seen how much damage may be prevented with little trouble. With a pair



FOUR-YEAR-OLD PERCHERON STALLION, MAJOR.

The Shipping Business of Montreal during the season of 1897 has undoubtedly been one of the most prosperous in the history of the port, according to an exhaustive compilation on the export trade just published by the Gazette of that city. Large gains are noted in grain exports compared with 1896. Total clearances of wheat nearly 10,000,000 bushels; corn 16; oats 5 millions, and cheese 2,100,000 boxes. Exports of flour, meats and fruit show a decrease.

of pruning shears fastened to a stiff pole, a sharp-eyed man can clean a good-sized orchard in a comparatively short time. Of course, the clippings should not be left on the ground, but picked up and burned.

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Large or Small Potato Seed.—The yield from small potatoes planted whole has been found greater than from cuttings of large potatoes, but the percentage of