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ly laid-out farm buildings, built by moneyed and titled gentlemen. These look fine when passing, but make the neighboring farmsteads look small and out-of-date in comparison. The quality of the stock kept on these farms is in keeping with the buildings, and includes some of the highest-priced of the different breeds in the country.

Ontario Co., Ont.

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An Irishman's Ideas.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

O'I hev bin radin frum toime to toime th' many intelligent artycles in yer paper and musht at th' outsit commind firstly yersilf fur th' prominint parrt ye play in promotin th' bisht intherists of Agriculture, an sicondly O'I musht commind th' farmers in this part of Ameryca fur hevin th' support av such an ixcellent jurnel as the Advycate to kape thim poshted in all matt-hers pertainin to their profishion.

Misther Paither MacArthur disirves spichial attintion fur bringin up frum toime to toime loive topics such as co-opiratchun, bankin, an etc. It seems a grait pity that a few min, twinty-two we are towld, conthrols the commercial intherprises of this grait Country, with sich wunderful possibilities, but we hev got to ixcept conditions as they arre, we can't change th' pasht, but we moight be able to provide rimidies fur th' future.

Canady is standin upon th' thrishould av hur opportunities; spiculaters, govirmint hanchm'n, grafthers, may hev played th' mischief with th' crame of her resources in th' pasht as they hev done in almosht ivry counthry in the wurld, but a new era is roisin; the telyphone brings the farmer in dirict communication with his fillow man; the rural mail is idjicatin him to fergit party ifiliation to take a more indipindint shtand on public quistions; th' racintly acquoired parcels posht will make him more indipindint av the middleman—in a wurrd he is rapidly becomin th' mosht indipindint man av all th' profishions. So may advice to yirsilf an yir raiders is to kape up the good foight idjicate the farmer not only to spicialoise, not only to co-operate fur buying and selling, but to be aloive to adapt himsilf to circumstances in public as well as in proivate to be able to discuss public quistions fur his own good an th' good av th' counthry and we'll be able to droive out furiver all this monopoly, all this dic'erin' with th' pape's domain, all this long-winded shapakin in Parlymint much av it to no purpouse, and build upon the pillars av thure Democracy th' Greatest Nation in the wurld.

Perth Co., Ont.

PATSY HOGAN.

The Union Stock Yards Horse Sale.

There was nothing sensational in the matter of interest or prices at the seventh annual consignment sale of registered Clydesdale horses at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, Monday, Feb. 9. The attendance was large, but most of those present seemed to be there out of curiosity and not to make purchases. The tightness of the money market was considered the dominant factor in the falling off in demand for draft horse breeding stock and those wise enough to take advantage of the present prices will be the winners in the near future when the stringency is passed. The offering was considerably the best ever forward at this sale and many of the good ones were withdrawn due to their value not being reached.

The following is a list of those sold and buyers as far as announced at time of sale:

Maggie Solway, A. B. Whitney, Alta.	400
College Queen, Robt. Graham, Claremont	325
Queen Lynn, Mr. Hewson, Grahamville	130
Miss Fotheringham, S. M. Horner, Sask.	175
Lady Rose, S. M. Horner	155
Daisy 2nd of Richview, A. Archibald, Truro, N.S.	180
Jessie, A. C. McDonald, Brampton	500
Brampton Fan, A. C. McDonald	380
Flora of Glengyle, Graham Bros., Claremont	320
Florence Pilgrim, W. F. Barrie, Rutland	190

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Brigadier Gerard, A. J. Whitney	480
Black Stamp, T. H. Hassard, Markham	250
Prince Dow, W. Ellins, Lambton	250
The President	310
Elmgrove Coronation	180

Among the contributors were: W. J. Cowan, Cannington; Hodgkinson & Tisdale, Beaverton; Robert Watson, Pine Grove; C. R. Rundle, Weston; Isaac Williamson, Toronto; L. J. C. Bull, Brampton; Archie Lamont, Roome; Alf. Lansdell, Humber; J. T. Peacock, Woodbridge, and W. W. Hogg, Thamesford.

A Bumper Sale of Holsteins.

There could be no complaints of the results obtained at the dispersion sale of A. E. Hulet's well-known show herd of Holsteins on Wednesday, Feb. 11. The day, although cold, was bright and clear and the attendance large, with many from the Western Provinces and as far east as Brockville. The cattle were brought out in the nicest kind of condition and the bidding was generally brisk and at times most spirited. The fifty head sold, including a number of young calves, brought a total of \$12,695.00, an all-around average of \$253.90. Twenty-three females, two years old and over, brought an average of \$356.73, the highest price being \$705.00. Eight heifers, over one and under two years of age, made an average of \$259.37, the highest price being \$475.00. Twelve heifers, under one year of age, several of them calves from a few days old up to a few weeks, brought an average of \$140.41, the highest price being \$235.00. Six bulls, from young calves up to two years of age, brought an average of \$109.16, the highest price being \$210.00.

The following is a list of those selling for over \$100 and their buyers:

Lady Pauline Colantha, Colony Farm, Coquitlam, B.C.	\$255
Pauline Colantha Posch, J. Rettie, Norwich	375
Pauline Colantha Tensen, Colony Farm	400
Pauline Colantha Canary, W. H. Cherry, Tilsonburg	175
Prince Colantha Abbecker, W. H. Cherry	235
Pauline Colantha Mercena, W. H. Cherry	360
Pauline Colantha Mercena 2nd, E. Starling, St. Williams	130
Madam Posch Abbecker, Colony Farm	450
Major Posch Mercena, O. Wallace, Burgessville	210
Madam Pauline Canary, Colony Farm	450
Madam Pauline Canary 2nd, W. H. Cherry	475
Madam Pauline Canary 3rd, W. H. Cherry	235
Madam Pauline Abbecker, E. F. Osler, Bronte	690
Reuben Abbecker Mercena, E. Woodley, Boston	185
Sir Paul Abbecker Mercena, W. H. Chambers, Brandon, Man.	245
Ladoga Idaline Veeman, Colony Farm	705
Ladoga Idaline Mercena, H. Clare, Norwich	215
Ladoga Veeman Mercena, F. Hamilton, St. Catharines	200
Ladoga Veeman 2nd, A. C. Hardy, Brockville	100
Princess Abbecker Pauline 2nd, R. Lawless, Thorold	450
Mysaletta, Wm. Gilbert, Minden, Alta.	230
Mysaletta Canary, W. H. Cherry	175
Abbecker Duchess, Wm. Watson, Amherstburg	260
Abbecker Jewel, W. C. Bailey, Hamilton	300
Abbecker Jewel 2nd, E. Starling	100
Dandy Posch Mercena, T. I. Kolb, Berlin	255
Countess Abbecker Francy, F. Bodkin, Wilton Grove	270
Olive Abbecker Pauline, W. Watson	300
Olive Abbecker Pauline 2nd, J. Rettie, Norwich	135
Amy Abbecker Posch, Colony Farm	230
Estella Abbecker, W. Watson, Amherstburg	380
Perfection's Mercena, L. A. Everitt, Simcoe	325
Della Schuiling Faforit, J. Rettie, Norwich	145
Shadelawn May Echo, J. Disbro, Teeterville	180
Woodlawn Queen, W. Watson	390
Woodland Count Canary, Colony Farm, B.C.	140
Bessie Posch of Tyrrell, W. Watson	305
Topsy Abbecker Posch, Wm. Gilbert, Minden, Alta.	250
Jessie Posch 2nd, E. Siple, St. Thomas	250
Jessie Canach Posch, E. Starling, St. Williams	120
Jean Mercena Canary, J. Disbro	215
Shadelawn Sir Cynthia Thirteen, Wm. Robb, St. George	210

Tobacco Growers up in Arms.

At a meeting held in Leamington on Feb. 12th the pent-up feelings of the tobacco growers burst forth in earnest and expressed themselves in words of unmistakable character. For many years the growers have received less for their product than they thought it was actually worth, considering the cost of growing and the widespread demand. The object of the meeting was to organize the growers into a body that might present a united front to their difficulties, but as no propaganda was previously prepared, the afternoon was spent in vociferously denouncing the buyers and declaring that tobacco would no longer form part of their field crops unless they received more remuneration for their labor.

One grower, George Wigle, of Leamington, said there was no money in producing the leaf, but some buyers had come into the community with no money at all and now are worth \$120,000, which has been made in dealing in tobacco. The

speaker is one who feels that he has been used "dirty rotten," but sees no brighter future in the next 400 years unless the people unite and demand their just due.

Another speaker, George Cady, drew the attention of the audience to a plug of tobacco which cost 10 cents and only weighed 1½ ounces. One pound of good leaf makes 2½ pounds of chewing tobacco, while the remainder is made up of liquorice, glucose and raw sugar, none of which cost more than 12½ cents when the information was obtained. There are two ways to deal with the matter, said the speaker; one is to co-operate; the other is to quit growing tobacco. City people are protesting about the high cost of living and asking the farmers to produce stuff cheaper, but Fred. White, Harrow, remarked that everyone co-operates but the farmer and he is getting it in the neck from every direction. We must grow something useful and we will have no difficulty disposing of it, observed Mr. White. Tobacco is the most useless crop grown. It cannot be eaten, fed or ground in the chopper.

In the opinion of Lewis Wigle, a tobacco buyer, people have been trying to grow too much tobacco and it has not been sown at the right time or been taken care of. Manufacturers already have more poor tobacco than they want to pay the excise fee of five cents on.

"I believe it would be better to form an association to chew and smoke this poor stuff," said the buyer. "I have not noticed any buyers from your Erie Tobacco Company around buying poor stuff. If you want to make a success of it, grow just as much as you can take care of. The farmer who has his in good shape can get 10 and 12 cents a pound. Another year, when the surplus is worked off, he can get more."

Optimism Reigns on P. E. Island.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

The winter so far has not been severe. The mercury seldom has dropped below zero. Since Christmas we have had the ground well covered with snow and fairly good winter roads almost all the time. The grass fields have been well covered and we are hopeful for new meadows being all right in the spring. Marketing has gone on with the outside world without a break so far by the winter ice-breaking steamers. With feed plentiful, a large number of cattle and hogs are being marketed at big prices. Dairy companies have almost all got through with their annual meetings and are well pleased with the results of the year's business. Milk at the cheese factories has been worth about a dollar per hundredweight. Dairymen are laying their plans for another successful season with very optimistic ideas. The broadening of our markets under the operation of the new United States tariff gives a hopeful outlook to our dairy trade. Quite a few factories that formerly confined their efforts to cheese are now considering the making of butter for at least part of the season—say June and October. This, we think, will fit in nicely with our system of mixed farming, as it will give patrons the skim milk for raising calves in the spring, and also for starting their fall litters of pigs. P. E. Island farmers practically all follow a mixed system, selling beef and pork, as well as dairy produce. There are very few who make a specialty of dairying.

Our egg and poultry trade is experiencing a great boom this winter. Winter eggs have been worth double to the farmer that they ever were before. This is the result of the establishment of egg circles, and through them the direct shipments of eggs to the Montreal market. Our Dominion representative of the Poultry Division, Mr. Benson, is engaged all his time in organizing circles and cannot keep up with the demand for his services. Our old wasteful system of gathering and shipping eggs is about to become a thing of the past. The egg merchant who operated under it has been forced to change his methods and now proposes to have the eggs graded and stamped the same as circle eggs when they leave the producer. So the efforts of our Poultry Department in inducing the farmers to co-operate in this matter have already revolutionized the egg trade, and will give the producer of clean, sound eggs the price he is entitled to and will return thousands of dollars to the farmers that were formerly wasted through shipping dirty, stale eggs.

What is to be the harbinger of a new and profitable industry happened a few days ago in the birth of the first Karakule lamb born in Canada. Visions of wealth are looming up before P. E. Islanders in this industry that, perhaps, may eventually eclipse the fox business. It will likely become more generally engaged in by farmers, as it will require less capital to start with. Outside capital is still flowing in here from all parts, and new Fur Farming Companies are being organized all the time to take it up. Options on next spring's crops of young foxes are selling at the highest figure ever reached—as high