

was dissolved by mutual consent) one of the largest and most noted herds of purebred Holstein-Friesian cattle ever assembled in Canada. The firm also did a large business in dairying, and in breeding Improved Yorkshire swine and saddle and carriage horses. Mr. Smith's success as a breeder of Holsteins brought him into prominence among stockmen generally; and he also enjoyed in a special degree the good will and confidence of his fellow Holsteiners. He was the first secretary of the Dominion Cattle Breeders' Association (1892); and he has been both president and secretary of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada; and he was the first registrar for this association, and he edited and published their first herdbook. He also wrote and published a small work entitled "The Farmer's Most Profitable Cow and How to Feed Her." He has also been appointed a judge of dairy cattle for several important exhibitions. Mr. Smith is a well-known farmers'



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institute worker. He has been president and secretary of Peel Farmers' Institute, and for four years, 1891-5, he was a much appreciated member of the institute lecturing staff, and this year he goes out again. His subjects, which relate to dairy work, are always most practically handled. Mr. Smith has had the advantage of a liberal education; and is not only a graduate of Toronto University, but was also for some years, before he became a stockman, a successful high school teacher.

Mr. WILLIAM SMITH, of Columbus, Ontario county, is a well-known breeder of Clydesdale horses, Shorthorn cattle, and Cotswold sheep. He is an ardent lover of the Clydesdale, and as such took an active part in organizing the Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada, and he was for several years its president. He, however, is a firm believer in "mixed farming" for the Canadian farmer; and prefers to describe himself in that way rather than as a specialist, for in his opinion the climatic conditions of Canada are better suited to mixed farming than to special lines. Mr. Smith is well known to



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the country generally from the fact that some time ago his experience and success as a practical farmer, and his general abilities as well, made it seem likely that he would be selected as Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion; and prominent farmers on both sides of politics united in strongly urging his qualifications for that position. Mr. Smith had been a member of the House of Commons for two sessions, and had he been appointed to the office in question there is no doubt but that he would have done everything that was possible to do to promote the interests of agriculture in the legislation of the country and as a member of the Cabinet. Mr. Smith is most highly esteemed in his own county, and has occupied almost every position of trust that it is possible for his brother farmers to confer upon him.

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