

much, if not most, of the contents of our agricultural papers are written by hard-working, practical farmers; that the editors' business is not to palm off on unsuspecting men absurd ideas, but to scrutinize and sift all that comes, and obtain whatever has been proved by fact, to choke off imposters by exposure, to obtain from practical men whatever is of use to publish for the benefit of their readers, in addition spreading among us workers such sound, well approved, scientific knowledge, as shall be of use to us on the farm or in the dairy."

### STOCK NOTES.

—Mr. Hubert Page, of the firm of J. E. Page & Sons, Amherst, has returned from British Columbia, where he disposed of a car-load of Holstein-Friesian cattle, at good prices. It is something new for the eastern provinces to ship cattle such a distance, and especially through the great stock centres of Ontario, and reflects great credit on Messrs. Page, as well as upon these provinces.

—Mr. N. H. Meagher, of Halifax, recently imported some of the best blood horses the province now contains, from the Forest City Farm, Cleveland, Ohio. His purchase comprises a mare, "Howre," the sire of which is a half-brother to Maud S., and some fillies, whose ancestral records show high breeding and great speed. A glance at the pedigrees of Mr. Meagher's selection will show this importation to be a credit to any stud on the continent, and will be a valuable acquisition to our stock.

—Mr. J. S. Hart, of Wycocomagh, Cape Breton, has placed Oscar of St. Lambert, 11,547, A. J. C. C., H. B., at the head of his Saybrook herd. This bull is closely related to Mary Ann, of St. Lambert, and is of one of the best milking strains extant. The herd contains over 50 animals, and Mr. Hart is prepared to supply the wants of all persons in quest of good stock.

—Messrs. Sewell and Gellebrand, two English gentlemen, have purchased the Murray farm, a few miles above Fredericton, N. B., and have stocked it with animals of the best breeds, and are going into stock-raising on an extensive scale. We have seen some of their stock and, without hesitancy, can pronounce it equal to any in Canada.

—The stock running in the pastures should be regularly and liberally provided with salt in either the rock or granulated form. Its aids materially in digestion and is a wholesome delicacy.

## THE Thatcher Manu'g. Co., POTSDAM, N. Y.

MANUFACTURERS OF

### THATCHER'S ORANGE BUTTER COLOR,

Will send free by mail to every subscriber to the MARITIME AGRICULTURIST a copy of the "Dairy Stockman's Guide Book," and a 3 foot cloth Tape Measure. Send your address and enclose this slip or mention this paper.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Our quotations are compiled by reliable parties, and represent prices paid farmers for wholesale lots.

#### HALIFAX.

Apples, Nonp. No. 1.....	\$2 to \$2.75
Butter, prints, per lb.....	25
do in small tubs.....	18 to 20
do in large tubs.....	18 to 20
Chickens, per pair.....	50 to 70
Duck, per pair.....	70 to 80
Turkeys, per lb.....	15 to 16
Hay, per ton.....	\$12 to \$12.50
P. E. I. Oats, per bush.....	38

#### LIVE STOCK.

Steers best, alive, per 100 lbs.....	\$4.25 to \$4.50
Oxen, do do do.....	\$3.50
Fat Steers and Heifers, light.....	\$3.00
Lambs, first-class, each.....	\$4 to \$5

#### ST. JOHN,

Butter.....	16 to 18
Eggs.....	15
Buckwheat.....	—
Potatoes,—Coppers, per brl.....	\$1.25
do Rose, per brl.....	70
do Dollars, per brl.....	70
Turnips.....	—
Carrots.....	—
Oats, per Bushel.....	40 to 42
Pork, fresh.....	6½ to 7½
Beef, sides.....	6½ to 7½
Lamb, by carcass.....	11 to 12
Poultry,—Turkey, per lb.....	15
Geese.....	—
Chicken, per pair.....	60 to 70
Fowl, per pair.....	60 to 70
Strawberries, per box.....	10 to 12

#### BOSTON.

Cherries, per lb.....	14 to 15
Strawberries, quart.....	10
Potatoes—N.S. Burbanks, per bush.....	50
P. E. I. Chenangoes.....	55 to 60
Butter—Creamery, per lb.....	19
do Dairy, extra.....	16½ to 17
do Prints.....	20
Eggs—per doz—N. S., P. E. I., or N. B. firsts.....	15 to 15½
Hay—good to choice.....	\$18.50 to \$19
Hay—fair to good.....	\$17 to \$17.50
Straw—Rye.....	\$17 to \$18
Straw—Oat.....	\$6 to \$8

### A CHANCE FOR INVENTORS.

There is a small fortune awaiting the owner of the brain that invents a good, practical potato digger. We have a few good machines for putting the seed in the ground, but the most laborious part of the production of the potato has to be done by hand. There are a few implements that are truly great aids to digging, but a contrivance that will dig and expose all the potatoes is yet unmade. Some use a plow and harrow, which damages the tuber beyond merchantable use, and which makes the complete collection of the crop doubtful. A gentleman in Queens Co., N. B., has been experimenting on one for some years, but the working model was slightly unsatisfactory at the first trial, and he is now reconstructing it, and if in any degree successful, will prove a boon to our farmers. We trust something will be found that will prove helpful in securing the staple crop of many sections of these provinces.

### HINTS TO JUDGES OF LIVE STOCK.

Some excellent suggestions on this important matter, were published some time since by Prof. William Brown, late of the Ontario Agricultural College, which may be summarized as follows: Ask for pedigrees if in doubt about breeding. Walk males around the ring frequently to test carriage, temper and detect unsoundness. Place high value on quality for everything. In males allow for masculine character without coarseness, and in females fineness without delicacy. Neglect neither size nor weight. Don't be too much influenced by a high condition in breeding stock. Do not give too much credit to the straight top or underline in dairy breeds where paunch and some irregular outline are points of merit. Sufficient allowance is not usually given to the character of the skin as evidence of the milking properties, and the coat of hair is also undervalued in males, where it is a good evidence of character and constitution. Discourage a wedgy muzzle and narrow nostrils anywhere. Neat well balanced horns are desirable but not essential.

Allow for frame, quality of wool and color of skin in sheep, and encourage the bold head rather than the ewe-head in rams, as the most valuable stock getter. Uniformity of color in a herd or bull and get is also to be noted, but all markings should be cautiously balanced with other things and not over valued. Make no scruples in discouraging purposely over burdened udders, remembering that you are appointed as teachers and if asked by the directors to give your reasons publicly, for your decisions, take pleasure in doing so.