

Manitoba Studs, Herds and Flocks.

MR. WM. J. YOUNG'S HOLSTEINS.

At Maple Grove Stock Farm, which includes 640 acres of land about four miles from Emerson, Mr. Wm. J. Young has laid the foundation of a herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle. It affords the writer pleasure to bear testimony to the general excellence of the stock and their surroundings. Mr. Young is not making the mistake that some do in subjecting good, pure blood stock to "scrub" treatment. He has a large barn, well built and ventilated, and is arranging for a water supply indoors. He has done considerable fencing, and a quadruple row of Red River Maples, to the number of about two thousand are making rapid growth and will soon do him valuable service as wind breaks. He is also raising a large number of seedlings to be transplanted when sufficiently grown. He has secured a couple of good Shropshire ewes from W. S. Hawkshaw, Glanworth, Ont., and is also breeding pedigreed Berkshire and Yorkshire pigs, keeping a number of others as well to consume "waste products" and coarse grains; having also a lot of carefully housed fowls. But to return to the other stock. Mr. Young has found from experience that it pays to attend to dairy cows. During five months last season ten cows, mostly grades or "natives" on grass, returned him \$225 from the neighboring cheese factory. Before the factory had started in spring he had sold \$48 worth of butter, and during the winter since about \$100 worth more, not to mention calves raised and sold, butter and cream used in the house, etc. Prior to his late importation he had sold at satisfactory prices the young bull and heifer that won 1st prizes at Winnipeg Industrial, which left him but three Holstein-Friesians on hand. Of these we note first the bull Tempest's Captain Columbus, developing splendidly, though not two years old till July 15th next. He was bred by J. B. Fort & Sons, Stronghurst, Ill., sire Captain's Columbus, dam Tempest. The old bull Captain, sire of Captain's Columbus, ranks well up among Holstein-Friesian aristocracy, his dam being the famous Echo, record 23,775 lbs. of milk in one year. Captain was sired by Mahomet, one of the most noted bulls of the breed in America, his dam being Aegis, with a record of 90 lbs. milk in one day 16,645 in a year; 25 lbs. of butter in one week, and 100 lbs. butter in thirty days. Next came the cow Captain's Mountain Nymph, rising five years old, that won second at Winnipeg last fall. She handles particularly well. Her sire was Captain, and her dam Mountain Nymph (imp.) that gave 80½ lbs of milk in one day. Beside her stood Belle Diamond. She is now eleven years old, gave over 40 lbs. of milk per day after she had been milking over four months, and just after her long railway trip from Illinois, testing 3.75 per cent. fat on grass, and captured 1st prize at Winnipeg. Mr. Young's late importation comprised six cows and heifers and two calves. First among these by all odds ranks the eight-year-old cow Tempest, imported in her dam Belle Diamond; but the former is much superior to the latter, and since he has seen her Mr. Young naturally thinks more highly than ever of his herd bull. Tempest is a splendidly matured cow with a rich mellow hide, strong constitution, and an immense udder very evenly developed. Though milking since last July she is still able to yield about thirty pounds of very rich milk per day on ordinary feed. She is in calf to Captain Columbus, and if she is not heard from in the future the writer will be disappointed. She has been a great prize-winner, sweeping all before her at various fairs in Illinois. The two-year-old, Manitoba Queen, was sired by Tempest's Captain, dam Lowell Belle. Tempest 3rd, calved June 25th, 1888, was sired by Captain Columbus, dam Tempest. Next comes one of the Aaggie strain, Catrina 5th's Aaggie, bred by A. W. Brown at Unadilla Forks, N. Y., calved February 26th, 1888, sire Aaggie Grace's Lad, and dam Catrina 5th. Lady Alice was bred by Amos Edmunds, of Disco, Ill., calved March 24th, 1889, sire Captain, and dam Princess of Disco. Lettie 4th was bred by Taylor Bros., of Collins, N. Y., dropped March 2nd, 1884, sire

Gilbert, dam Lettie. Besides these were two fine calves, the bull being a particularly large and handsome fellow; the heifer is very promising too though smaller. The former was bred by Oliver Edmunds, of Disco, Ill., calved Dec. 20th, 1891, sire Captain's Gentleman, dam Lettie 4th.

MR. L. S. HEAD, RAPID CITY.

During a recent visit to Rapid City a representative of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE had the pleasure of looking over the large and really excellent stock of horses owned by Mr. L. S. Head, whose specialty is imported Clydesdales, or Clydesdales bred from imported stock. At the time of this visit his stables contained no less than twenty-five brood mares that had evidently been selected with great care; and at the head of the stud is the pure-bred Clydesdale stallion, Sir Michael (269), bred by Messrs. D. & O. Sorby, of Guelph, Ont., foaled July 6th, 1886. He is a handsome dappled bay with white hind feet, and a small dash of white on his face. He is a horse of good quality and fine temper, extra good feet and legs, and for life and action he could not easily be excelled. Both his sire, Farmer Lyon (302), imported, and his dam, Fair Helen (218), also imported, were prize-winners, and descended from great prize-winning ancestry. Hence individually, and by his breeding, Sir Michael is a worthy horse. Mr. Head is also the owner of a fine Thoroughbred stallion possessing both quality and size, points in which some horses of this type are lacking.

MR. DAVID McNAUGHT'S STOCK.

Mr. David McNaught, V. S., a duly qualified veterinary practitioner, in addition to his arduous professional duties devotes considerable attention to the breeding and improvement of live stock, having a large flock of sheep, including pure Oxford Downs, and a herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle, besides a number of horses. Rapid City is fortunate in the possession of a veterinarian of Mr. McNaught's ability.

WAWANESA DISTRICT.

A decidedly choice section of the Prairie Province surrounds the prosperous and picturesque town of Wawanesa, on the Northern Pacific Railway. Not only in the town, but on the adjacent farms, the ADVOCATE is pleased to record the evidences of thrift. Mr. Joseph B. Chambers, an enthusiastic lover of horse flesh, is the owner of a medium-sized and exceedingly useful Clydesdale stallion Laird Blackburn, rising five years old, by Lord Erskine, out of a Prince of Wales mare. Mr. Chambers has been very successful with this horse, and lately added, as already announced in the ADVOCATE, another type of a horse to his stock, viz., Stanford Bridge Swell, a highly promising Yorkshire Coach stallion imported by J. D. McGregor & Co., of Brandon, who, by the way, predict a growing popularity for this class of horses in Manitoba. A pair of Clydesdale mares, in foal to Laird Blackburn, were also noted in Mr. Chambers' barn. And on his farm a few miles out he has a stock of pure-bred Berkshire sows, headed by the imported boar Iron Duke, and a pair of pure bred Chester Whites.

Mr. W. J. Johnston, President of the Local Farmers' Institute, sees, and doubtless realizes, like a "canny Scot", money in sheep husbandry, and is grading up his flock by the use of pure-bred Shropshire rams. Highly successful during the past season with his grain crops, raising in all 12,600 bushels, of which 9,500 bushels were wheat, Mr. Leslie Smith is yet possessed of as strong an admiration for live stock as when he was managing large Shorthorn and "Doddie" herds, or when he was feeding the first prize steer for the great Smithfield Show of 1881, for which achievement he holds a diploma. He has now the foundation of a Shorthorn herd, including a number of cows, selected with an eye to their milking qualities, heifers, and several bulls. The one which he purposes retaining for permanent use as a stock

bull is Lord Souris, by Duke of Penketh, sire Heir Apparent (a well-known bull now owned by Mr. Thos. Speers, of Bradwardine), and dam Maid of Promise 2nd. Lord Souris' dam was Penketh Maiden. The coming season Mr. Smith purposes erecting a new house and fine stock barns on a site well sheltered by a wooded bluff and provided with an unlimited supply of the purest of water.

A few miles further south Mr. Francis Noble has a herd of about a dozen Shorthorns and 45 or 50 grades, which, as a rule, showed more or less Shorthorn blood. His stock bull for three years past has been Lake View Chief, bred by Mr. John E. Smith, of Brandon, from the bull Sunrise, and out of Beresford Maid, by Duke of Essex. He has proved a good stock getter; and a more tidy lot of steers and yearlings one would not wish to see about a place than Mr. Noble has. He makes butter the year round, supplying it under contract to one man at a good figure. He purposes to have cows drop their calves in November or December rather than October, which is too early. He reports the following among other butter yields:—One grade Shorthorn cow, 14 lbs. butter per week on grass; one grade cow, 12 lbs. per week, and one Shorthorn heifer, 9½ lbs. per week last winter. The 12-lbs.-a-week cow was fed at the time 9 lbs. of wheat and oat chop per day in three feeds, oat straw, wheat chaff and hay, with what pure water she would drink. This season his grain food for milking cows was crushed barley, oats and frozen wheat, the latter purchased at 25 cts. per bushel. By the way, out of 5,500 bushels of wheat (Red Fyfe) grown in 1891 by Mr. Noble, he says only 350 bushels were frosted. Tried White Connell but it did not escape frost like the Fyfe. Last year he erected a \$400 horse stable which does his place credit, and he contemplates improvements in his housing of his cattle. Mr. Noble believes in growing his own hay, and has tried a mixture of timothy, blue grass and red top, but as yet he has seen nothing of the blue grass, though the others did well. Off 20 acres he took 56 large loads good hay, and he is especially well pleased with the red top, which grows long (nearly four feet), making nice, fine hay, especially good for calves or older cattle. Last year he sowed 20 acres more of the same mixture and it made a good start, and he expects it to justify the faith he has in it. Oats cut green he has found excellent for calves—better than hay.

HORSE BREEDING AT EMERSON.

Now, as in the past, Messrs. Christie & Fares, of Emerson, stand well to the front as importers and breeders of horses, making a specialty of standard-bred trotters. Their well-known and justly popular stallion, Wildmont, by Egmont, dam Advance, put in the winter at Morden, but returns for the coming season to his old quarters at Emerson. Christie & Fares' last importation from the south contained several noteworthy animals, among them a fine young stallion, Bob Burdette (10062), with a record of 2.30 on a half-mile track, with still greater speed in reserve. He is a beautiful brown; 15-2 high; weight, 1100 lbs.; by Ensign (11 in the list), he by Euchar, dam by Harry Clay (45). Another is Coronado (2642); record, 2.40½; a bay stallion; 15-2 high; weight, 1,150 lbs.; by Corinder (426), with seven in the list; dam Flora McGregor, by the great race horse Robert McGregor, second dam by Billy Denton (65), third dam by imported Consternation. Coronado has shown quarters in 45 seconds. Then there is a promising non-standard horse Combat; 15-2; weight, 1,070 lbs.; by the celebrated Egmont, his dam being by Sam Hazzard, a noted sire of brood mares. A decidedly superior filly, Gallontine, by Acolyte, dam Carrie B., by Juggler, by Harold, sire of Maud S., unfortunately met with a severe fall in the car coming up which resulted in her death. Dr. R. Wilson, of Morden, secured the choice five-year-old mare Lady Mac, by Time Medium 2.27, by Happy Medium, the sire of Fullerton's Numidian, dam by Bob Burdette mentioned above. Another good one was Blazemont, a chestnut mare by Egmont, dam