

Our Jerseys.

It has always been the aim of the FARMER'S ADVOCATE to give all industries connected with agriculture, and all the various breeds of stock proper space in our columns. A breed which suits the conditions, surroundings and purposes of one man may not suit another. Every farmer should keep those breeds which are best suited to his land and his market facilities. Yet the natural bent of the mind should not be ignored. If you are a lover of horses, and despise sheep, you should find what breed of horses will pay you best, and endeavor to breed the best of the kind. Or if you love the bovine, and care nothing for the horse, select the breed most suitable to your requirements, and study how to make them pay the greatest profit for food consumed. In doing this, do not neglect any portion of the farm, but make a careful study of each department. In this issue will be found articles from several Jersey breeders. Mr. Reburn has long been famous for his finely-bred cattle. Mr. Reesor is also a firm believer in his favorites. Mr. John McClure is one of the rank and file of our Canadian yeomanry, and keeps Jerseys on his farm of 96 acres, because they pay him. He and his family do all their work and make a handsome profit off their little farm, as some of our western land owners would be disposed to call it.

Parliament.

Never before since our residence in Canada have the acts of the Dominion Parliament caused such an uprising and turmoil during any session as the one just closed. Sir John has lost the confidence reposed in him by a large number of his supporters. Many members that now appear in parliament will have such a shaking up, that their only chance to make money will be at one more session. Farmers, if you hope to save your farms from serfdom—worse than Southern slaves—you must unite on some grand point, and throw the Reform and Conservative cry aside. Thank goodness, there are some farmers in the legislative halls. They did good service, particularly the sixteen that asked for fair play in regard to agricultural publications. Their hands and their numbers must be strengthened. There are far too many legislators elected that know nothing about agriculture, and care less about its interests. The Fertilizer Act, the Corn Act, the Postage Act, all show disregard to the farmers' interests.

The grants of money recently made for agricultural purposes should be charged to election expenses. Mr. McMillan, a practical farmer of Huron county, gave them an eye-opener in regard to the Central Experimental Station. You should read his speech. Sir John replied that he had given them a pretty good toasting, but referred to the management of the Guelph College as being no better. In the last few days of the session, most important financial and land questions were brought into the house, after the majority of the members had been allowed to leave. Millions of dollars were voted to construct a competing railroad in New Brunswick, where the annual loss to the government on the Intercolonial Railroad is said to be about half a million dollars. The grant passed the Commons,

but was thrown out by the Senate. Mr. Reid, a farmer from Belleville, strongly opposed this when we were present in the reporters' seat. Mr. Perly, a farmer from Assiniboia, although a new member and appointed by the government, voted against the grant.

Our Subscription Prizes.

In the early part of last year we determined to give stock animals from some of the best herds and flocks in the province, as subscription prizes. We thought by this means to introduce good male animals into new sections, where they are much needed, and in old sections where the stock has been neglected. Despite our fine livestock displays at the great fairs, there are too many scrub sires in the country. While good, pure-bred animals are sold little above butchers' price, many farmers go on using scrubs, which is not only an individual but a national loss. We awarded, as subscription prizes, a number of hogs, sheep and poultry, and some excellent young bulls and heifers. The first prize awarded among the cattle was a beautiful young Hereford bull, bred by that well-known and justly popular breeder, Robert J. Mackie, Oshawa, Ont. Mr. Mackie wrote of this animal as follows:—"The Hereford bull, Valor, shipped for you to Mr. Samuel Jamieson, was got by Cecil (imp.), the silver medal bull at the Provincial in 1886. His dam was out of Victoria, the winner of silver

A Semi-Canadian County.

In our last issue we promised to give our readers a review of Messrs. Hubbard & Co.'s estate, which is situated in Huron county, Michigan, therefore sent one of our representatives to this locality, who reports as follows:—"Leaving London by the Great Western division of the Grand Trunk Railroad, May 6th, after a ride of 2½ hours we arrived in Port Huron, which is on the American side, opposite Sarnia. Here we took the Port Huron & North-western Railroad to Bad Axe, distant 70 miles. This is the county seat. It is a neat and promising town, with a population of 1,500, and is six miles from the centre of the land mentioned. As we proceed north from Port Huron, for a short distance the country is sandy, wet and cold; but soon it is more rolling and heavier, much resembling Western Ontario; as we go north it continues to improve. Seeding was finished, except on some badly-farmed, undrained land to be seen occasionally. Good houses, farm buildings and splendid young orchards, in very thrifty condition, are all along the line, especially a short distance east of the railroad track. Around Jeddo and Ammadore (see map 1) is a very fine country, which is well farmed. The spring grain was up on many farms, and looked well. Some as fine young orchards, fall wheat and clover, as one could wish to see are here. From Ammadore to Deckerville much of the land is good; here and there is a little wet, and sometimes light land; drainage, which in most cases can be easily done, would convert any of these tracts into fine grass land. The country presents a very fine appearance between Deckerville and Palms. Near the last-named place are some of the best fields of clover we ever saw, growing on land bought in 1886 for \$8 per acre. We were shown one field of 160 acres, the first crop on which produced enough wheat to pay all the expense of clearing it up, fencing, and for all labor incurred by the crop. The owner is a business man, and is forced to hire all his work done; he therefore knows exactly what his outlay and income is. Last year he says he sold from this land 240 tons of hay, on which his profits over expenses and interest was \$1,200.

A short distance north of Palms we leave Sanilac county, through which we have been passing since leaving Jeddo. We now enter Huron county, and from here to Bad Axe we pass through a very fine country, much of which is unimproved; but, when improved, it will equal or surpass any we have described. Just south and east of Bad Axe, the unimproved land is somewhat wet, but the area of wet land is small, and, when drained, will make excellent farms, especially for grazing. We now procured a team and drove east to Virona (see map 2); then north, up the Bad Axe & Virona State Road to Huron City, a distance of 25 miles. We frequently left the main road and drove in to visit improved farms, of which there are many. Mr. Hubbard has improved about 4,000 acres, all within ten miles of the county town. This land is divided into several farms, each of which is leased on shares, and are said to pay well. In and around Huron City (as shown on map), the



MAP NO. 1.

medal at the Centennial; and he has been a winner of a number of prizes as a calf and yearling himself. Victoria is nineteen years old, and has a fine young bull calf by Cecil."

The next animals awarded were two SPLENDID AYRSHIRES, a bull and heifer, bred by Mr. Thomas Guy, Oshawa, and won by Mr. Hugh Gourlay, Lanark, Ont. The bull sent this gentleman was a winner at all the great Canadian shows in 1887, and in 1888 won first at each of the following places: Industrial, Toronto; Western Fair, London; and at the Central, held at Whitby, Ont.; his sire (Stoneasley 4th) won first in his class for four years in succession at the Provincial, Toronto Industrial and other large fairs. The dam of the young bull awarded Mr. Gourlay was Oshawa Lass 2nd, which has won more prizes than any other cow in the Dominion. She has been first in her class at all the leading fairs, with few exceptions, for the past ten years. At the Toronto Industrial she won first as best milk cow, any breed, when only four years old. The heifer awarded to the same gentleman is equally as good as the bull, in all particulars. All the live stock and fowls so far awarded have given splendid satisfaction. We intend to continue first-class live stock and implements as subscription prizes. In our next issue we will describe some of the animals which we are now offering, among which are some fine cattle, sheep and swine.