

The person bringing the best pair of harness Horses, working abreast, a ploughshare and medal. The person bringing the next best, a whip and pair of spurs. The person bringing the largest and fattest wether Sheep, a pair of wool cards and a medal. The person bringing the best butter, not less than 12 lbs., 6 yds. ribbon and medal. The person bringing the best cheese, not less than 12 lbs., 6 yards ribbon and medal.

The day after the fair the following diversions :

The best running horse, a pr. Buckskin breeches. The next best, a whip and pr. of spurs. To the wrestler under 25 years, a laced Hat and medal. To the next best, a pr. Buckskin Gloves. To the person that shoots at a mark with a single ball, the best in two at 80 yds. distance, a pr. Buckskin breeches and medal.

An anonymous correspondent, whose envelope bears the Dartmouth postmark and the too frequent comment of our assiduous Halifax Postmaster, "6 cents more to pay,"—sends us the following slip from some publication, which we gladly reprint. Our correspondent has our best thanks. We hope there are no farmer-fathers in Nova Scotia like the one described :—

I have seen many a father more careful of his favorite horse, or a fine yoke of oxen than he is of his own son. The cattle he will work with moderation, allow them a fair nooning, and provide liberally for their wants. But how is it with many a farmer's boy? Called up early in the morning, hard at work before breakfast, with tools that no man could work with, yet good enough for the tender hands and growing muscles of a boy; his breakfast partly swallowed in about a quarter of the time that the horse is eating his; and then away to work, straining every muscle in his body to keep up with the men double his size. Cross words and sometimes blows are added to these, year after year, until he grows sick and discouraged with a farmer's life; and so he looks forward with joy to the day of his majority.

What wonder is it that so many of our young men are not willing to stick to the farm? What wonder that they look with distrust on such a life of servitude? And who wonders that so many farmers exclaim, "I can't make my boys like farming!" The remedy is simple; remember that they are boys, not men. Bring all the light, reading and science, of this enlightened age to bear on your noble profession. It is a noble profession, notwithstanding you make it slavery. Buy labor-saving machines, but not every new-fangled notion that is offered you by every traveling pedler, but those that have been tried in the fields as well as

puffed up in our city papers. When a machine has been tried and proved to be just the thing we want, buy it, and make the boys feel an interest in the work of the farm. Let them have a share of the profits of some field.

Subscribe for some good family paper for the boys; they will find good advice contained in its columns; it will make them enjoy a farmer's life; and they will soon begin to make a change for the better in the old homestead. The cattle will be cared for in a better manner; your work will be done at the proper season; and you will join in singing :—

"A farmer's life is the life for me;
I own I love it dearly."

When you do this, you will find no difficulty in keeping the boys at home; and you will thank the editor of the *Border* for publishing the article entitled: "*Keep boys at home.*"

The following communications, although dated respectively in January and April, have only reached us in July :—

Office of the Council of Agriculture,
Province of Quebec, City of Montreal,
January 2nd, 1877.

At a meeting of the Association of Breeders of Ayrshire Cattle, it was resolved as follows :

That the Ayrshire record kept here is now sufficiently extensive and important to be published in the form of an "AYRSHIRE HERD BOOK" and Wm. Rodden, Thos. A. Dawes and W. F. Kay are authorised to make all necessary arrangements and act as publishing committee of the book.

That the title of the book be the *Canadian and American Ayrshire Herd Book*.

That importers, Breeders and owners of Ayrshire Cattle in the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America, be invited to contribute to the book and join this organisation by entering for registration and publication the Ayrshire Cattle owned by them, by subscribing for the book when published, by payment of \$5.00 membership fee and joining this Association.

That the publishing committee is authorised to publish the full Pedigree of each animal, and for that purpose breeders or owners are required to furnish all information that may be necessary to make each pedigree as full as possible and complete in itself, to make the book a reliable Ayrshire record.

That each Pedigree offered for entry, registration and publication, will be submitted to the Committee of Ayrshire breeders, organised as authorised by the Council of Agriculture, and such Pedigrees as are by them found to be correct may be entered in the Canada Ayrshire

Cattle Register kept here for that purpose. Provided the pedigrees shall show, to their satisfaction, that the animals are pure bred Ayrshires imported from Europe or bred from imported sires and dams or their descendants.

In case of the absence or death of the breeder or importer or the loss of his cattle records, the committee of registration will have the right to require proof to their satisfaction that the animals are pure bred Ayrshires imported or descended from imported stock and entitled to be registered as such, and the breeder or owner of the animals and of the sire and dam, or both, will furnish a certificate signed by him or by them declaring to the correctness of the pedigree offered for registration.

When the animal to be registered is bred from animals not registered, it will be necessary to furnish satisfactory pedigrees of the sires and dams and enter the same for registration.

The pedigrees of future importations will be accompanied by the certificate of a reliable breeder, and the committee may also require the certificate of an officer of an agricultural society or similar organisation at or near the place of breeding, showing the breeder to be known to be a reliable breeder of pure bred Ayrshire Cattle.

The owner of the female or dam at the time of service by a bull will be entered as the breeder of the calf from the same. When the owner of the female is not the owner of the bull, a certificate of date of service or an endorsement of the Pedigree by the owner or keeper of the Bull will be required. When the owner of the animal is not the breeder thereof, the certificate of the breeder will be required declaring the pedigree offered for registration to be correct.

Purchasers of registered animals will be required to furnish transfers signed by the registered owner, and such transfers of ownership will be recorded in a book kept for that purpose; notices of deaths of recorded animals shall be entered in like manner.

Blank forms of Pedigrees and of transfers may be obtained from this office.

The following fees will be charged.

For admitting Importers, Breeders or owners of Ayrshire Cattle, as members of the "Association of Breeders of Ayrshire Cattle," five Dollars.

For each pedigree entered in the Register and published in the *Canadian and American Ayrshire Herd Book*, when owned by a member, fifty cents; when owned by persons not members, seventy-five cents.

For each certificate of registration, if such be required by the owner, Twenty-five cents.

For each certificate of recorded transfer