

## DE OMNIBUS REBUS.

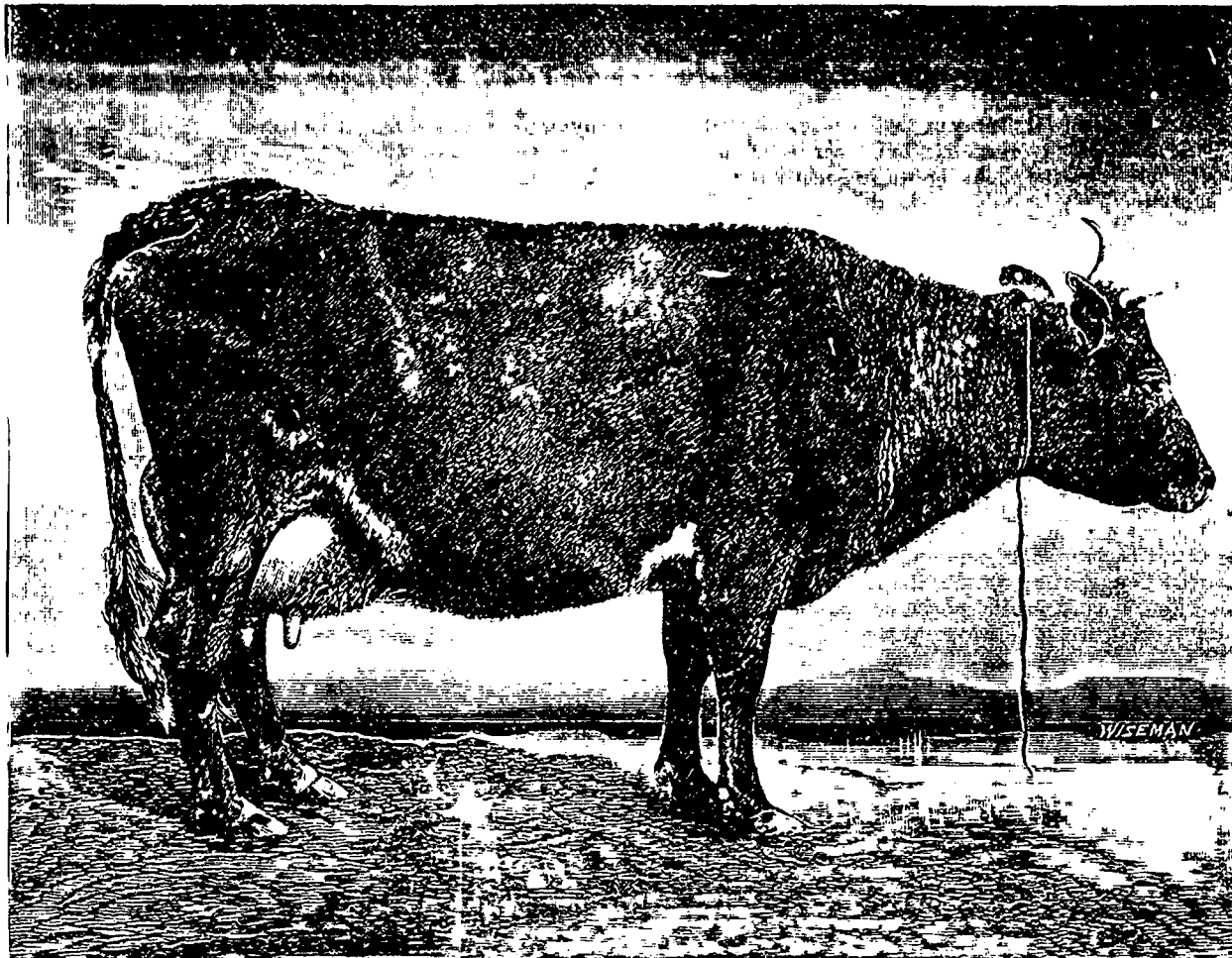
Box 23, Sorel. April 26th.

I hear that the number of boys imported into Canada under the auspices of Dr. Barnardo, whose charitable work I noticed in the last number of the Journal, will exceed, before the end of the season, two thousand four hundred.

Being called in by the respectable M. Proulx, the principal butcher at Sorel, to inspect a cow suffering from swollen udder, I recommended immediate milking, and the applica-

ploughed for wheat in the spring. The crop was almost entirely ruined by the red-weed.

A very fine lot of cabbages was grown by Mr. Gylling on the Fosbroke farm last year. The treatment was peculiar. After ploughing and the usual harrowing, the land was jammed down with an iron roller—twice over—the plants dibbled in by means of an iron crow-bar, and the heads were really splendid! Query—what would have happened to the crop in a dry year? I really don't know, but as I always roll my



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tion of Goulard's lotion. My advice was not taken, and two days afterwards, the cow, having calved, was slaughtered and the meat disposed of. I was surprised to see in the droppings of the animals tied up to fatten whole pease! Surely a man after 30 years experience, ought to know better than to give soaked pease to his horned stock!

Fall ploughing does not answer, doesn't it? Probably not, if the furrows are laid flat, or nearly flat. Still, anyhow, the harrowing in of seed in the spring will destroy the newly shot weed-seeds; whereas, on a newly ploughed surface, the exposed weeds will not start into life until the harrowing is over, and then they have every chance of overcoming the grain. This was forcibly impressed on my mind, last season when Mr. Sheppard, of the saw-mill on the Richelieu,

land for cabbages, and press the plants firmly, I am inclined to think that this queer-sounding treatment was correct. (1)

From England, I hear that the lambing season has been fruitful, in spite of a long continued frost in March. The wheat-plant, too, is good, and from the last accounts is making wonderful progress. Spring seeding was nearly finished, and the land worked well, as it must have done, seeing that the whole of March was frosty.

My worthy pupil, M. Séraphin Guévremont, went to Montreal on Sunday, April 25th, with 80 bushels of swedes,

(1) Mr. Gylling tells me that the iron bar was used to save stooping.  
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