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CALF RHARING.—Here we encounter a perplexity the solution of which is yet to be discovered. Our Ayrshires have brought us two nice heifer calves. If we are to get up a herd, these must be reared. We find that breeders of prize cattle give their calves full possession of their mothers, and sometimes have recourse to a supplementary cow. No wonder so many prize animals, pampered from birth, are good for nothing except the show ring. We don't mean to farm on any such principle. Fancy stock and fancy prices may do for specula-tors in Shorthorns, but what we want is good, square cattle-breeding, such as is practicable to the ordinary farmer. Well, we wish to give our Ayrshire helfers a fair chance to develop into wellgrown, healthy cows, aed we wish also to do it so that it will pay. There are various methods of half-starving calves on skim-milk, hay tea, etc. These must both stiut and stunt the young things. To feed them adequately and yet get a share of the milk, is the difficulty. So far, we are trying the plan of keeping the calves apart from the cows, letting them suck morning and evening, and milk-ing what we can at sucking time. Old farmers tell us the calves will monopolize more and more of the milk, natil they get it all, and then the cows will not "give down" when we want to wean the calves. At present we have pinned our faith to the following prescription in "British Husbandry," vol. 11,, page 442: "If the weather be fine, the calves should be, within a fortnight or three weeks, turned out daily in the orchard, or some well sheltered enclosure of sweet herbage, and as it will, in the course of ten or twelve weeks, have acquired some relish for the pasture, it may be regularly weaned by gradually diminishing the quantity of milk, and then substituting the skimmed for the new." After a trial of this method, we shall see if it works reasonably well. Should it prove unsatisfactory, we must have recourse to some other

MUCK.—All over the country this material is to be found in great abundance. Nearly every farm has more or less of it. In too many cases its value is unknown and it is left unused. We have been particularly pieased with a brief communication in regard to it which appeared recently in the New York Tribune. The writer E. W. Davis, of Oneida Co., N. Y., is referring to an article by Prof. Law on the proper material for stable doors for horses. He says: "It seems that all substances have their disadvantages—stone and brick being cold and injurious to the feet, would rapidly wearing out, besides soon becoming filled with execreta, contaminating the air, and thus rendering it unwholesome: earth is said to be the best for the feet but soon fills with noxious matter. Allow me to make a suggestion, which if followed, will render any sufficiently hard substance suitable for a stable floor, and at the same time obviate the objection mentioned above and furnish the very best material for the feet of the horse. My suggestion is that upon stall floors, however constructed, sufficient dry muck be spread to keep feet from the floor and abmuck be spread to keep leet from the noot and absorb all urine and noxious gases. If dry or nearly
dry muck be spread daily in the stalls the feet will
not be injured by stone or brick floors; wooden
floors will not be worn out, and the stable will be ke kept sweet and wholesome. Not only will the muck absorb the urine, but it will absorb the ammoniac odors arising from the freshly dropped dung that usually pervades nearly all stables. Dry muck is an excellent deodorizer, and can be profit-ably used in many other places besides the stable. There is another benefit. Horse manure is very apt to heat, so as to become fire-fanged, and in this way the manure is wasted. If a liberal quantity of muck be used in the stables the manure will heat only to such a degree as to be beneficial and loss will be prevented. Not only this, but the change that takes place in the manure induces such a change in the much as converts it from muck into manure The quantity of manuferthen is increased not only by the urine (which is worth as much as the dung) being saved, but by the muck, which saves the urine and absorbs the ammoniac vapor, itself being converted into manure richerin available nitrogenous material than common yard dues. Of course, straw can be used above the muck for bed-ding, from wishes but if the muck be well dried it makes an excellent substitute for straw, besides

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DINNING ESTATE.-The argument in the case of the Dinning estate came before the Court this morning, and created quite a sensation. Amongst the legal luminaries of Quebec, Mr. Holt appeared for the assignee, Mr. Owen Murphy, and for Messrs. Watson & Co., representing a claim of \$20,000. The entire claim is \$36,000, but \$16,000 is secured, leaving a balance of \$20,000. Mr. C. B. Langlois appeared for the other creditors, praying an order to revoke the resolutions which were made in opposition to Mr. Murphy, assignee. The case was ably pleaded before His Honor Mr. Justice Casault, who, on hearing the argument, took the case en delibere. Before the same Judge, two petitions were presented; one on behalf of Messrs Burstall & Co., the other for Mr. Samson. An exception to the form of the first was fyled by Mr. Holt, and a demurrer was made to the plea in the other case.

CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN'S MEETING, OTTAWA .- A large and enthustastic meeting of young men was held at St. Patrick's Hall, for the purpose of electing officers for the different branches of the above named Union. The following gentlemen were elected:—Branch No. 1.—President, John R Battle; Vice-do, Solomon Laveille; Secy-Treas. P Hennigan; Custodian-Marshal, Mr. Turner; Committee of Management, Messrs Conway, Farrell, Boucher and Regan. Fifty members. Branch No. 2.-President, Edward Cass; Vice-do, Thomas Owens; Secy-Treas., John Murphy; Custodian-Marshal, James O'Connel; Committee of Management, Messrs Dugald, Allaire, Watterson and McDonald. Fifty members. Branch No. 3.—President, J Jas Kehoe; Vice-do, E Bambrick; Secy-Tress, Alex McDonald; Custodian-Marshal, Mr Delaire; Committee of Management, Messrs Winters, Fanning, O'Connor and Larkin. Fifty members. Branch No. 4.-President, Dr St Pierre; Vice-do, James E Hurley; Secy-Treas, J N Favreau; Custodian-Marshal, Mr Doran; Committee of Management, Messrs Cloutier, Charron, McMullen and Holland. Fifty members. Branch No 5 will meet shortly and elect their officers. The Grand Council, consisting of the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the different branches also met and elected the following as the Executive. Grand President—J James Kehoe; Vice-President-Adolphe St Pierre, M D Secretary-Treasurer-Solomon Leveille. Councillors-Messrs Battle, Cass, Owens, Bambrick and Hurley. Mr Battle then addressed the meeting, and stated that he intended to form a first-class brass band, to be connected with the Union. (Loud cheers). Mr. Kehoe also stated a grand picnic would be held shortly. Dr. St. Pierre addressed the meeting in French, and said that all young French Canadians should form themselves into the branches of the Union to carry out the praiseworthy objects, viz:-To study literature, oratory, &c., to promote mutual good feeling among one another and to practice benevolence in case of sickness and trouble. Three cheers were then given for the newly elected Grand Council and three cheers for the Queen. The best Saw and Grist Mill Machinery. Shafting, Pullies, of order was maintained. There were over 400 young 1-y-36 men present.—Ottawa Citizen. ESTABLISHED 1864.

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