

**A Successful Farmer, Breeder and Legislator.**

Among the most successful farmers in Ontario, none has secured greater prominence than Mr. John Dryden, Brooklin, Ont., M. P. P. for South Ontario. As well as a farmer and breeder of undisputed ability, he occupies positions of trust in our agricultural affairs, and wields a commanding influence in our legislative halls. He resides upon the farm located by his father a half century ago, when the township in which it is situated was an entire wilderness.

The original homestead consisted of 230 acres. The present occupant has added farm after farm until his acres now number 400. The farm itself is in a very high state of cultivation, and every branch is managed with the most rigid economy

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Our engraving this month represents three of the flock. The ram in the foreground, Brecon Hero, was bred by J. E. Farmer, Ludlow, England, and hired by him for service last year for 30 guineas. He was awarded first prize in Toronto, and stood at the head of the pen winning first. The ewes in the picture were also

**Farmers, Organize!**

This is the best time of the year for organizing farmers' clubs. You should not trust your affairs to politicians any longer; if you do not attend to your own agricultural business, nobody else will, although many will pretend that they are doing so, in order to increase the public expenditures. Do not let other farmers do all the organizing, you reaping your share of the rewards and doing nothing to improve our agricultural affairs. This is unmanly. Put your shoulder to the wheel, and let all give one big push together.

When you organize a club in your neighborhood, consider that you can accomplish very little by yourselves, and you should, therefore, amalgamate with some central organization of



GROUP OF IMPORTED PRIZE SHROPSHIRE, OWNED BY MR. JOHN DRYDEN, M. P. P., BROOKLIN, ONT.

and prudence. The yield of grain is always above the average of the neighborhood and well repays the extra labor annually given to the cultivation of the soil. Mr. Dryden's success as a farmer, however, is not confined to grain growing. He has acquired a reputation which has extended beyond the borders of the province for the production of fine stock. At present, prominence is given to breeding three classes of stock, namely:—Clydesdale horses, Shorthorn cattle and Shropshire sheep. In this department Mr. Dryden's experience dates back some twenty-five years. From a small beginning, consisting of the purchase of one heifer, he has gone steadily forward until his herd now attracts attention over the entire province.

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Farmers, as a rule, spend too little time in the fall cleaning up their premises. The barn-yard, the house-yard, the wells, the stalls, etc., may all require a general overhauling for the sake of your own health and comfort as well as those of your stock. By composting all animal and vegetable refuse, you can make the cleaning up pay its own expenses.

some kind. There are several of these; choose the one which, in your opinion, will serve our agricultural interests best. By so working together you can accomplish marvellous results financially, educationally, morally and nationally.

Editor and proprietor of the best agricultural paper in our fair Dominion, the FARMER'S ADVOCATE AND HOME MAGAZINE: I have been without the ADVOCATE the past year; I now think I would like to have it again. Please find one dollar for this year.—JAMES A. HERON, Billings Bridge, near Ottawa.

Enclosed find \$1, being yearly subscription for FARMER'S ADVOCATE. A year ago I was advised to subscribe for another agricultural paper, which was represented to me as having more than a little merit; I did so, intending to drop the ADVOCATE for a year, but when I got said paper I concluded I could not do without the ADVOCATE. I dropped the journal at the end of a year. You are doing a noble work for the farmer, and I often speak words in your favor. I look for much good to be accomplished by the "Dominion Farmer's Council." I wish you continued success and usefulness.—JAMES SMITH, Owen Sound.