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The *Farmer's Advocate* of London, Ont., has the following remarks. We reproduce them because we think it most important that our farmers should comprehend broad and general issues:—

"OUR MARITIME CORRESPONDENT.—There has been a great change in the beef business here in the last few years. Instead of shipping beef to the English markets, as we did at that time, both Halifax and St. John butchers have been purchasing beef in Ontario. A great many farmers think that it does not pay to make beef at present prices, and so are either dairying or selling their stock. While the latter practice for a time brings in more ready money, it is conceded to be bad farming, except in localities where there are large tracts of meadow land that do not require manure. While not inclined to complain, I think farmers in all the provinces are feeling the sharp competition from outside, and are in a spirit to adopt all advanced methods as fast as their capital will admit, and it can be shown that the new is better than the old. Farmers' clubs and associations and conventions for the discussion of practical questions have been well attended this winter.

The new Agricultural School, established by the N. S. government, is not so well patronized by the farmers as it was hoped and expected it would be. It is an excellent school, however, and Professor Smith, who has charge of it, is a practical as well as a theoretical farmer; and he is so confident that the farm in connection with the school will more than pay its way, that he has agreed to give the government a fair per cent. for the money they have invested in it, the government to make all permanent improvements.

Interest in horse breeding continues to increase, and a number of fine horses have been brought into both provinces the last few weeks. New Brunswick and Nova Scotia claim that they can raise horses just as cheaply, and just as good animals, as they do in Prince Edward Island; and they