

Our Advertisers.

We are constantly receiving letters from subscribers in various parts of the Dominion and the United States asking us to give them the names of reliable breeders and importers of one sort of stock or another. We invariably refer them to our advertisers, and by this course we have made many sales for our patrons this season, entire satisfaction being the result in every case. The following letter from Mr. Wm. Clark, North Wiltshire, P. E. I., is very expressive and encouraging:—

"The lambs sent me have thrived wonderfully the short time I have had them. I exhibited them at our Provincial exhibition, and they captured first prize. Mr. Bell, Manager of our Government Stock Farm, was one of the judges of sheep, and said they were the best pair of lambs that were ever imported to the Island, and that I might think myself a lucky man to get such a pair. I might say that Mr. Bell has been in the best stock-yards of England and Canada, and is one of the best judges of sheep in the Dominion. My pen of ewe lambs were the centre of attraction at the sheep pens. I can now cordially thank you for recommending Mr. Jeffrey's sheep to me, which I did not feel like doing on their arrival, as I was pretty frightened about them.

We direct special attention to our advertising columns this month, as we can heartily recommend the stock, implements, etc., advertised. We never receive advertisements from dishonest or unreliable parties, if they are known to be such. We always make strict inquiries as to the value of the goods advertised and the honesty of the sellers. Should any of our readers discover dishonest dealings on the part of any of our advertisers, we ask that such be reported to us at once. During each year we refuse hundreds of dollars worth of advertising because we consider the goods advertised to be worthless or the character of the advertisers doubtful. No paper in America discriminates more closely in this matter than does the FARMER'S ADVOCATE.

The Winners of the Farmer's Advocate Prizes.

We append a short history of the draught mares and Jersey cattle that won our special prizes at the Provincial and Industrial fairs:—

THE DRAUGHT PRIZE.

The first of the trio is Darnley Maid, bred by John McMillan, Milton, Stranraer, Scotland; foaled May, 1885; sire Darnley (222); sire of dam Rosebery, by Prince of Wales (673); grand dam Young Nancy (4024); sire of grand dam Prince of Renfrew (664); g. g. dam Nancy, by Prince of Wales (673). It will be seen that this mare unites the blood Darnley (222) and Prince of Wales (673)—two of the best sires that ever appeared in Scotland. She was selected and imported by her owner, and purchased from David Riddle, Esq., Black Hall, Paisley. Whether she was exhibited in Scotland, we know not. She took first prize at the Western Fair in London, in 1888, and silver medal in St. Marys in the same year; and has taken six first prizes this fall, not including the FARMER'S ADVOCATE prize.

May Queen [182], bred by Jeffery Bros., Whitby, Ont.; sire Abbotsford (1565); dam Centennial Medalist [134], that took the gold medal at Philadelphia; sire Netherby (imp.) (1491); grand dam by Tinlock (imp.) [15], C. S. B.; g. g. dam by Duke of Wellington [94]; g. g. g. dam by Merry Farmer (imp.) [193]; g. g. g. dam by George Buchanan. May Queen was purchased

by Mr. Robinson in 1887, and took first prize and diploma at the Western Fair in London, in 1887, first prize and diploma in 1888, and first prize in St. Marys, and silver medal with her mate for the best team. She also took the silver medal at the Industrial in Toronto, this fall, for the best Canadian mare of any age; took six other first prizes this fall, and has never been beaten since she came into my possession. It is claimed by competent judges that she is the equal of her illustrious dam in every particular; and she has a yearling filly that bids fair to surpass her, having never been beaten yet.

Lady Canaby was foaled in 1881, bred by Thos. Robinson, Kintore; sire Canaby (imp.) (1407); dam Jean of Kintore [249]; sire Lord Haddo (imp.) (1477); grand dam by Captain Watt (imp.) [231] 400; g. g. dam by King of the West (imp.) [185]; g. g. g. dam London Tam [127] 18 (1482). This family has been bred in line for over thirty years, and has been retained in Mr. Robinson's family and handed down from father to son. Jean of Kintore died in his possession, and was one of the most successful mares in the show ring in this part of the country, as well as being a splendid breeder. Lady Canaby has been shown six times this fall, and has taken first every time; she is also a splendid breeder.

THE DAIRY PRIZE.

Mrs. E. M. Jones, Brockville, Ont., writes:— I send you a brief description of my three Jerseys, which were fortunate enough to win the elegant silver service awarded by you at London, for the three best dairy cows. Many years ago I decided that Stoke Pogis 3rd was the greatest bull that ever lived, and Signal ranked next, and my herd was, therefore, built up chiefly of those two strains. Unfortunately none of my best St. Lambert cows were in condition to go to the fall fairs, being too near calving to be moved without risk. I had, therefore, to eke out the herd with three Signals, viz:—

MISS SATANELLA 10 1/2 lbs butter a week; 38 lbs. milk daily on first calf.	MASTER VERMONT.	COMPO BOY.	SIGNAL.
		Full brother to Croton Maid, 21 lbs. 11 oz. butter in 7 days.	LUCILLA. One of the greatest milkers known.
SATANELLA 30 quart milker.	MISS VERMONT	MISS VERMONT	SIGNAL.
		Imp., 16 lbs. 5 oz. butter in 7 days.	MALDEN OF JERSEY.
		COMMANDER IN CHIEF.	SIGNAL.
		SIGNALIA. Signalia and Maiden of Jersey were two of the best cows of their day.	

On second calf, at four years old, Miss Satanelle made the following test for one month, commencing May 13th, 1889:—

	Butter.	
	lbs.	oz.
First week	16	3
Second week	17	12
Third week	18	7
Fourth week	18	10
Three days	7	13 1/2
Total for 31 consecutive days	78	13 1/2

Mark the steady increase in gain. The test was then discontinued for two weeks, when we tried her again for one week, result—20 lbs. 6 oz. of magnificent butter. During any of her tests her milk yield never fell below 35 lbs. a day, and never rose above 42 lbs. Her feed was fairly good pasture, and each morning she had three quarts ground oats, one quart ground peas, and one quart wheat bran, mixed and fed on a little cut hay. Every evening she had the same. Sometimes she ate it all and sometimes she did not, but no one ever waited for her; she went

out to pasture with all the other cows night and day, and was fed and milked only twice a day like all the rest. It is not only the quantity of milk and butter that stamp Miss Satanelle as a great performer, but the moderate amount of feed and care, such as any farmer could bestow on his stock with profit. Miss Satanelle was just five years old at time of test. She is a large, handsome, orange-fawn cow, splendid udder and teats, fine constitution, placid temper.

The second cow in the test was Bertha Signal 28624, dropped March 17th, 1884.

BERTHA SIGNAL. 28624.	VERMONT BOY 577.	COMPO BOY	SIGNAL
		2830. Full brother to Croton Maid, 21 lbs. 11 oz. butter in 7 days.	1170.
		MISS VERMONT	LUCILLA
		7098.	(imp.) 2735. 14 lbs. butter in 7 days; 21 1/2 qts. milk a day at 11 years old; 4,024 qts. milk in 274 days.

Solid light fawn, dark points, superb udder and escutcheon, splendid form and constitution. Please note the breeding and see how closely she is related to Miss Satanelle. I never tested Bertha Signal in any way at all, not even by setting her milk in a glass; but, from the quantity and richness of her yield, we always considered her one of our best. The result shows that we were not mistaken, for she was in the test close upon the heels of Miss Satanelle.

The third cow was Lulu Delle, five years old, solid, smoky fawn, not a large but a most perfect and beautiful cow, with superb udder and teats. She goes three times to Marins, the sire of Signal. The only test ever made of Lulu was last August. She ran in very poor pasture, and had a small bran mash night and morning—not a handful of grain of any kind whatever—and she made over 12 lbs. butter a week, as yellow as gold and as firm as wax.

I do not consider any of these cows at their best at time of test. They were all five years old, which is a good age, but Miss Satanelle was almost six months in milk and again in calf. Bertha Signal had not calved a month, and was exceedingly thin, as we had feared milk fever. Lulu Delle was six weeks calved, but she also was far too thin. The three Ayrshires competing showed a profit of a little more than thirteen per cent. on value of food consumed. My three Jerseys showed forty-seven per cent. profit on food consumed. Anyone can draw their own inference.

If men were so constituted that they would tell of their mistakes, as quickly, and with as much gusto, as they brag of their successes, it would be money in the pockets of lots of us who will be following up in the future, some perhaps already exploded projects.

Col. McClure, editor of the Philadelphia Times, recently very wisely said:—"Newspapers are very often criticised for what they print, but if it were known how much credit they merit for what they don't print, or for the nonsense they whack out of what they do print, they would command a much more generous judgment."

A day's drive now and then in different directions is very instructive to those who "keep their eyes and ears open." Some one has said that manners are best learned of the unmannerly. To the observant, the neglected, slipshod, ill-kept farm is at times as instructive as the well-kept and carefully tilled one. I have often returned from such a drive both encouraged and reproved, and incited to greater diligence and effort. Farmers should cultivate the art of close observation, and of taking a hint whenever found.