

ing should easily be obtained. Parkside 9280 was met coming down the street hitched to a round cart. He is a bright bay nearly sixteen hands high and I should judge would weigh 1650 lbs., three years old this spring. He was sired by Clay 2,25, a son of Electioneer, sire of Sunol 2,10½, Palo Alto, 2,12½ and sixty others to beat 2,30, dam Maid of Clay, who was also dam of Carrie C. 2,24, Cap Smith 2,29, and Clay (gelding) 2,25½. Parkside's dam was Unita by Gen. Benton 2,34½ sire of fifteen in the 2,30 list. His owner Mr. Brennan editor of the P. E. L. Agriculturist has made no mistake in bringing such a choice bred horse to the Island and can not help but reap good fruits from his selection. Any person visiting Summerside should not fail to give Mr. Brennan a call and they will be amply repaid by seeing his well bred stock of which he has quite a number.

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A Farmers Club.

Colonel Maunsell of Fredericton, although a military man, takes great interest in the agricultural interests in this country. It is through him that a "farmers club house" has been erected at Upper Kingsclear, York, Co., N. B. The building is quite large and possesses a very neat appearance. The members of the club meet every Tuesday and Saturday evenings, with an occasional lady's day, when their wives, sisters and sweethearts accompany them to the house and help while away the leisure hours with music and other social entertainments. Debates are often held, and the leading newspapers and periodicals are taken. Mr. George Cliff is the president. The colonel predicts that in a few years the country will be dotted with "farmers club houses," and the benefit derived from them will be incalculable.

An Enterprising Stock-Breeder.

When we compare the maritime provinces to Ontario and some portions of Quebec as regards the raising and importing of pure bred live stock, the result is not pleasing, for we find that the "three provinces down by the sea" are in the rear instead of at the head. But this country has a future; the "signs of the times" denote that the day is not far distant when the best horses, the best cattle and the best sheep will be demanded by our people, and nothing short of the pure article will satisfy them. When that day arrives the "scrub" will be compelled to take a back seat, which he ought to have occupied long ago. It is simply a matter of time, education and the survival of the fittest.

In order to bring about reforms of any kind, pioneers are necessary. Their lot is not a happy one, for their efforts do not receive that appreciation which they deserve. We have our pioneers, and they are slowly but surely getting in the thin edges of their wedges all over the country. The subject of our sketch, Mr. John B. MacKay, the proprietor of the Egerton Stock Farm, at Stellarton, N. S. is not one of the least of these pioneers, and he has got his wedge in past the thin edge.

Mr. MacKay, who is 28 years of age, is the son of Mr. James MacKay of the same place, who built the first silo in Nova Scotia. After receiving a good education in Pictou county, he entered the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, Ont., in 1885, and graduated with honors after taking a two-year course. When he returned home he was



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not empty handed, but brought down four Shorthorn cows and a bull. In 1880 he went to Greenwood, Ont., and purchased from Mr. Arthur Johnstone, of that place, the famous pure bred Clyde stallion "Jamie the Laird," a direct importation from Scotland, and two pure bred mares of the same breed. "Jamie" made a name for himself in Nova Scotia, and was recently bought by Mr. B. G. Sewell of Springhill Farm, Fredericton. In 1889 Mr. MacKay commenced breeding Holsteins and has ever since devoted a great deal of his attention to that breed, without losing sight of his favorites, the Clydes. Egerton Stock Farm has often been called the "home of the Clydes," and has on it at present two four-year-old stallions, Royal Victor 1154, and Scotsman 601, besides a yearling stallion, eligible for registration, and four

pure bred mares, Lily 1,000, Polly 283, Minnie Mayflower 175, and Polly Mack, 1120, and an English Hackney stallion Lord Bardolf, registered in the English Hackney Stud Book, and imported direct by Mr. Sewell of Fredericton.

The animals in the Holstein herd most deserving of mention are the pure bred six-year-old bull De Prince 654, N.H.H.B. American Branch, two cows, De Kloeine 452, and Susan 673, both N. H. H. B., and two pure bred heifers, eligible for registration.

Notwithstanding the fact that Clydes English Hackneys, Holsteins and Shorthorns abound on the farm, the enterprising proprietor has managed to find room for a flock of fifty pure bred Shropshire sheep, headed by the ram D. D. Dyer, imported from John Dryden of Brooklyn, Ont. Thirteen of the ewes are registered in the Canadian Shropshire Herd Book.

Mr. MacKay always turns up at most of our maritime provincial exhibitions, and generally captures first prizes. He is also a well known horse dealer and is continually buying and selling those animals. His farm contains 450 acres and is situated one and a half miles from Stellarton R. R. depot. He believes in good barns, the silo, and evergreen hedges in place of fences, and consequently has all these on his premises.

This journal wishes him and his brother pioneers that success which their efforts deserve.

TRENTON.

S. & W. Agricultural Society.

This society held their April meeting at Point de Bute, N. B., on 20th ult., Mr. W. Irwin, the vice-president, presiding in the absence of the president J. J. Anderson. The attendance was large and considerable business was done. The prize list was changed in many particulars. In class eight draught horses other than pure bred, the prize on Stallions three years old and upwards was struck off, and the prizes in sections two were made \$4.00 and \$3.00. In class nine as last year the prize for roadster driven by a lady, was dropped, and a prize of \$4.00 was offered for a stallion of any age. Sections one and eleven were struck out and four prizes added, two for brood mares for general purposes, with foal by her side, and two family carriage horses. A prize was also given in this class for four year old roadster. On motion of F. A. Dixon, seconded by Albert Anderson, Esq., it was resolved that two prizes of ten and five dollars each be offered for the Fall of 1892, as special prizes for sucking colts sired by Lord Clyde. There were no other changes of any importance excepting that Polled Angus were dropped off the list, and some additions were made to class sixteen.