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A SKETCH FROM LIFE

Of stock grown at the Eschol Grove Stock and Dairy Farm. The property of Mr. James Moodie, Chesterville, Ont.

Eschol Grove Stock and Dairy Farm.

The more we travel over this magnificent Province, the more fully are we convinced of its wonderful capabilities as an agricultural country. We expect to find deep alluvial deposits in the great river basins of the Northwest, and indeed in every prairie country; but who would dream of looking for a soil on the banks of the Nation, in the county of Dundas, which in some parts, at a depth of 22 feet, is similar to that at the surface, and yet that such is the fact we were assured by Mr. Thos. Carlyle, a resident, who some 24 years ago commenced contention with the beavers of those lowlands with the results—a well-cleared farm, a good brick house, fine barns, windmill, and imported stock. Men with a little capital might find it profitable to prospect on the banks of the Nation, where the abundance of the accumulations of the forgotten ages of the past would pour prosperity into the lap of him who converts their fatness into agricultural productions.

In this land of richness, facing the Nation, 3½ miles from Chesterville and 17 miles from Morrisburg, on the G. T. R., lies the Eschol Grove stock and dairy farm, owned by Mr. James Moodie, who settled

here in 1876, and who since that time has been breeding dairy cattle, chiefly of the Jersey and Jersey-grade types, and horses of various breeds and breeding, from the imported heavy draught Clyde down to the neat little Exmoor pony. The telegraph station is Chesterville, and two daily stages communicate with Morrisburg.

The farm comprises 260 acres and almost every variety of soil. It is unpretentious in appearance, with buildings of a similar type, the long levels of the fields being dotted occasionally with a branching oak or graceful elm growing in a soil, the returns of which are only limited by the industry of the tiller. A windmill pumps the water, the herald of progress, and the varied forms and shapes and hues of the live-stock that roam upon the meadows give evidence of the experimental turn of mind of the proprietor of Eschol Grove.

Mr. Moodie keeps a Jersey dairy herd of about a dozen animals, four of which are pure, and all largely made up of Stoke-Pogis blood. The butter made from this herd is sent to Montreal by way of private trade, and grade Jerseys are occasionally sold. The bull of course is pure-bred. About a dozen Shorthorn

grade calves are bred yearly. Oftentimes two are suckled by one cow. The Shorthorn bull Goodwit, bred by Mr. Gibb, formerly of Compton, is kept for this department of the work.

Mr. Moodie breeds quite a variety of horses. There is first an imported Clyde mare of a high order, two fine grade Clyde mares, 1,500 lbs. apiece, a number of Percheron and Clyde grades (younger), a couple of Welsh ponies, and, at the time of our visit, October 10th, thirteen head of Shetland and Exmoor ponies.

There is, however, to be more of concentration of effort in the breeding of horses. Pure-bred and high-grade Clydes are to receive more prominence, and of the pony breeds the Exmoors are to get the place of honor. A brisk drive behind a span of these, weighing about 800 lbs. (the two), convinced us of their powers of speed and also of endurance. They can be purchased here any day for from \$100 to \$200 each, as Mr. Moodie has always a supply of them on hand. The tiny little young ones were to us a pleasant sight, infinitely ahead of that of Chang, the Chinese giant.

Collie dogs are also bred, black-and-tan in color, with white markings, and coats not too smooth.