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HAYING OPERATIONS AT RIVERSIDE FARM

The Home of Messrs. M. Richardson & Son, Caledonia, Ont. A Modern Farm and Farm Home.

RIVERSIDE FARM, Caledonia, Ont., some 16 miles from Hamilton, is one of those farms of which every person who has visited it, speaks in praise. Recently a representative of The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World spent a few hours at this farm, just as haying operations were being commenced. The expeditious manner in which the work was performed, proved most interesting, as did a number of other features of this splendidly managed farm.

The farm consists of some 450 acres, of which 80 acres are in Lucerne hay, not counting 15 acres that were seeded down last spring. Having such a large area under hay, has made it necessary for the proprietors, Messrs. M. Richardson, and his son, Mr. J. W. Richardson, who now has chief control of the farm operations, to use only the latest and best machinery. The cutting is done in the morning. The hauling is done in the afternoons. Three men and three boys haul and mow away 16 to 20 loads of hay in an afternoon.

Three wagons and three teams are used. While one wagon is being loaded in the field by means of a hay loader, which has given excellent satisfaction, the second is being driven to the barn, and the third is being unloaded in the barn. One of the three teams is used on the hay sling at the barn. One of the men takes charge of the loading of the hay, assisted by a boy as driver, another boy is kept driving back and forth from the field to the barn, while the third boy manages the team that is used on the hay sling. One man has charge of the hay sling and the third looks after the mowing away. When this staff is at work, the rapidity with

which the hay is loaded, hauled and mowed away is most interesting. Each person has his special work, and no time is lost.

This farm is one of the most modern and up-to-date that we have ever visited. On many large farms the rush of farm work is such that numerous small details are neglected, and frequently an appearance of untidiness is the result. Not so on Riverside Farm.

A MODERN FARM HOUSE

As we drove up to the louse the impression received was most favorable. Everything about the approaches of the house and around the stables and barn yard, was tidy and well kept. A nice hedge added greatly to the pleasing appearance of the splendid farm house, that is illustrated in the adjoining column. This farm house is one of the best in the section, in fact, in the province.

While building up their farm and their splendid herd of Holstein Friesian cattle, the Messrs. Richardson have not neglected their farm home. The house is of brick, and four stories high. It has all the modern conveniences, including a furnace, hot and cold water, bath room and closet, and hardwood floors throughout the lower flat. Several large bay windows on the second and third floors add greatly to the appearance of the house both inside and out. On the lower flat, folding doors are used between the living room, parlor and library, with the result that all the rooms can be thrown into one.

The water is pumped, by means of a windmill, to a tank in the attic. The windmill has been so constructed that after the wants of the house are supplied the surplus water is conveyed by means

of a pipe to another tank in the barn. Water is kept constantly before the live stock. Realizing the importance of good sanitation, the Messrs. Richardson made arrangements by which the sewerage of the house is carried off by a pipe a distance of some 600 feet from the buildings.

Mrs. Richardson, Sr., is a great lover of flowers. In summer the grounds surrounding



Home of M. Richardson & Son, Caledonia, Ont.

This house is a modern one in every respect. It is fitted throughout the lower flat with hardwood floors. Modern conveniences are to be found there, bathroom, hot and cold water, sanitary sewage disposal, etc., the water for all purposes being pumped by a windmill. The front of the grounds are adorned by a neat hedge.

the house have many nice plants, while in winter the bay window in the large living room is a mass of bloom.

SOME FINE CATTLE

The chief feature of the farm is a splendid herd of Holstein Friesian cattle. About a year and a half ago the Messrs. Richardson had a sale of much of their stock. They retained, however, many of their best animals with the result that their herd comprises numerous fine specimens. Space does not permit of a detailed description of the herd being given in this issue beyond saying that it has been bred from some of the most noted milk producing strains of Holstein Friesian cattle in the world. Several of the cows in the herd have made large records in official tests. The stock was in excellent condition.

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Being anxious to obtain a description of their methods of growing Lucerne, Mr. J. W. Richardson was asked for information on this point. "We find," said Mr. Richardson, "that we obtain the best results by cutting as soon as the blossoms commence. If Lucerne is allowed to go too long before being cut it deteriorates. We cut only what we can handle properly, sixteen to twenty loads."

"In haying weather cutting is started at nine or ten o'clock in the morning. Now that we have a hay loader and side delivery rake we do not do as much tending as we used to, unless the weather is unfavorable. Instead, we let the



STACKING HAY BY HORSE POWER

This hayrack upon the farm of Richardson & Son, of Caledonia, Ont., contained over 30 tons of hay. The scaffolding was anchored to the tree at the left. With this contrivance, one man built this stack with ease. The hay came out in the best of condition. A wire cable furnishes the track upon which the car runs.