

The calves of the year were, as I said before, in good fettle; that is, they were fat enough, and had that peculiar *bloom* on their coats which always denotes a healthy, thriving condition. Quiet, and not easily scared, they took my inspection as tranquilly as a lot of thoroughbreds would: a sign that they are in the habit of receiving daily visits from their owner—it is the *master's eye*, &c.—“The proverb is somewhat musty.” These calves had evidently not been brought up on skim-milk.

*Dairy.*—The produce of the cows is here converted into butter. There was nothing particular to be noted as to the dairy or its management; in fact, I should say if in any district it would pay to send round instructors in the art of butter-making, it would pay here. All the butter I saw was strong in flavour and *salvy* in appearance, and the price was agreeable to the quality—13 cents to 15 cents a pound.

ing. His are a good, useful stamp of animal, about 13 cwt. each when in fair condition. Four seem a large allowance for eighty acres of land; but one or two breed colts every year; Mr. Aries has to drive about a good deal; and the land is *really* worked. He ought to know something about horses, as he castrates, he told me, from 300 to 400 colts every season. Where on earth can he find such a lot of male animals to work on?

A dozen ewes are not a large flock, but when the twelve rear a lamb and a half apiece, they with their young ones make a pretty show. M. Aries' sheep may be described as Canadian-Leicester-Cotswold, the ewes are of a fair size: they would, if fat, probably dress about sixty-four pounds each. The services of a Hampshire-down or a Shropshire ram would promote the early maturity of the produce, increase the clip of wool, and wonderfully improve the quality



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Until this season, M. Aries sent his milk to the factory, but the terrible fall in the price of cheese last year caused the closing of the establishment within reach of this farm, and the butter-business is the result. I don't believe that, taking the average of years, anything pays better than making *good* butter; but how few of our farmers' wives can do this! In this large market of Sorel, an ancient dame, M<sup>de</sup> Rajotte, has been receiving twenty-five cents a pound for all her make, ever since May; the market price for the next quality was, at the highest, eighteen cents, but there was very little of it to be had, a difference of all but forty per cent. My friends in Montreal are continually writing to me about the impossibility of getting good butter; and, yet, it is very strange, I go down to Sherbrooke for a few days, and I, even I, who have not tasted butter for two years, ate bread and butter three mornings with avidity!

The Horses kept on this farm were four in number: half-bred Clyde and Canadian. M. Aries, like most of his neighbours, knowing that horses should draw by throwing their weight into the collar, does not care to use ponies for plough-

ing of the mutton. I was sorry to see the ram-lambs still uncastrated. I have often insisted, in this periodical, on the folly of this neglect. It was only last week that a really admirable leg of lamb, which was served up at my table, turned out almost uneatable, so strong was the *rammish* flavour of the meat. People ought to know that among a dozen ewes, there will always be one or two that come into season earlier than the rest, and if an uncastrated lamb has free access to them, his natural passions are excited, the usual results follow, and his flesh is spoilt for consumption for several weeks, if not months.

I was in hopes that farmers in general were giving up the vicious practice of shearing their sheep unwashed. Such, I regret to say, is not the case. Mr. Hale, of Sherbrooke, tells me that almost all his neighbours clip first, and hardly any of them dip their sheep afterwards. Of course, if long-wools are in question, and they have to be shorn in April, though I cannot see the necessity for it, tub-washing at that season is a troublesome and perhaps a dangerous job. But as a general rule, sheep need not be washed before 20th of May, and