

carry them on for next year's crop. I think any farmer that would buy shorts at \$26 and bran at \$25, as has been the price around here this fall, is beside himself, seeing the price of hogs. Mr. J. C. T. certainly has a better farmer's view than Prof. Day, and I think speaks more from experience than experiment. If the farmers could put their heads together more, as the packers do, we would have better prices, there would be no gluts, and the packers and Prof. D. would not dictate. We could then live and let live, and would not feel like giving away our hogs for 5c. The farmer knows his own business best, and I think if Prof. Day was an average farmer instead of what he is, he would be apt to be led away with the panic, as he calls it. Where does Prof. D. make his living, from the farm or the farmer? Experiments are all right in their place, but are no use on the average farm, as "time is money."

J. G.
Huron Co., Ont.

WHY HE LIKES THE OLD F. A.

Editor "The Farmer's Advocate":

Bein' an old man an' about to renew my subscription to yer paper, I jist thought I'd give ye a few reasons why I subscribe fur "The Farmer's Advocate."

1st, good print. Now, good print means a great deal to an old feller like me. I hate a paper I've got to foller the line with my nose to get the good out of it (that is, if there is any). Ye must have good hands rummin' yer machine, an' keepin' it filed up. A man might read it Sundays an' not vex his self finding out what it's got ter say. That's one reason.

Now, fer the 2nd reason. I'll sot it down in big letters—TRUTH. Say, that is the word, the giant among all words, an' I have red yer paper sence '71, an' I can't say I ever se'd any thing else in it. Say, I am an old man an' I haint easy fooled on what folks has ter say. Ye never miss lead a feller. Fer instance, when a man dies, "The Farmer's Advocate" allers says so. It don't say he's past away. Passin' away, friend, an' dien, is 2 different things. A man may go to the Northwest; he passes away but he haint dead—the I suppose he might as well be. I don't like this foolin' around about death. Death is sure to come to a feller, jist as sure as tatter bugs in June, an' Paris green won't save him, an' I am glad "The Farmer's Advocate" haint got the passin' away systum of notification when a man dies.

Reason No. 3: I heerd the preacher say onst he could allers tell a man by the company he keeps. "The Farmer's Advocate" keeps company with the greatest folks on earth, like Prof. Dean, Prof. Day, Mr. Clemons, Laura Rose, Miss McMurchie an' Geo. Rice, who is the father of Canadian cowmology. In speekin' of Miss Rose, I would like to tell ye an incident that happened. She was wonst makin' butter under a big beech tree at a country fair. I was ther, me an' Martha (that's ma wife). Ye see, I have drank a heap of buttermilk in my time, an' I pretend to be a judge, an' I says to the young gal: "Miss Rose, won't that water yer putin' in that churn spile the buttermilk?" Then she gin me a look, an' says: "Sir, it is not buttermilk I am makeing." Martha laughed, an' to this day she allers says when I am a huntin' up buttermilk: "Old man, it haint buttermilk I am makeing." But the gals an' old wemmen got a good lessen that day from Miss Rose, an' so did I.

Geo. Rice, he's another chum o' yours. He won't act as judge o' cows at fairs. Lots don't know the reason, but I can tell. He knows that much about a cow that he knows exactly what he don't know, an' that's where most fellers lack judge.

Geo. has gon' in ter Ayrshires, but jist fer experiment sake. So fur as I am concerned, I haint much again Ayrshires, only there heigh protective policy—there horns are allers pointin' to a feller's eye (but he chased Mr. Clemons close enough at the Winter Fair). I was scart he might get there. Folks ask me what de ye like Holsteins fer, an' I allers say, cas they give the most milk—there's no other reason fer lovin' a cow that I know of. Now, befor I insart my dollar an' half, I intend dedicatin' an' inscribin' to Geo. Rice, his Ayr, and successors forever, these three riddels:

Geo., why is a Holstein cow like a wheelbar? Caus there's no tellin' how fur they'll go if you shove 'um.

Geo., why is a Holstein cow like a true sport? Caus she never gets so full she can't mind her own business.

Geo., why is a Holstein cow like a preacher? Caus she often wears a black coat an' white tie, an' is allers fond o' good stuff to eat.

Now, Sir, I must insart my dollar an' half. Martha says 'twould suit me better to buy overalls with it. But, says I, can't I buy overalls with eggs? Haint we gitten the paper fer half what it's worth, an' what more de ye want?

OLD FARMER.

A SATISFIED SUBSCRIBER AND CORRESPONDENT.

I thank you very much for article sent, and am more than repaid. Your treatment of me has ever been liberal and kind, and I appreciate it very much. My girls are quite interested in the paper, and make inquiries as "Did the 'Advocate' come?" would make one believe it was a favorite. With best wishes.

H. T. HAYES.
King's Co., N. B.

CANADIAN JERSEY CATTLE CLUB.

The eighth annual meeting of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club was held in the Walker House, Toronto, Monday, December 30th. The attendance was one of the largest in the history of the Club. One striking feature was the large number of young men present, and all deeply interested in the proceedings, and displaying an enthusiasm for the breed that shows a determination to keep the Jersey cow at the head of the procession for years to come.

In the absence of the President, Mr. B. O. Bull, Vice-President, presided. The Secretary, R. Reid, Berlin, presented a very interesting report, which he prefaced by a few remarks, stating that the Canadian Club has had to contend against many difficulties, owing to the fact that the majority of the Jersey breeders in Canada are allied with the parent organization—the great American Jersey Cattle Club of New York—the wealthiest and most influential live-stock organization on the continent. The Secretary appealed to all Jersey breeders in Canada to loyally support our own Canadian Herdbook, as its requirements for registration are exactly the same as that of the A. J. C. C. The National Live-stock Record Board, under the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa, has given eminent satisfaction in the handling of the Herdbook for the Club.

The Treasurer's statement showed a balance on hand, November 30th, 1907, of \$408.30; registrations from Jan. 1st to Nov. 30th, 318; transfers from Jan. 1st to Nov. 30th, 27; fees received for registrations, \$274.

Mr. J. Brant, Accountant of the National Live-stock Records, Ottawa, and Mr. Robert Miller, Chairman of the Record Committee, were present, and addressed the meeting, which deepened the confidence of the breeders in the manner in which the Department is carrying out the wishes of the various live-stock associations.

It was decided that cattle registered in the English Jersey Herdbook must trace in unbroken lines to the Island of Jersey before being admitted to the Canadian records. Also, where sire and dam are registered in A. J. C. C., we demand a certificate of transfer where there has been a change of ownership.



Geo. A. Brodie, Bethesda, Ont.

President Ontario Experimental Union, 1908.

A communication was read from H. S. Pipes, Amherst, N.S., stating that a branch of the Club had been formed in Halifax, composed of breeders from the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Pipes was commended for his interest in the Club, and a vote of thanks tendered him by the meeting. The desire was expressed that a similar association be formed in the West.

The Secretary was voted \$50 for his services for 1907. Mr. John A. Perree, Secretary of the Island Herdbook, was made the Club's agent on the Island.

Office for 1908: President, R. J. Fleming. Vice-President, For Ontario, D. O. Bull and D. Duncan; Quebec, H. W. Edwards; Maritime Provinces, H. S. Pipes; Western Provinces, W. V. Edwards; British Columbia, H. W. Bevan. Sec.-Treas., R. Reid, Berlin. Board of Directors—F. L. Green, T. Porter, R. W. Hodson, S. J. Lyons, R. Tufts. Representatives on Fair Boards—Toronto, D. O. Bull; Ottawa, P. Clark; London, B. Lawson; Winnipeg, W. V. Edwards; Calgary, John Turner; Halifax, H. S. Pipes. Judges—Toronto, J. E. Dodge, Nabeth, Penn.; Ottawa, S. J. Lyons; Winnipeg and Brandon, H. G. Clark; London, H. A. Dolson; Calgary, J. L. Clark; Halifax and St. John, H. G. Clark. Delegates to the National Live-stock Convention—R. Reid and L. J. C. Bull. Representatives on the National Dairy Show Com.—S. Wicks, L. J. C. Bull and D. Duncan.

The meeting appointed President Fleming to represent the Club at the next meeting of the directors of the A. J. C. C., to endeavor to get that body to recognize the Canadian herd register, so that our breeders will not be compelled to register in both books.

The meeting then adjourned, and was entertained at dinner by the President and Mr. W. P. Bull.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND NOTES.

The first few days of December started in very winter-like. About a foot of snow fell, and the gale at the same time piled it all up in banks, road breaking was the order of the day, and it looked as though winter had come to stay. Most of us packed away our wagons for the winter, as we thought, but the weather took a mild change, and day after day the snow kept wasting until the 12th, when teams could be seen plowing all day, and it gave "Peter Tumble-down" a chance to get the balance of his root crop saved in second-class condition, but the following day it was hard and fast again.

Prices have acted somewhat strange this fall. Pork started in at 8½c. dressed for best quality, and in a few weeks it had dropped just 2 cents per pound for the same grade of pork, but at present writing 7 cents can be paid for a real choice carcass, weighing from 125 to 200 pounds. We don't hear anything about over-fats this fall. A farmer need not worry about being cut one-half or a cent per pound on a very fat hog. The trouble this year seems to be all the other way. With oats at 50 cents a bushel, and the prospect of potatoes being very high in the spring, too many farmers killed and marketed their hogs in a very unsalable condition. Pork that is too lean and thin to fry itself should be returned by the packer to the man who slaughtered it. There is no encouragement for the man who sells a good fat hog here to-day. How different with the beef buyer? A butcher comes to your barn, looks over your stall-fed cattle, and it is seldom he is willing to pay the same price per pound for all the animals. He pays according to quality every time, but it is not so with pork, at least here on P. E. I., and very often the man with the poorest article is the one who wants the long price. It is unfortunate, however, for those who have held their hogs and fed them a lot of high-priced feed, and now are compelled to take a lower price. There is not too much money in pork this fall at 8c., and 9c. would have been more in proportion to the price of the feed they ate.

This has been a banner year in the dairy industry; prices of both cheese and butter have been very high—cheese, 12c. to 18c., and butter started at 24c. and run up to nearly the 30c. mark. Many of the factories are paying the patrons off for the summer's milk, at a little over a dollar per hundred. This is, indeed, a handsome price for milk, besides having the by-product to feed to calves and hogs. Some people are heard continuously crying down the cow, and the slavish work of milking, and after all there is nothing which pays better on the farm than dairying. Apples are very scarce, and very high in price. Our merchants are obliged to pay for imported Gravensteins, Baldwins, Spies and Pippins, No. 1 quality, \$4.75 per barrel, and hard to get at any price.

The merchants have this year done a larger Xmas. trade than for many years, one firm alone having cash sales on one day of \$3,000.00, besides a credit sale of nearly twice that amount. The good sleighing a week before Christmas made business of all kinds very brisk, and with open navigation still at Summerside, it is indeed a great thing for Prince County. The produce dealers have been able to fill all orders by the short-haul, instead of having to ship around by Georgetown and Pictou.

The different Farmers' Institutes are now holding meetings again, which will be kept up during the winter months. The farmers look forward to those meetings, and very interesting meetings are held, discussing together the best and most profitable methods of tilling the soil, of stock-raising and dairying. Co-operation among farmers throughout Canada has brought up the present high standard of seeds of all kinds. And in this P. E. I. holds first rank.

The seed fair held in Summerside last March was not surpassed anywhere in Canada. The fair this winter in Summerside will surpass that of last year. A number of our Island boys are taking advantage of the short course at the Truro Agricultural College. The weather is as mild as summer; wagons are running, no ice in the Straits, and the summer steamers still making regular trips.

C. C. C.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

- Jan. 15th and 16th—Western Ontario Dairymen's Association, Woodstock.
- Jan. 20th to 24th—Eastern Ontario Fat-stock and Poultry Show, Ottawa.
- Jan. 28th to 30th—Nova Scotia Farmers' convention at Antigonish.
- Feb. 4th—Annual meeting Dominion Shorthorn Association, in Toronto.
- Feb. 12th to 14th—Ontario Horse-breeders' Show, Toronto.
- Prince Edward Island Dairymen's Convention, Charlottetown, February 20th.
- May 4th to 9th—Canadian National Horse Show, Toronto.

Last call for the Horsemen's Experience Competition, announced in our issue of December 5th. Entries close January 15th; prizes, \$15, \$10, and \$5, respectively. Look up the conditions and send in your experience. Prize or no prize, it will do you good, and interest thousands of fellow farmers as well. In this matter it is far more blessed to give than to receive.

Despatches from Rochester, Minnesota, last week announced the death of Dr. J. F. Smale, assistant general manager of the William Davies Co., the well-known Canadian firm of pork packers.