

WILLOW BANK,  
Pt. Williams Sta., April 8th, 1882. }

DEAR SIR,—At the request of Colonel Laurie I send to your address, care of Station Agent, Bedford, three bottles of seed, viz., one of second growth Clover and one of Corn from my own Silo, and one of Corn from Mr. F. C. Johnson's Silo. This clover was grown under fruit trees, and very much shaded, and cut and put into the Silo on a rainy day. The bottle of corn from my Silo is taken from directly under where the cutter stood, and is consequently nearly all leaves, the stalks being so much heavier were thrown to the farther side and have been all fed out. The bottle from Mr. Johnson's is more of an average sample. None of this corn had sufficiently matured at the time it was cut. Owing to the failure of the seed, this crop was not planted until the last of June, and for fear of frost we were obliged to have it in by the 25th of September, consequently, an analysis of these samples may not be a fair criterion. I believe, in order to obtain the most saccharine matter, the corn should grow till the pollen forms, but in this instance but very few stalks had spindled. I shall await with much interest the result of your investigations, and am much gratified to have both you and Colonel Laurie taking an interest in this new departure. My own experience, so far, has been most satisfactory, and I hope your investigations may go to still further prove what my stock have plainly demonstrated, viz., that we have a good thing, at least for winter feeding.

I have the analysis made by Prof. Goessmann of Mass., and also that of J. A. Barras of France, both of which are favorable, and particularly so that of Prof. Goessmann.

I am, &c.,

C. R. H. STARR.

Editor Journal of Agriculture.

DEAR SIR,—Perhaps it may not be out of place at this season of the year, to inform the readers of the JOURNAL, and horse-breeders in particular, that the Percheron Stallion "Havre," which took first prize at Halifax Dominion Exhibition, last fall, is now owned in Pictou County by Mr. John Fergassou and James Chisholm, of Pictou Landing. They purchased him from Mr. McFarlane of St. John, New Brunswick, at a very high price. He is a magnificent looking horse, looking much better than last autumn, and no doubt will greatly improve the agricultural horses, for which Pictou County has always been noted. "Havre" was raised by the Messrs. Dillon, of Illinois, and sired by "St. Laurent," the best Stallion they say, they ever imported. The owners of the horse "Havre" have placed the service at a

reasonable rate, that is, within the reach of all horse raisers, and will no doubt be successfully rewarded by the farmers of the county for their enterprise.

Yours, &c.

A. ROSS.

Middle River, Pictou, April, 1882.

A CORRESPONDENT informs us that the thorough-bred Jersey Bull advertised in another column, "Bon Hampton," has been in service at Yarmouth for three years, and he has got a large number of fine stock, have kept him myself the greater part of the time, he is without fault in any respect, but we want new blood not akin, and this I have got in "Favonius," which I propose to keep under my own eye as long as he is honorable. He is not half so fine looking a bull as "Bon Hampton," but is of the blood of "Eurotus," and we shall look for something good in his stock.

"Laird of Druffin" is a beauty, hope he will fall into good hands where there are Jersey's, if possible.

THE MANSE,

Hamilton Square, N. J., May 11, 1881. }

The thermometer stood at 91° in the shade yesterday. The trees are in full leaf now, in the gardens there are many early flowers. The fruit trees are lovely in snowy and pink tinted blossoms, and the farmers are as busy and happy as ever they can be.

(Circular.)

## HORSES.

CENTRAL BOARD OF AGRICULTURE,  
Halifax, N. S., May, 1882. }

The Executive Committee of the Board of Agriculture beg to announce that arrangements have been made for the payment of premiums to encourage the importation, and use in the Province, of serviceable horses.

The Committee on Agriculture reported as follows to the House of Assembly in 1881, and their report was adopted:—

"They further recommend that a bonus of ten per cent. on the first cost be paid to any party who will import and keep in the Province of Nova Scotia for breeding purposes, for at least five years, a horse or horses suitable for agricultural purposes. Said bonus to be drawn from the Stock Farm fund by the Board of Agriculture, and paid to said parties on the recommendation of a Committee appointed by said Board for the purpose of examining the quality of said horses. The Board shall also require an attested account of such first cost before paying the same.

"The Norman Percheron horse preferred."

In 1882, the Committee on Agriculture reported as follows, and their report was adopted by the House of Assembly:—

"We recommend that the Government do empower the Central Board to pay from the Stock Farm fund the amount applied for as bonus on horses imported during 1881, and in succeeding years to authorize the Board to pay an amount not to exceed \$800 in any one year, on the purchase price of importations, as recommended in the additional report presented by this Committee during the session of 1881."

The Executive Council of the Province, at a meeting held 28th April, 1882, passed the following minute, which was approved by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor:—

"That the Central Board of Agriculture be informed that the Regulation suggested by them in relation to the premium to be given on the purchase of horses of the Percheron or other suitable breed, viz.: that ten per cent. of the purchase money be paid from the Stock Farm fund, provided that in no case shall a higher premium than \$150 be paid, and the whole outlay of premiums in any one year do not exceed \$800, has been approved."

In accordance with, and by virtue of the authority given to them by the Minute of Council above quoted, the Board are prepared to receive applications for payment of premiums on the terms and conditions expressed and implied in the above recommendations and minute, such applications to be made on the sub-joined form. No premiums will be paid except to serviceable entire male horses.

For further information, application may be made to members of the Board of Agriculture in the several districts, or to the Secretary.

By order of the Board of Agriculture,  
GEORGE LAWSON, Secretary.

### FORM OF APPLICATION FOR PREMIUM ON IMPORTED HORSE.

I,——(name and address)——have imported (or intend to import) the horse hereinafter described, for service in the Province of Nova Scotia, and am desirous of drawing from the Board of Agriculture the premium of ten per cent. on first cost offered on certain conditions, as expressed in the preceding circular, for such importations; and, in consideration of such premium, if paid to me, I am willing to keep said horse for service in the Province for five years from date of importation, on the terms as to rate of service stated below.

(Signed by applicant.)

Name, breed, age and color of horse, (also pedigree, if obtainable.)  
Name and address of raiser of horse