



A. W. SMITH.
President Ontario Winter Fair.

C. Flatt sold four sows for \$1,661, and one boar for \$700.

THE COLLEGE COMPETITIONS.

The first place for the best general exhibit of cattle, sheep and swine went to the Iowa Agricultural College, Ames, Ia.; second to Minnesota. Minnesota made a very fine display, of great educational value, of feeds and forage crops; Iowa ranking second, and Illinois third.

The intercollegiate live-stock judging competition was again held for prizes which have been donated by various individuals and live-stock associations. Unfortunately, it has become an advertising competition for the college professors, in place of an educational test, the students serving as chessmen on the board. Iowa students won the Spoor trophy by superior work, Guelph second, and Illinois (last year's winners) third.

THE BLOCK TEST.

In the subsequent block test at Swift & Company's establishment (S. T. White, judge, assisted by Prof. Curtiss), The Woods Principal, grand champion (on foot), was turned down, the honor going to Elm Park Lad, an Angus steer bred and fed by the Michigan Agricultural College, whereat Prof. J. J. Ferguson (Canadian) was warmly congratulated. Many of the carcasses were over-

fat from excessive corn-feeding, lack of exercise and nitrogenous food. The Woods Principal showed live weight 1,645 lbs., dressed 1,102, per cent. beef 66.99, fat 5.78, hide 6.20. Elm Park Lad, live 1,620 lbs., dressed 1,032 lbs., per cent. fat 63.15, fat 8.77, hide 5.19. D. C. Flatt & Son, Millgrove, Ont., captured first in the carcass competition on a Yorkshire hog in the bacon type class, 100 to 200 lbs.

Melrose Stock Farm.

Located in a fertile district is the fine farm and stock-breeding establishment known as Melrose Stock Farm, of George Rankin & Sons, Hamiota, Manitoba. True to the stock-keeping instinct, which is natural to the Old Countryman, Mr. Rankin is building up a stud of Clydesdales which will be heard from in the near future. The stud male is McBain 2270, a big bay horse, by Sir Arthur, out of the imported mare, Bessie of Overlaw (451). McBain has proved to be a successful stock horse, the first-prize Clydesdale yearling colt at Winnipeg, Little Bobs, being one of his get. McBain is drafty in type, has lots of action, and is a typical Clydesdale horse. Several registered mares are kept and made to earn their keep. In the show-ring the draft team of mares has been invincible where shown. Nancy Lee, a brown three-year-old, with foal at foot, is a very promising mare and bids fair to bear out our contention that a good mare is a first-class investment. The senior partner of the firm hails from Melrose, Scotland, well known for its abbey, where, when in the cattle business, he had an unpleasant experience with pleuro-pneumonia in his herd of dairy cattle, with a resultant heavy loss. The Shorthorn herd consists of over 40 pedigreed animals, mostly of Scotch families. The matrons were secured mainly from J. & W. Watt, Salem, Ont., and from J. E. Smith, Brandon. General is the stud male in service, a smooth, good topped bull by Lord Stanley 2nd 2260. The females show evidences of good breeding, and are a thrifty lot, with plenty of constitution and good fleshing tendencies, being kept under natural conditions and not pampered. Lady May Gladstone 20410 is the roan dam of two good ones, both roans. Matilda, a thick, stylish heifer, and Lady Rankin 25931, are by Royal Scott 13556. Daisy Bell, a red cow with lots of substance, is also by Royal Scott, and is an easy keeper and regular breeder. Others of note are the white three-year-old, Lady Scott, by Knight of the Rose; Rosalie 4th, and Maggie G., a roan five-year-old, by Royal Scott, out of Lady Ann Gladstone.

The homelike appearance of the farmstead is much enhanced by the fine grove of trees, which are a splendid shelter as well as an ornament. At the present time no sheep are kept on the farm, although it is the intention again to go into sheep. Mr. Rankin is an expert shepherd, and has a reputation as a trainer of collies.



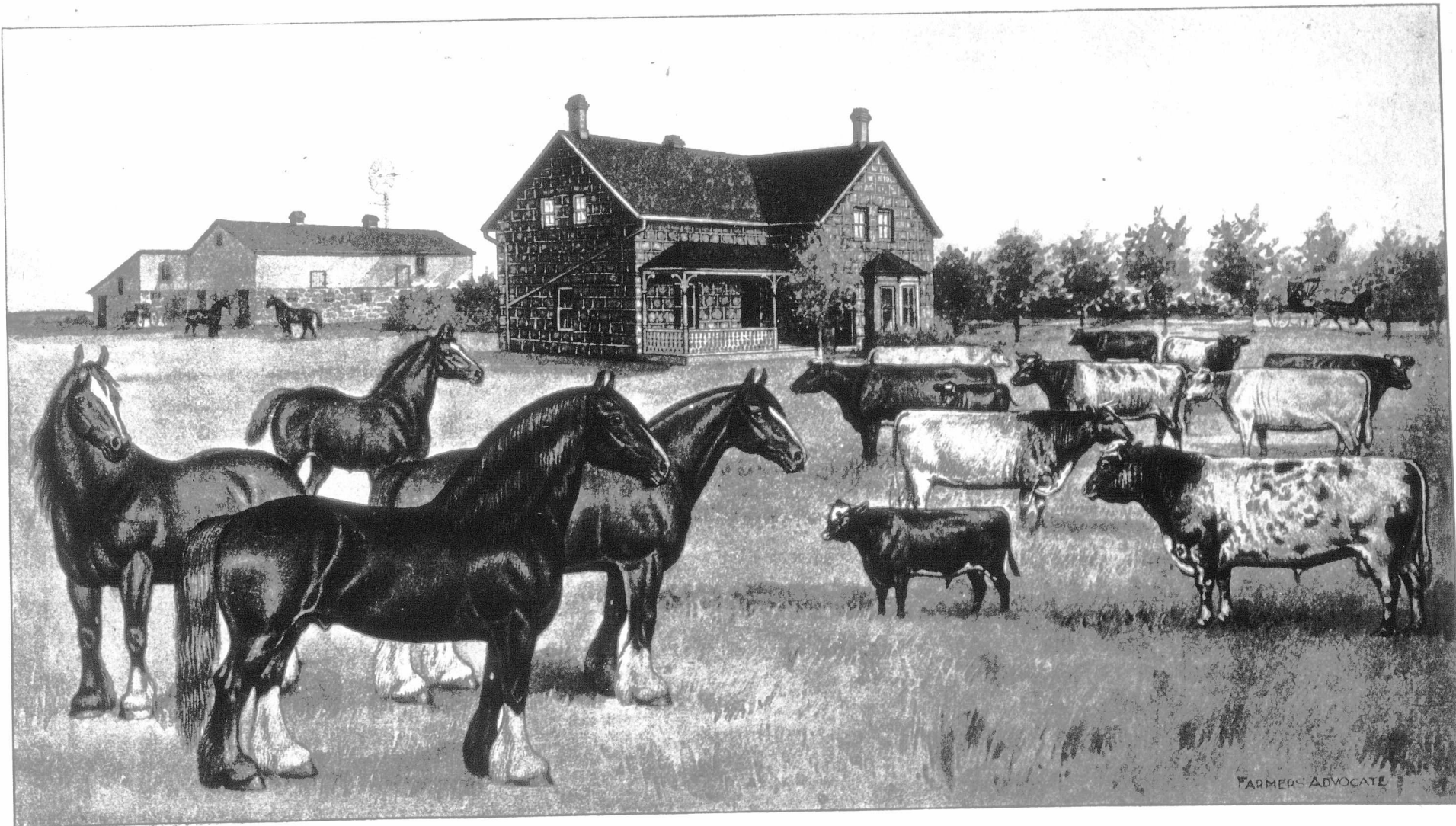
A. F. McLAREN, M. P.

Practical Appreciation.

To the Editor "Farmer's Advocate":

Sir,—I have been taking your paper for about one year, and already it seems like an old friend to me. I believe one of the best investments a farmer can make is to subscribe for the "Advocate." I am sure it has been so for me. It has been a real pleasure to me to peruse each number. It is just beginning to awaken me to some of the possibilities of farming. I used to think there could not be much variety in an agricultural journal, but that illusion has been completely dispelled, as far as yours is concerned at least. Each issue is crammed full of new and interesting reading. I have exerted myself a little to take advantage of your extremely liberal offer, and succeeded in obtaining two bona-fide new subscribers. I enclose their subscription and addresses, along with a request that my own may be extended one year according to your offer of Nov. 15th. I have promised them the Christmas number. Please do not disappoint them. I did not receive the Christmas number last year. Wishing you a successful new year and all the compliments of the season, Yours, etc., S. J. DUNINGTON.

Grey Co., Ont., Dec. 11th, 1901.



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