

OUR FARMERS' CLUB

Correspondence Invited

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

PRINCE OF, P.E.I.

Richmond, Dec. 15.—Fine weather and good roads are being taken advantage of by the farmers in disposing of their products. Large shipments of hay are sent to Newfoundland and the English markets at \$10 to \$11 a ton. Potatoes are shipped in large quantities to Ontario at 35c to 37c a bus.; oats, 45c to 48c; timothy seed, 85c a bus.; pork, 75c; turkeys, 22c; geese and ducks, 16c; chickens, 15c; eggs, 35c; dairy butter, tub, 22c.—J. D. Mc L.

NORTHUMBERLAND CO., ONT.

BRIGHTON, Dec. 15.—At an enthusiastic meeting of fruit-growers held here the Northumberland Cooperative Fruit Growers' Association was formed, and the following officers were elected: President, W. J. Farley; vice-president, G. E. Post; secretary-treasurer, E. C. Brown. Executive—Robert Wade, Dr. C. M. Sanford and J. S. Timon. R. B. Scripture, who was instrumental in organizing the association, was appointed manager. This association will be one of the largest and strongest in Canada, and will probably pack more high-class fruit supplies than any other firm or association in the Dominion.

ONTARIO

ONTARIO CO., ONT.

TAUNTON, Dec. 15.—It froze up here on Nov. 12. We had good sleighing. Some had not their turkeys in at that time, but the mild week we have had lately gave them a chance to finish up. After a month of winter weather we also see the plow going, but unless it keeps open till Christmas some will not have finished even then. Feeding cattle are cheaper than a year ago. Feed of all kinds is scarce. Those having a good acreage of corn and a silo are the ones who have the best supply of feed. The price for dairy products is good this winter. Hogs are at present coming up in price, but farmers are getting tired of the hog business.—S. A. N.

WATERLOO CO., ONT.

ELMHURST, Dec. 15.—Our local Farmers' Club of West Montrose held the November meeting last Friday, having an attendance of about 200. A debate, "Resolved that Mixed Farming is more beneficial than Specialized Farming," was decided in favor of affirmative. There was also a good program of reading, recitation, songs and music, and a few speeches by young men, which is a good breaking in. The club appointed its president and one director as a committee to attend the club convention at Galt, but they have not yet reported to the club. The club voted unanimously to hold its annual oyster supper on the evening of its regular club night in December; also to have a large Christmas tree, with Santa Claus to attend.—A. B. S.

NORFOLK CO., ONT.

ERIE VIEW, Dec. 15.—The soft, wet weather and the seas of mud are a great detriment to business. Clover seed is being threshed and sold. Potatoes have dropped in price; no cold storage convenient at hand. All stock is doing well. Creamery men handle lots of cream. Butter, 55c; eggs, 30c; hogs, 85c.—B. B.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

NEW WESTMINSTER DIST., B.C.

CHILLIWACK, Dec. 8.—We are having fair weather. Much fall work is being done. We have had a portion of our winter, and it is hoped we will not be favored with any more. Eggs are now 55c a doz.; hay, 14c; butter, 50c; wheat, 85c; barley, 52c; oats, 42c; peas, 85c.—S. G.

GRACELAND HERD OF HOLSTEINS

The Graceland herd of Holsteins owned by Elias Ruby, Tavistock, Ont., consists of some nice animals, such as Belle Mercedes Posch (1217), a prize winner in the show ring. This cow has been shown twice and won two firsts. She is backed up with some good records made by her dams, and grand dams. She was raised by A. C. Hallman, Breslau, Ont. In R. of P. she has given 5,000 lbs. of milk and has one month yet to complete her record. Not had for a two-year-old.

Another one is Nancy Pietzer (1246), whose sire is Ed, sired by Count Pieter Pride's dam, Pride of Canada, An-

them Jewel Meethilde, made 27 lbs. of butter in 7 days.

Another is Count Pieter Pride, sired by Prince Belle De Kol, whose dam, Maple Grove Belle, made 17 lbs. of butter in 7 days as a two-year-old heifer. Two sisters, Lady Pauline De Kol, 28 lbs. butter in 7 days; Belle De Kol Queen 2nd, 15.44 lbs. milk in one year. Count Pieter Pride's dam, Pride of Canada, gives a large flow of rich milk.

A very promising one is Lucy Dewitt. Kept as an ordinary cow, she was running on pasture in this dry season and gave about 10,500 lbs. of milk in 7 1/2 months, testing from three to 3.4 per cent. fat. Also a daughter of Lucy Dewitt.

At the head of the herd is the noted bull named Vaman Beauty Hartog (7556). I have the records in black and white of over 100 cows closely related to this bull that averaged 21 lbs. butter in 7 days. His dam gave 25.37 lbs. butter in 7 days as a three-year-old. The grand dam, 17.44 lbs., was also dam of a 27-lb. cow and a 21-lb. cow. The dam of his sire made 10.70 lbs. butter at three years old in 30 days and 27.42 in 7 days. The world's record at that time was held by the grand dam of the sire, 26.5 lbs. in 7 days. This bull was raised by Geo. Rio, who imported the dam from New York. John M. Howard, Sherburn, bred this cow. This breeding will produce some good ones.

YONGEST, HOLSTEIN BREEDERS SALE

The Young st. (North Toronto) Holstein-Friesian breeders are planning to give of their best to the combination sale, which they will hold this week after the annual meeting of the Holstein Breeders' Association. Those who are consigning stock to this sale are: Gordon R. Gooderham, of Bedford Park, E. P. Hicks, Newtonbrook; Jos. Bale and O. Bale, of Lansing; Geo. McKenzie, and C. James, of Thornhill; John McKenzie, of Willowdale; and Joe Kilgour, Bedford Park. The sale will be held at the latter's farm in his splendid new horse training pavilion.

Last week the editors of Farm and Dairy called at the "Manor Farm" and looked over the cattle which Mr. Gooderham is placing in the sale. Mr.

Gooderham is putting in 20 head. Speaking of them, he said: "I am putting in the best I have in the barn. We want this sale to be an annual event, and we are going to make this first one something that the people will remember and because of it will gladly come back next time to get the good cattle they want."

There will be over 10 head of pure bred cattle in the sale and 20 head of grades. Ten only of the offering will be bulls. The rest are females. This is quite different from most sales that are being held, and we are out to give the breeders, and would-be breeders, a chance to get the best of foundation stock at their own prices.

Amongst some of the cattle Mr. Gooderham is putting in the sale will mention especially "Canary Queens," 19.33 lbs. butter in seven days and 456.5 lbs. milk as a three-year-old. (Mr. Gooderham will give the man who buys this cow \$125 for her calf if it is a heifer). "Inka Silvia De Kol," 36 lbs. milk a day, over 35 lbs. butter in a week; her bull calf, five months old at time of sale, will sell. "Aaggie Kornydke," over 18 lbs. butter as a three-year-old, 425 lbs. milk in seven days and testing nearly 4 per cent. "Dirkie Del," an imported cow from Holland, and with a record of nearly 25 lbs. and has milked 507 lbs. milk in seven days; both of these cows will be sold. This latter cow especially will give some chance to get the kind of cow to breed from.

Other cows that Mr. Gooderham will offer are "Countess Mercedes De Kol," three years old—a show cow of splendid size, and has given 10,980 lbs. as a three-year-old, but calved too late to qualify in record of performance. "Aurora De Kol Blossom," 4,000 lbs. in 10 months as a two-year-old. Other splendid young cows of which space does not permit us to make mention are included in Mr. Gooderham's offering.

Noteworthy amongst the young stock that will be sold from Mr. Gooderham's stable is a bull calf (one year old in February) out of a grand big cow having a record of 72 lbs. of milk in a day nine months and giving "Countess De Kol 2nd" will also be put in the sale and she is a full sister to a cow sold at Brown Bros. sale for \$1,000.

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