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Editorial Notes.

During this month a great many farmers will buy stock rams. Where only a few ewes are kept a large strong lamb will answer their purpose very well, but where the flock numbers twenty-five or upwards, a yearling or two-year-old sheep is to be preferred. Before selecting breeding rams carefully read the article on page 279 entitled Errors in Sheep Husbandry, by Mr. John Campbell.

It is our desire that every valuable breed of live stock shall have a fair proportion of space in our columns. It is very desirable that practical breeders honestly set forth the merits of their favorites, frankly giving their experience in a concise way. During the past year we have collected much valuable information concerning various breeds, much of which we have given to our readers, and much yet remains to be printed. In this issue will be found several practical letters written by pony breeders, also a number written by Ayrshire breeders; similar letters will be published in the immediate future. Those on Ayrshires should have appeared some months ago, but were laid by in order to make room for Mr. Rodden's article, which the Ayrshire breeders of Eastern Canada were very anxious should appear, as it gave many important facts concerning Ayrshire cattle.

Editorial.

The Proven Horse Fork.

In this number will be found the advertisement of the Celebrated Proven Horse Fork and Sling—useful alike for using in the barn or stacking outside. One of our staff has had one of these appliances in use for several years. It has given good satisfaction when used either in hay, peas loose grain or sheaves, handling one quite as well as another, and withal it is not excessively expensive. It is a very economical labor-saving device, thus reducing the cost of producing farm commodities, and relieving farmers and their helps of a great deal of very hard work.

Cleaning Grain.

Cleaning grain is a simple process but it is a very important one. Not more than one farmer in one hundred does it properly. The majority of the grain sold on the market contains the greater part of the small grains or tailings and more or less dross of all sorts. This mode of selling grain is not profitable to the farmer; it must be bought for a less price when not clean, and is also docked in weight either with or without the knowledge of the seller. Small grain, if ground, makes good stock food and possesses some value when fed at home; in fact, it is much more valuable to the farmer than to the grain buyer. When sold, mixed with good grain, it is generally entirely lost to the grower or miller. A farmer who has the reputation of putting only clean, good grain on the market, can always sell more readily and obtain from two to five cents per bushel more than the man who sells his grain in a poorly cleaned condition, though the general quality may be equal under similar conditions.

Last year a case came under my notice. Two farmers had for sale 1,000 bushels of barley each; one cleaned his grain well and sold by sample, the other used a poor fanning mill and cleaned poorly. Each sold to the same man. Each lot was the same weight per bushel, and the color was also equal when cleaned alike, yet the first man sold more readily and received five cents per bushel more for his entire crop than the second. Each fanned their grain, but one used a good fanning mill the other a very poor one. Such cases as these are repeated over and over every day, and our farmers lose thousands every year thereby. Seed grain especially should be carefully selected and well cleaned. Crops of all sorts can be increased by so doing.

We have just received a private letter from Mr. Manson Campbell, of Chatham, Ont., who is

manufacturing a capital mill, one of which we are using. In his letter he says he is making and selling twenty mills per day, and that his output this season will exceed 4,000 mills and 2,000 baggers. These facts speak volumes concerning the value of Mr. Campbell's mills. The bagger which is attached to each mill, when so ordered, is a splendid device and should be used by every farmer who grows grain for market.

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