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Virginian Tobacco Production in Norfolk County.

EDITOR "THE FARMER'S ADVOCATE":

Virginian flue-cured tobacco has been successfully produced for the first time in Norfolk County this season, samples of which have been compared with the best Virginian tobacco grown in Leamington and Colchester South, districts in Essex County, where the production of this type of tobacco in Canada has been exclusively grown in the past. The Virginian leaf produced in Norfolk County is far superior in color and texture to the average crop grown in those districts this season.

The color and quality of this type of tobacco depends upon the soil conditions. Almost all the available land suitable for the production of first-class Virginian tobacco is taken up for its production in Essex County. The supply of this type of tobacco is greatly below the demand, and there should be good prospects for its production in Norfolk County.

The conditions in Norfolk County are ideal for the production of this type of tobacco. In those districts where the soil is suitable for its production, there is abundance of timber for fuel and building purposes. Natural gas is also available.

There are thousands of acres of land suitable for the production of Virginian tobacco of first-class quality. Most of the sandy soil which produces but an average crop of rye, would produce if properly handled, at present prices, a crop of Virginian tobacco averaging \$500 per acre.

Barns for the curing of this type of tobacco are usually built small and tight, with flues running across a short distance from the floor, and returning to an outlet on the side next the furnace, the barns average from 16 to 24 feet square, and about the same to the plate. The tobacco is hung in the barn in as fresh a state as possible, and the firing immediately begins so that the heat will ascend into the tobacco, while the leaves are stiff, so that the heat will be evenly distributed throughout the space. From three and a half to five days are needed to cure out a kiln. The duration of the curing is governed by the condition of the tobacco when harvested.

Many formulas and rules are written on the subject of flue-curing Virginian tobacco, any one of those formulas or rules will give a beginner a general idea of how a kiln is controlled during the curing process, but it is advisable for those who are going to produce this tobacco for the first time, to have the advice and assistance of a practical curer for at least the first season.

Norfolk Co., Ont. STEPHEN McKENNA

Live Stock News From Britain.

At the London Dairy Show, which attracted 9,827 entries of all kinds, stock and produce mainly, the Friesian breed of cattle won the championship cups for milk and butter. The 50-guinea cup for cow gaining the highest number of points in the milking trials was W. & R. Wallace's Inwood Maggie Rose, aged nine, which averaged 7½ gallons of milk for two days. Her morning's milk weighed 41 lbs. 2 ounces, and had a 3.75 butter-fat percentage, and her evening's milk scaled 34 lbs. 1 ounce with a fat percentage of 4.97. A Friesian was reserve for this championship title, and the breed won other honors. In the inspection classes the Milking Shorthorns made a brave away but they are getting too sizey and are putting on "constitution" at the cost of their milk volume. In dairy Shorthorns first prizes were won by Lord Wimborne's Red Rose; Captain Fitzherbert Wright's Grendon Rose; and J. Chiver's Fawnley Olive. The Cid blood and the Noble strains were to the fore among Jerseys. In Red Polls the Sudbourne blood is very predominant.

Some 45 French-bred Percherons were sold in Sussex the other day for 13,245 guineas. Top price was 720 guineas paid by Miss Harrison (Stafford) for the grey four-year-old mare, Quoline, a prize winner in the Perche district. Other prices were 600, 560 and 400 guineas. This year, 842 Shorthorns have been sold under the hammer in Scotland for £279 739s. 19d., or an average of £332 4s. 7d. each—some money! ALBION.

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