increased to \$1.30 during the has been increased to \$1.50 per and December, and a farther promised for January. The as wen milk taken in by the condensar, season has far outweighed that of seasons, and it is quite probable it will receive a large supply this winter. cheeseries ha e nearly all closed for the season, their patrons going either to the creameries or the condensary.

Montreal prices remain the same as last winter, 22 cents per gallon, netting farmers \$1.90 per cwt. of milk, after deducting freight. Even at this apparently high price, the dairyman has none too much for his product, owing to the exceedingly high prices paid for milch ows and feed. Farm labor is more plentiful than for several years back.

Pork has been selling for about \$6 to \$6.25. I should say the output of hogs is at least 20 per cent. less than last

Horses are lower in price. Such trams as are required in the lumber camps do not find the ready sale customary to this section, whether owing to the likelihood of a small cut of logs being taken out, or to the money stringency, I am not prepared to say.

Apples, which were only a fair crop. met ready sale, at high prices. Owing to the drought hastening the ripening process, they do not appear to have the keeping qualities peculiar to the apples grown in this section.

The foot - and - mouth disease "scare," which has afficted our neighbors a few miles to the south, we trust will not affect is in any way, as there is practically no stock brought over from the United States to this district. It is rather the other way, although several car lots of hides have been returned which would have otherwise come through at entry jorts in this district. With the measures adopted by the Canadian and United States authorities, we trust the disease will be quickly eradicated.

As we near the close of ano her year and take a retrospective view, we realize the farmers of this part of Quebec Province have great reason for thankfulness. While a wise I'rovidence has not blessed us with o erflowing barns, yet He has given us numberless blessings otherwise, and, although the pocketbook may not be as fat, yet by dint of economy we will go into another winter determined to make the best of our resources and also our opportunities, not only for the development of material things, but the W. F. S. Higher life as well.

## TRADE TOPIC.

CEMENT BLOCK MACHINE.

Cement blocks are becoming increasingly popular as building material for dwelling houses as well as for basement walls and siloes. The combination cement buildingblock machine, manufactured by Mr. Thos. McQuain, of Davisville, North Toronto, Ont., and advertised in this paper, has gained an excellent reputation for turning out blocks having a face is a capital imitation of stone and quite as durable. By the use machine, building blocks can be readily made on the farm, or in town, just where they are needed to be used. Parties contemplating building, or undertaking to manufacture building material for sale, should write or visit Mr. McQuain, and secure the necessary information regarding the machines.

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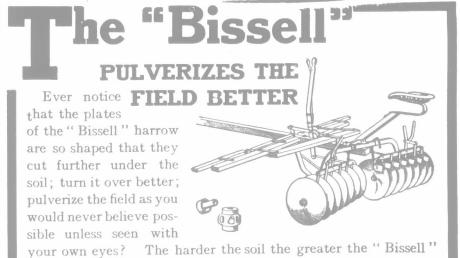
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Mr. David Milne, Ethel, Ont., writes: he imported Shorthorn bull I am now Afering for sale is as smooth as a peach. is quite sure and active, and is certainly one of the very best stock bulls in the Province, as his stock will show. He is Scottish Hero = 65793=, a dark roan, three years old, of my own breeding, sold when young and bought back last summer on account of the grand milking qualities of his dam, and his many good no nts individually, to use on some heif rs got by Broadhooks Prince (imp.). The young bulls are a good lot, red or dark roan, including first and second prize bull calles at our County Show. The cows are mostly good milkers, as I have been patronizing cheese factory or creamery for years. The heifers are a fine lot, mostly prizewinners: 63 head to select from, and they will be priced right for quick sale, and on reasonable terms

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D. WEISMILLER, Managing-Director. What One Shetland Pony Does.

A common sight on the streets of Buffalo is a mouse-colored Shetland pony, standing about 43 inches high, hooked to a comfortable-looking little wagon, and driven by a man who can walk only with the use of crutches, and then with extreme difficulty. Cn the wagon appear the words, "Rescue Home Mission.

The man who drives this sturdy little pony around the city is E. A. Buck, a former railroad conductor, who several vears ago was so badly crippled in a wreck that he has never been able to walk since, although, by the use of crutches, he manages to get from the house to his little wagon.

Mr. Buck and his pony labor entirely for the benefit of homeless and forsaken men and women. His "Home" is always open to anyone, no matter how low they have fallen, and to those who take refuge with him and his wife no charge is ever

Although supported entirely by charity, the Rescue Home manages to feed, clothe and start on an upward course hundreds of discouraged men and women each year.

All over the city the Shetland pony is known. Policemen will stop him and pet him; women often step out into the street and children delight in stroking him whene er they get a chance.

How great a part this stout little Shetland plays in one of the most worthy charities of a great city only Mr. Buck fully knows and appreciates. Day after day he pulls his helpless owner around the city to solicit aid from those who are aware of the great amount of good Mr. Buck's efforts result in. He is always cheerful and willing, rugged and fat, and apparently enjoys himself to the

And yet one often hears the expression, 'What is a Shetland pony good for !''-Horse World.

He came home from the direction of the river with wet and sandy hair.

"Johnny," said his mother, severely, 'you have been in swimming'

"No'm," replied Johnny, nervously.

"What is your hair doing wet?"

"Rained on it."

"Well, how did you get that sand mixed up in your hair? I didn't rain sand, did it?"

Johnny was stumped for the moment. Then he quickly responded. "Yes'm. You see, ma. I happened to pass under a balloon when they were throwing out ballast."