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## Why They Leave the Farm

C. N. Powers, Durham, Can., Ont.

So many of the writers who try to explain why the boys leave the farm have been born on a farm, left it, gone to the city to work, and after a short period returned to the farm again as a prodigal son? Unless we have done so, we cannot fully understand the young men's reasons for leaving.

The first and most important reason why so many leave is because of a lack of interest in the farm and its work. And why this lack of interest? Because the father does not consult the son about the work. He is simply told what to do, without the advice or the opinion of the boy being first considered. This soon brings about a distant feeling of the son for the father, and the son the son dreads a chat with dad.

Another point which is often influential to the boy leaving the farm is lack of proper reading matter. There should be a small library of good books, dealing with history, biographies, inventions, and a few well-selected books on fiction, as well as a good daily paper. An agri-

both of whom took an active part in the proceedings. Another prominent farmer who took an active part was John Edridge.

Park Hill Farmers' Club is also a live institution, and promises to contest honors with the organization at Hopworth. The president, Thomas White, and the secretary, L. Schurr, are both energetic men and possess the true cooperative spirit. A number of additional meetings have been arranged for in Bruce.

## Growing the Colts

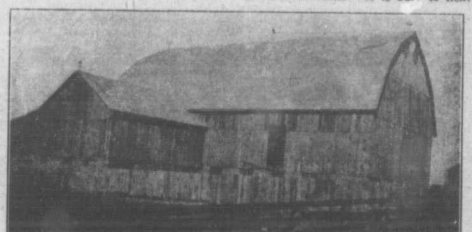
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pers aren't developed that way.

In winter colt management I would place exercise first. My colts run out four or five hours every day.

Their quarters are not too warm, but tight enough to be free from draughts. In fact, my colt barn is an old shed made over. If too warmly housed, allowing them to run out might be dangerous. The remedy is to change the barn, not to keep the colts in.

I regard it as very important that no manure be allowed to accumulate in the cold stalls. It is sure to heat



## A Case where Good Stabling Preceded a Good Herd

A couple of years ago Mr. G. W. Mann, of Peabody Co., Ont., proceeded to build the splendid barn, with modern stabling, seen in the illustration. Recently he has been attending Holstein sales and buying up some foundation stock for a pure bred herd. With good stabling and good stock, Mr. Mann is off to a good start.—Photo by an editor of Farm and Dairy.

cultural paper dealing with the main farm topics is also essential.

Let us consider the returns the young man receives for his labor. He should be given a certain percentage, or else a sum of money for each year's work. Then the last item, but by no means the least, is the young man's room and den. His room should be properly furnished and heated. Also he should have a den, where he could keep his books and entertain his chums.

These are a few of the main reasons, in my opinion, why our young leave the farm.

and offensive odors are the result. I use an abundance of clean straw. Cheerfulness, Sunlight, Development.

A colt's spirits have a lot to do with its development. Lots of sunlight has the most to do with the cheerfulness. I have an uncle who is a good feeder, but never has good colts in the spring of their first year. The explanation is easy. He keeps them in the dark and the colts get dull and stupid. A good large window in each stall would turn his poor colts into good ones.

Good oats and bran with mixed hay are my favorite feeds for growing foals. I would never feed straw to a colt. A colt has not an iron-clad stomach, and that is what it takes to digest any kind of straw, particularly wheat straw. A feed of carrots pulped very fine is given occasionally. I keep my eyes open for parasites all the time. Colts never develop properly when troubled with lice or intestinal parasites. If everything is kept clean and not too warm, one will seldom be troubled with either.

I was pleased to notice in Farm and Dairy of last week that a new seed association had been organized for Western Ontario, and from what I know of the officers named, I feel that its success is assured. If the growers of pure, clean seed of all kinds will operate it may be made a medium that will greatly benefit, not only the growers, but all those who wish to improve their crops by getting good clean seed. I wish it success and shall do what I can to make it useful and profitable to all.—A. Forster, Markham, Ont.

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