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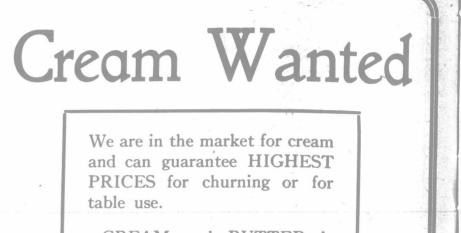
#### Gossip.

Shorthorns in Grey County. There are but few live stock breeders in Canada who are more widely known than Thos. L. Mercer of Markdale, Ont., breeder of Clydesdale horses, Short-horn cattle and Yorkshire swine. It would not be fair to say Ontario, for "Tom" Mercer is almost as well known in all of the Western Provinces as he is in his own county of Grey, in Ontario. In fact in the past seven years Mr. Mercer has spent almost as much time between Markdale and Vancouver as he has on his farm, and wherever you see him it is reasonably safe to expect that there is a carload of Shorthorns somewhere near, as well as a few good stallions. He is one of the stockmen of Canada who does things, just as he was the first farmer in the county to install the Hydro and etc. Our visit to the farm a week ago was only one of several visits in as many years and each time there is something new that is well worth while. We would like to mention the Clydesdales and also the Yorkshires as well as the new equipment in the way of Hydro machinery installed since our last visit, but space is limited and a word or two regarding the Shorthorns will no doubt take up all we have. Rosewood Champion is the present sire. His sire was that great breeding bull Nonpareil Archer, and his dam, Collynie Rosewood 3rd, (imp.), has produced many a good one. He has a straight Rosebud pedigree all through, and while at the time of our visit Rosewood Champion was hired out for two months service at Thistle Ha Farm, Claremont, we understand that as an individual he is as good as his pedigree. His calves, all thick, growthy youngsters, that were in the stables were sufficient evidence to us as to his worth as a sire and these, too, were the factors that brought the request for his services at Thistle Ha. The older things for sale in the herd including seven young bulls of serviceable age are mostly sired by the former stock bull, Broadhooks Golden Fame, (imp.), an exceptionally strongly-bred Broadhooks bull that was retained in the herd until he was past his eighth year. Mr. Mercer says that nearly every bull calf he ever sired was good enough for a herd header. The seven offered are truly in this class. The dams, too, are right; mostly all the old foundation cows include, among nearly all of the more noted families, a lot of exceptionally good breeding Clarets. There is plenty of Scotch breeding here and with the exception of the herd sire everything is priced to sell.

#### **Ouestions and Answers.** Miscellaneous.

Lime in the Stable. What chemical do you advise using in the stable to prevent odors? I have

wooden floors in the stable, and the poultry have free access to all parts. Ans.—It is difficult to keep the stable fresh and clean if the liquid manure is allowed to accumulate underneath the floors. Slaked lime is sometimes used in the stable as a de-odorizer. Too much lime tends to liberate some of the fertiliz-



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ing constituents of the manure. Gypsum and ground limestone have also been used in stables

Concrete Stable Floor.

We have a concrete floor and walk in our cow stable, but the cows slip on it a good deal. How could this be remedied? Would it be advisable to put a rough coat of cement on it; if so, could it be done at M. J. this time of year?

Ans.—The proper time to make the floor rough is when putting in the concrete, as a much better job could be done then than now. However, it is possible to put on a rough coat, although there is danger of it shelling off unless it is put on of fair thickness. This trouble may be partially overcome by breaking through the former floor every few feet. When the fresh cement is put on this will aid in binding the new coat. Concrete does not set properly in frosty weather. In fact, if it freezes before becoming solid there is a danger of spoiling it. There is a is a danger of spoiling it. possibility that even at this time of year a new floor could be put in the stable, as there may not be enough frost indoors to affect it.

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