

The King of Holstein Bulls.

Presto, 380 N. H. B., is the property of John Leys, M. P. P., Toronto. He was the first prize winner as a two-year-old at the Great Fair at Alkmaar in the Netherlands, and was there purchased at a high price and brought to Canada. He took first prize for three-year-old bull at the Provincial Fair at Guelph in 1886, and also carried off the first prize for that class at the Western Fair at London the following week. He won diploma there as the best bull of any age, and was at the head of the herd, winning the gold medal and diploma for the best herd of Holstein cattle at the same fair.

His yearling daughter, Kol III., took first prize at the Industrial Fair in Toronto in 1886, and was pronounced by the judge as being so nearly

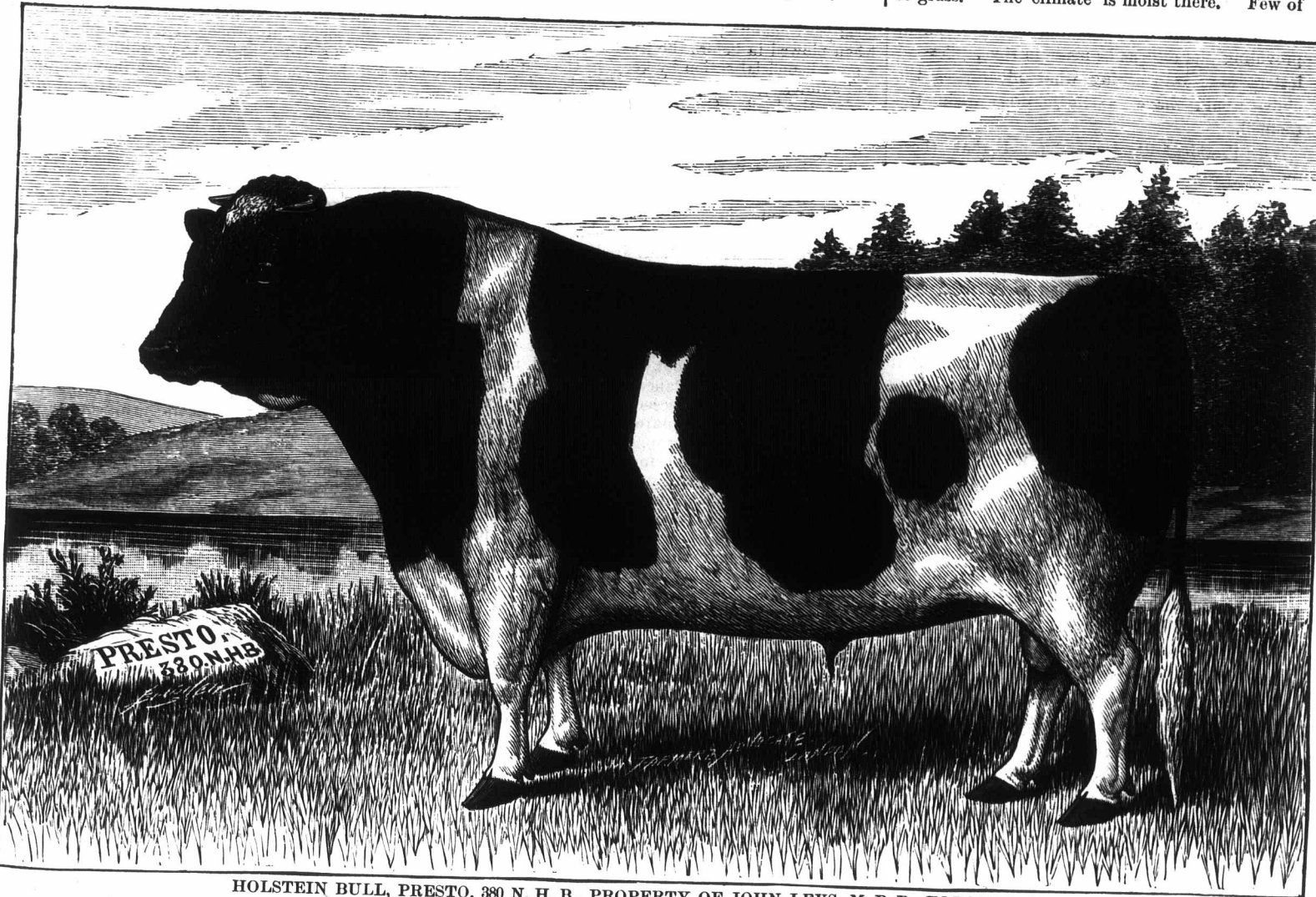
registered number 2430 N. H. B. Lotje II., three years old; sire Nicolas (above), dam Lotje, 242 N. H. B. Grietje II., three years old; sire Garfield 257; dam Grietje, 2770 N.H.B. Neeltje II., two years. Gerritt 301 N.H.B.; dam Neeltje, 3887 N.H.B. Janye IV., two year old; sire Cornelio, 445 N. H. B.; dam Janye, 5386 N. H. B. Grietje III., two years old; sire Presto, dam Grietje 2249 N. H. B. Kol II. A, two years old, by Presto; dam Kol II., 4571 N.H.B. Kol III., two years old, by Presto; dam Kol I., 944 N. H. B. There are also daughters of Graaf Adolf, 293 N. H. B. and Gerrit, 301 N. H. B.

Gerritze by Gerrit, dam Maartje II., won first prize at Toronto as a calf, and also first at London, and it is doubtful if she has a superior anywhere. Oakdale, the son of Gerrit, dam Lotje II., won

Sheaves from Our Gleaner.

H. C. Adams says he has had different cows come in, so as to try every month in the year, kept records, and says the cow that comes in late in September or early in October does the best. Says that if a cow calves so early in the fall that she is pestered with flies, she is apt to run down some, and can't be raised to do her best during the winter; but if she enters the late fall or early winter with a full flow, she can be held up to that flow nearly all winter, and will make more annual earnings than to begin at any other time of the year. Here is a fact from a gentleman competent to testify.—[Hoard's Dairyman.

A writer in the "Mass. Ploughman" says: Those Canada lands that have held out for twenty or sixty years with herdsgrass are well adapted to grass. The climate is moist there. Few of



HOLSTEIN BULL, PRESTO, 380 N. H. B., PROPERTY OF JOHN LEYS, M. P. P., TORONTO, ONT.

perfect in points that she must be a first prize winner wherever shown. This heifer, with her half sisters, Kol II., A and Grietje III., by Presto, won first, second and third prizes at London. One of the best judges of dairy cattle in Canada pronounced Presto the best Holstein bull he ever saw, and so perfect that if asked to make him better, he did not know where he could begin.

Presto is believed by his owner to be without a rival in the Dominion, and the only bull in Canada winner of a first prize at any of the great fairs in Holland.

Mr. Leys' herd consists of over 40 animals, all imported from Holland, calved in quarantine or dropped this spring at the farm. Among the females are Betje, a five-year-old cow, No. 5263 N. H. B. Diewerra, another five-year-old cow, 5265 N. H. B. Maartje II., a three-year-old cow sired by Nicolas, No. 228 N.H.B.; dam Maartje,

first prize at London and is a magnificent yearling, a worthy son of so distinguished a sire.

Every female, with one exception, old enough, has either calved this spring or is due to calve shortly, and the calves are a fine lot.

The exception is Molly Stork, now three years old, registered in N. A. H. F. H. B., which was purchased when about two years old at a sale held at Grand's auction rooms, Toronto, in spring of 1886, by B. B. Lord & Son, Sinclairville, New York, and represented by them to be all right. She was purchased because she was a heifer of fine form and a daughter of the celebrated bull, Antis, but she has proved to be a non-breeder, never having come in season since she was purchased.

A good fence is cheaper than litigation.

Clean out your cellar thoroughly this month.

us have any idea what an excellent grass climate they have in western Canada. I have seen herdsgrass in the most favorable localities in Vermont lasting perennially in pastures. I never saw better pastures of herdsgrass under favorable conditions than in Vermont. Grass seed may be sown to advantage late in the fall in October or almost November. If I was ready to sow then and could get the field into good condition and the weather was about right, I should sow then. I should put rye with it, for rye will help protect the grass in the freezing and thawing of the fall and early spring. It will prevent the frost from tearing the ground all to pieces and pulling the grass out and killing it. Rye is the stronger crop. I would cut the rye in the spring for fodder, the last of May or the first of June, cutting it thus early in order to give the grass a better chance. The grass will do better if the rye is cut thus early than it will if the rye is cut late, and its roots are then exposed to the heat of midsummer.